



DEAN FIELD NEWS



Friday 8th May 2020

Dear parents/carers,

As we come to the end of our 7th week in lockdown, many of us are beginning to feel anxious about when life will return to normal. We will hopefully hear from the Prime Minister this Sunday his plans for easing lockdown and his plans for reopening schools.

As a school we will need time to digest this and will in conjunction with the Local Authority and Beech Hill our partner school decide what action to take. We will, as we have throughout this whole pandemic, continue to communicate with parents and so we will update you when we have information to share and ask that you don't message teachers on Seesaw.

As I don't know what yet is going to be announced and I wouldn't want to speculate either, what I do know is that we will continue to put the safety of our pupils, parents and staff first.

Children in school

We do have a small number of children in school currently accessing childcare and I am sure this number will rise over the coming weeks. These children and the staff caring for them have become accustomed to the measures in place for social distancing and keeping each other safe. Learning is taking place in a very different form and I'd like to thank these children, their families and the staff caring for them for adapting so quickly to the changes.

Childcare for Key Workers

We are aware that more people are getting back to work or thinking about sending children back into school. If you are a key worker and qualify for childcare then please contact Mrs Pether via Seesaw to discuss your options. You will need to provide evidence to show your key worker status and work requirements. We work on a weekly basis to arrange our rota and so would appreciate enough notice to organise ourselves accordingly and ensure we are still meeting safety guidelines. We currently have childcare at Dean Field on Mondays and Fridays and at Beech Hill Tuesdays to Thursdays where parents are asked to make their own drop off and collection arrangements. If our numbers increase we may look to offer a mini bus drop off and pick up service again.

Contact with teachers

Teachers are in the process of contacting families on Seesaw to check in with you and see how you all are. They are offering phone calls to children who would like to speak to their teachers or who you feel would benefit from speaking with their teachers. So far the feedback on this has been extremely positive and I'd like to thank all the teachers who have done this so far. If you haven't had this message yet but would like your child to have a phone call from their teacher, please message their class teacher directly on Seesaw.

Safeguarding Concerns

If you have any safeguarding or wellbeing concerns, then you may log them in the following ways. 1. Message Mrs Pether directly on Seesaw, 2. Phone the school on Monday, Thursday or Friday and ask for either Mrs Pether or Mrs Stansfield.

Until next week. Stay safe.

Mrs Pether



Pastor Doug

Without wanting to minimise for one moment how difficult we are all finding this time - today is a great opportunity to be reminded of what real sacrifice looks like. Today is the 75th anniversary of VE day - Victory in Europe - marking the end of the Second World War on European soil.

During WW2 75 million people lost their lives. In Britain it was a time of strength and resolve. A time of sacrifice and determination. A time we would do well to replicate. In the grand scheme of things, the sacrifice we are being asked to make just now (staying at home in relative comfort), is nothing compared to the war effort. People made great sacrifices - even dying - to secure the life and freedoms that we have today. And so we celebrate that! Of course the celebrations we had planned will look very different under lockdown - but we must still celebrate. We must remember, we must give thanks. So today at 3pm we will raise a glass 'to those who gave so much.' It is important to thank and celebrate those who gave up their lives, to give us life.

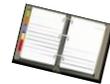
Whenever we hear tales of sacrifice, whether they be in history, or in stories told in books or on film - they move us deeply. Stories of sacrifice are powerful, and they are full of meaning, but why? Why do they resonate with us so deeply? I would suggest it is because deep down we know that we need someone to save us.

As much as we like to think we are the hero of our own story, deep down we know that we can't save ourselves from the mess of our lives - we need someone to save us. We need someone to make it all better, to take away the hurt and the fear, and to give us peace and life. At Hope Church we believe that Jesus is the only person who can truly do this. He paid the ultimate sacrifice on the cross to save us, and he offers his life and his help to all who would trust him. This is what we celebrate every week - that we get to enjoy the life of Jesus!

So rejoice today! Celebrate life! Give thanks for all the good things we enjoy, and so often take for granted. Life is a precious thing, it is a gift from God to be enjoyed and celebrated. Let today remind us of the real sacrifice that brings us life.

Pastor Doug

Ideas for Home Learning

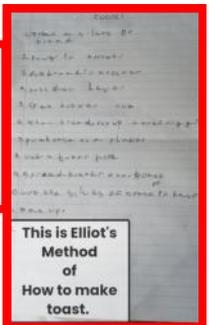


All the staff at Dean Field have been overwhelmed with all of the fantastic learning that has been going on. Lots of families have adapted Seesaw activities and also created lots of other fun learning opportunities, thank you for sharing! Here are some of them below, please feel free to steal those ideas and keep sharing them to support other families with their home learning.

Maak Making Supports Art, History, D&T, General Knowledge and Role Play/ Drama.



Recipe Writing. Supports Writing, Creativity and D&T.



Drawing. Supports Art, Creativity, Handwriting Skills and Mental Wellbeing.



Cooking Supports Phonics, Reading, D&T, Spelling, Comprehension and Mental Wellbeing.



Painting Supports Art, D&T, Handwriting Muscles and Mental Wellbeing.

Family Quiz To Try At Home

1. Which superhero has an assistant called Robin?
2. What does water turn into when it freezes?
3. Which sport involves two small bats, a ball and a table?
4. What country, beginning with the letter R, is the biggest country in the world?
5. How many zeros are there in one hundred thousand?
6. Stockholm is the capital city of which country?
7. Can you unscramble the following word to reveal a number between one and ten: VNSEE
8. What is the definition of a habitat?
9. Which country used picture writing many years ago called hieroglyphics?
10. Who released a song in 2019 called 'Hold Me While You Wait'?
11. How many colours are mentioned in the Rainbow Song?
12. What is half of 66?
13. Which continent does Great Britain belong to?
14. How many points does a snowflake have?
15. What is the name of the largest desert in Asia?



