

Friday 27th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Having spoken to many heads and teachers from other schools in Calderdale this week I would just like to thank you all once again for your continued support. Many heads spoke of struggling with parental queries or complaints on top of COVID related issues such as bubble closures, etc. Our forms of communication are so clear and embedded here at Dean Field now that we have not had any problems with parents not being able to contact us or deal with queries. Part of this is down to Seesaw but it's also down to you and your understanding of how to get in touch with us and your patience during these stressful times.

This week I have continued to be blown away by the amazing attitude of our pupils. Behaviour and attitudes across the school are excellent, pupils all look incredibly smart with very few wearing incorrect uniform. Our attendance continues to remain high considering it's winter and COVID-19 cases are so high — again thank you to parents!

I had the pleasure of spending some time with Year 5 pupils on Wednesday morning and I was blown away by their maturity and ability to articulate their point of view using quite complex vocabulary for children who are only 9 and 10 years old.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs F. Pether
Headteacher

STAFF TRAINING

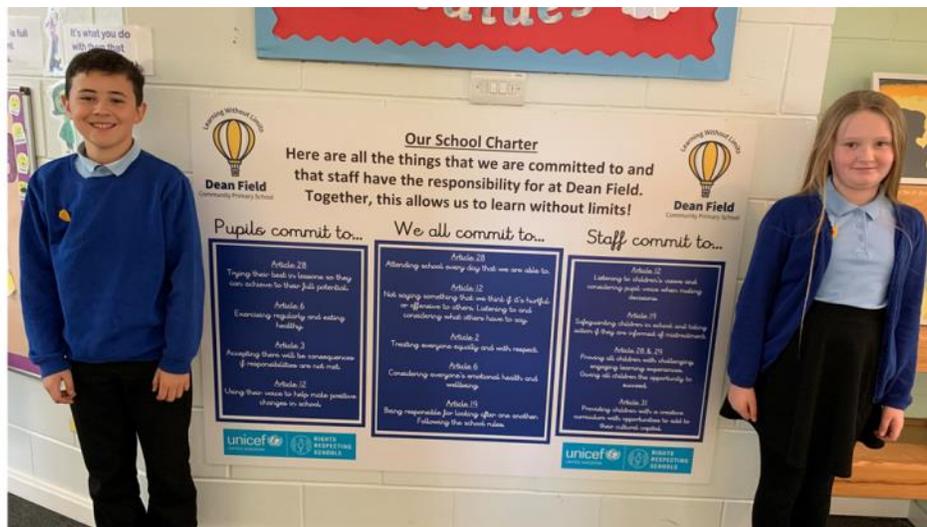
This week our staff meeting focus has been on Cultural Capital. This focuses on providing all children with opportunities to participate in a variety of activities and experiences. We worked together to idea share and support one another to ensure this is embedded across all year groups and within different subjects.

This term our subject leaders have all participated in virtual training based on their subject with other leaders across Calderdale.

This week, Miss Lopuszniak hosted a Science Deep Dive with the Curriculum Leads at Beech Hill and Dean Field. It was amazing to see all the science work and learning happening this year already, well done to those involved! Next week's Deep Dive focus is History.

SCHOOL CHARTER

As part of our commitment to being a Rights Respecting School, our councilors have worked together to create our whole school charter. After discussing the articles on the UNCRIC, they picked out the ones that were the most important to children at Dean Field and thought about all the things they were committed to doing. They also thought about the most important commitments and responsibilities staff have in school to ensure that the rights of pupils are met. They designed the learning charter to support a positive learning environment in classrooms, in shared areas, in the school hall and in the playground. Both staff and children understand and are committed to their roles on the school charter.



UNCRIC Article: 4,12,28

Dates for your diary

Friday 27th Nov - Start of the Elf on the Shelf activities

Tuesday 8th Dec - Christmas Dinner Day.

Friday 11th Dec-Christmas Jumper (non-uniform) Day & Overgate Reindeer Run

Tuesday 15th Dec - Christmas Donkey Rides

Wednesday 16th Dec - Christmas Raffle drawn

Thursday 17th Dec - Hot dogs for sale

Friday 18th Dec - Last day of term

Social Distancing

Please continue to follow social distancing guidelines when picking up and dropping off children in the playground, walking through the snicket and walking to school. Please also ensure only one adult is dropping off and picking up the children. This is highly important at these times especially when we are in another lockdown. Any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school office.



UNCRC Article:
3,6,24

Safeguarding

Below is a summary of the Pupil Wellbeing Survey recently undertaken across Year groups 1-6.

- 97% of all pupils believed Dean Field is a friendly school.
- Over 80% enjoy coming to school.
- 85% of pupils feel they can talk to an adult if they have any worries or feel unsafe.
- Over 85% of pupils feel that they can talk to an adult if someone is unkind.
- Over 80% understand know what is expected of them in lessons and what they need to do to improve in lessons.
- Over 80% say teachers notice when they do something well.
- 75% of children believe that children behave well at school.
- 85% enjoy Gold Book certificates and rewards.
- Over 80% believe that class bubbles are working well.

OTHER COMMENTS MADE BY OUR CHILDREN:

'Dean Field is an amazing school where people learn many brilliant things.'

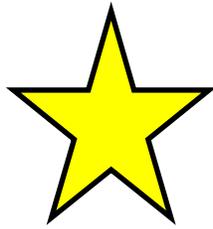
'I feel safe at school.'

'I feel excited and happy and teachers and friends help me so I can learn Better.'

'I think Dean Field is a wonderful place and I am proud to be a pupil at this school.'

Accelerated Reader Results

The winner is



Brazil



UNCRC Article:
28, 29, 31

Group	% Score
USA	91%
Brazil	81%
Kenya	86%
Ireland	90.1%
Poland	92%
China	83.3%

You could help increase your class percentage by doing some extra reading on myON! There are thousands of books for you to choose from! If you need a reminder of your login details, please speak to your teacher. Visit <https://www.myon.co.uk/login/> to start reading!

Time Table Rock Stars!

The class winners this week are...

Group	TTRS Winner
Kenya	Cooper R
Brazil	Riley D
USA	Jessica M
Ireland	Amanda T

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



UNCRC Article:
28, 29, 31

This Weeks Attendance

Group	% Attendance
Mexico	94.3%
China	98%
Poland	95.7%
Kenya	95.3%
Brazil	98.7%
USA	100%
Ireland	92.4%
Totals	96.4%

Congratulations to USA class who had 100% attendance in the school this week. Well done to Brazil for coming second. I am seriously concerned of classes who are below 96%. We will be having meetings with parents of children who are of concern.

If your child is absent from school please contact the school office on 01422 258258 before 9.00am.

It is important we are aware of the reason for your child/children's absence. This becomes a safeguarding concern if parents do not inform school when their child/children are absent. Please contact the school office on the first day of absence before 9am stating reasons for absence. This will avoid any absences being recorded as unauthorised.

If you have any concerns or questions surrounding your child/children's attendance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many Thanks

Lorraine Stansfield, Pastoral Manager





Elf on the Shelf Coming to Dean Field School!!



Elf on the Shelf is fast becoming a hugely popular Christmas tradition in schools for children and adults alike! We are excited to announce that we are expecting a visit from Elf on the Shelf at Dean Field School! There will be lots of COVID safe activities for the children to take part in and we will share his movements with you all on Seesaw. Watch out for weekly updates of his antics!



UNCRC Article:
9,13,15,26,28,31



Get fit for Christmas!

Get ready for the
**12 days of
Fitness**

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Complete each daily activity for a reward
Check SeeSaw each day for your activity

Begins 1st December

Getting fit for the festive season!