Answers: 1. Batman 2. Ice 3. Table tennis 4. Russia 5. Five 6. Sweden 7. Seven 8. The natural home/environment of an animal or plant 9. Egypt 10. Lewis Calpaldi 11. Seven colours (7) 12. 33 13. Europe 14. Six 15. The Gobi Desert

SAFEGUARDING



Children's Commissioner has created an excellent **children's guide to Coronavirus** to expand understanding and reduce worries. <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk>



Resources, guidance and support for people living with **domestic abuse** through the coronavirus pandemic. <https://safelives.org.uk/news-views/domestic-abuse-and-covid-19>



UNCRF Article: 18, 19, 20, 27, 34, 36

Kooth provides free, safe and anonymous online support for young people. <https://www.kooth.com>



The Mental Health Foundation has produced several guides, including Looking After Your Physical Health and Wellbeing While Staying At Home, Talking To Children About A Pandemic, Finance and Unemployment Worries, Mental Health Advice For Older People and Random Acts Of Kindness During The Coronavirus Outbreak. <https://mentalhealth.org.uk/coronavirus>



Open Minds provides advice, information, support and signposting on local and national emotional health and **wellbeing services** that help children, young people and families who are going through a difficult time. <http://www.openmindscalderdale.org.uk>

Whilst you are learning at home, remember we as a school are only a phone call away from any safeguarding concerns you may have. You can message any of our safeguarding team on Seesaw or contact Miss Stansfield directly on 07875175528.

Remember we will be out and about in the community on the bus so look out for us.

Accelerated Reader Results



The winner is.....

Ireland

Group	% Score
Ireland Y6	100%
Brazil Y4	96.8%
China Y1	95%
Poland Y2	94.8%
Kenya Y3	85%
USA Y5	80%

Well done to everyone who took part! We can't wait to see who wins next week.

Time Table Rock Stars!

The class winners this week are...

Group	TTRS Winner
Poland Y2	Miley C
Kenya Y3	Jessica C
Brazil Y4	Jessica M
USA Y5	Amanda T
Ireland Y6	Chanelle H

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Victory in Europe Day

Today, Friday, 8th May, marks 75 years since the defeat of Germany by the Allied Forces in World War II. Victory in Europe Day ended six years of suffering and endurance across Europe after a surrender document was signed by Germany in 1945. This week children have been engaging in various activities related to VE Day.

We hope you have enjoyed these and have fun taking part in your own **VE Day** party at home with your family. This could be a picnic in the garden, a tea party in the house or any other way that they wish to celebrate at home. The children may wish to include their creations from the week and wear blue, red and white clothing. Please continue to share your VE Day learning and celebration pictures on Seesaw. In times like these it is comforting to enjoy sharing joy.

This Weeks Attendance

Group	% Attendance
Antarctica	25.7%
Mexico	35%
China	35.1%
Poland	53%
Kenya	34%
Brazil	45%
USA	45%
Ireland	39%

Congratulations to **POLAND** class who had the highest attendance on Seesaw this week. Also well done to **BRAZIL and USA** class who came second!

If you have taken part in 'non Seesaw learning' this has also been counted as engagement.

Please ensure you are taking part in learning each day but remember learning can be done through play, conversations, outside in a safe space and in the kitchen making something too. Please share these ideas onto Seesaw so we can see you're engaging and we can share ideas with one another.

If you have any concerns or questions surrounding your child/children's engagement please do not hesitate to contact their class teacher for support.





CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY



GOLD BOOK



ANTARCTICA NURSERY	Daisy-May	For completing lots of activities every day this week.
	Harper	For joining in with the Seesaw activities this week.
MEXICO RECEPTION	Ava	For joining in more and having a go at different Seesaw activities.
	Joshua	For taking part in different Seesaw and non-Seesaw home learning.
CHINA YEAR 1	Jake F	For working really hard this week on Seesaw and doing other home learning activities.
	Darcie	For working really hard all week and for fabulous Accelerated Reader scores!
POLAND YEAR 2	Jacob	For engaging every day this week and making wonderful VE Day bunting.
	Freddy	For practicing writing even though it's not your favourite, great stories!
KENYA YEAR 3	Latisha F	For putting in extra effort and being much more active on Seesaw this week.
	Gracie B	For creating some beautiful VE Day themed items on Seesaw.
BRAZIL YEAR 4	Salah-Uddin	For excellent maths this week.
	Corey	For completing a wide range of activities on Seesaw.
USA Y5	Anisa	For your outstanding work on Seesaw this week.
	Dainton B	For trying your best with lots of tasks on Seesaw this week.
IRELAND Y6	Chanelle	For learning Spanish at home and reaching Phase 5.
	Ellie	For great engagement on Seesaw and creativity for VE Day.

Jigsaw Online Resources

Jigsaw is a scheme that we have recently introduced to assist with teaching PSHE at school. They have provided some activities that can be accessed free of charge at home. There are two stories to listen to and two Calm Me times (children are familiar with this type of activity as they are used in class for quiet reflection time). These stories align with the Jigsaw PSHE Dreams and Goals and Healthy Me Puzzles and are suitable for children aged 5+.

Please use the following link:

<https://families.jigsawpshe.com/stuck-at-home/>

Password: Home