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Do you know if your child may be eligible for free school meals? If you receive any of the following you may be entitled :

- Income Support
 - income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
 - income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
 - the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

How to apply for free school meals

If you are claiming Housing Benefit or Council Tax Reduction you can claim-free school meals on the same form.

Phone Revenues and Benefits Service on 01422 288003 or alternatively ask the school office for a FSM application form or download one from the website: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

In England, all infant school pupils (every child in reception class, year 1 & 2) in state funded schools can get a free lunch. However once a child moves into year 3 (Key Stage 2) their entitlement to a free school meal will cease unless you apply through Calderdale Council. Please do not leave your application to apply until the end of year 2. It is better to apply NOW to avoid any delay in your application getting approved.



UNCRC Article: 3,
24, 26,27



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

MEXICO RECEPTION	Leila S	For attempting a wide variety of challenges in the continuous provision and joining in more confidently.
	Colin P	For persevering when attempting to write your name, keep going!
CHINA YEAR 1	Annaleise C	For contributing to class during carpet time.
	Stevie-Lea	For some excellent maths this week.
POLAND YEAR 2	Kyia R	For putting your all into doing some independent Maths and English this week.
	Lesley-James G	For your class discussions and having a very good memory of the things we have learnt!
KENYA YEAR 3	Lily B	For fantastic presentation in all your books.
	Noah M	For always persevering with your work.
BRAZIL YEAR 4	Gracie B	For being enthusiastic during our virtual Ancient Egyptian trip.
	Darcie R	For being enthusiastic during our virtual Ancient Egyptian trip.
USA Y5	Ellie-Mae A	For fabulous mathematics work in class. Well done!
	Evie Bentley	For excellent demonstration of knowledge about the Ancient Greeks
IRELAND Y6	Oliver J	For massive improvement in your handwriting.
	Cobi T	For being an always child and putting 100% into everything you do. Such a superstar!



Today we held our 'Stars in Our Schools' celebration which is an annual celebration of all the wonderful work our school support staff do here at Dean Field. Each member of our support staff received a special personalised certificate to show the children's appreciation of their hard work. This year we sent them virtual messages to show our thanks. The support staff have worked tirelessly often behind the scenes to support, encourage and provide a safe environment for your children to learn in despite the difficult circumstances 2020 has brought.



A big thank you from the teachers and children!



The first draw will take place this **Saturday 28th November** so follow the link below to buy your tickets! Prizes also include the change to win a Nintendo DS!

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/dean-field-community-primary-school>

By hosting this School Lottery, we hope to raise funds to support and enrich the education of our children - we aim to provide extra resources for the children, improve the school environment and organise extracurricular activities such as music, art and sport.

1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Meal Options	Sausage Rolls 5, 10, 12	Roast Chicken Dinner and Gravy 5, 10	Fish Fingers 2, 5	Braising Steak and Gravy 5, 10	Pizza 4, 5, 10, 12
	Cheese Rolls 5, 10, 12	Ravioli and Cheese 5, 10, 12	Quorn Cottage Pie 10, 12	Cheese Tortellini 5, 10, 12	Spring Rolls and Rice 1, 4, 5
Vegetarian	Spaghetti 5 Spicy Wedges	Mixed Veg Carrots Roast Potatoes 5	Peas Cauliflower Herby's 5	Broccoli Sweetcorn Wedges	Beans Chips
Subs/ Wraps	Tuna Sub				
Served Every day	Jacket Potatoes				
	Sandwiches				
Dessert	Marble Sponge Custard 5, 10, 12	Rice Pudding 10	Chocolate Sponge 5, 10, 12	Apple Crumble 5, 10	Ice Cream 10
	Strawberry Whip 4, 5, 10, 12	Cupcakes 10, 12	Chocolate Whip 4, 5, 10, 12	Jelly	Cheesecake 5, 10
	Fruit Salad Yoghurt 10	Fruit Salad Yoghurt 10	Fruit Salad Yoghurt 10	Fruit Salad Yoghurt 10	Fruit Salad Yoghurt 10