

Friday 2nd December 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!!

Here at Dean Field we are starting to get in the Christmas spirit. Our school Christmas trees have been put up this week and all children have made decorations for them, which they will be able to bring home at the end of term.



Have you put your Christmas tree up yet? If you have then we would love to see photos of it. Why not get your child to take some photos and add to their Seesaw page?



We've also seen the return of our cheeky little elf, who I'm sure will cause lots of mischief over the next two weeks!



Please make a note of any important dates coming up over the next two weeks and we hope to see you all at our Christmas Fayre on Monday.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Fiona Pether

Staff Training

This week our English lead Miss Hussain led the staff meeting on writing with a particular focus on Spelling Shed. She also shared a spelling menu of strategies and activities that teaching staff can dip into to support children's spelling development.

Also this week, the leadership team met to look into further training for all staff using their CPD subscription—The National College. They looked into webinars which support enhancing one of Dean Field's priorities this year, which is writing. They also sourced training to support all staff in supporting children with SEND and for teachers to gain a greater understanding of how to support children in the classroom with understanding activities and how to challenge children who display greater depth abilities.

The leadership team also took part in some training which focused on Sanctuary Schools following the successful award Beech Hill received, watch this space for Dean Field too!

Safeguarding

Be safe and Be seen:

- Wear high visibility coats and vests or reflective clothing just like Elf on the Shelf.
- Use a torch to help you see and be seen.
- Don't be like the naughty elf and forget to use your lights or reflectors on your bike!





Dean Field Community Primary School Christmas Calendar Dates



Event	Date
Christmas Fayre	Monday 5 th December
Y1-Y6 End of Term Behaviour Treat	Monday 12 th – Robin Hood Christmas Panto
EYFS End of Term Behaviour Treat	Tuesday 13 th December (afternoon) - Boogie Babes
Singing Around the Tree (parents invited)	Lower School – Tuesday 13 th December 9am Upper School – Monday 12 th December 2.15pm
Reindeer Run and Christmas Jumper Day	Wednesday 14 th December
Christmas Dinner Day	Wednesday 14 th December
EYFS Nativity (parents invited)	Thursday 15 th December 2-2:45pm
Christmas Class Parties	Friday 16 th December – non uniform party clothes
Break up for half-term	Friday 16 th at 1.10pm. No Friday clubs or Dean Field Den on this day

Christmas raffle tickets will go on sale from Tuesday 15th November.

Please donate any unwanted gifts to the school office for the Christmas tombola. No soft toys or books are needed.

Thank you.

EYFS Police Visit

Mexico and Antarctica class had a special visit from our local PCSOs. They told us about their job, showed us their equipment, answered our questions and then let us look and sit inside their police car and even try their hats on! They enjoyed the loud sirens and watching the blue lights on top of the car.



Year 6 Crime & Punishment Workshop

Year 6 attended Beech Hill for a crime and punishment event. An actor taught them about various crimes and punishments over the main eras in history. They used drama to act out crimes and what their punishments would be.



Reception September 2023 Admission and Enrollment

Please find below the information regarding primary admissions to enroll your child to Dean Field Reception class in September 2023.

A guide has been sent out via Seesaw to help you in submitting your school application for your child to start with us in Reception September 2023. You can apply online from 18th November 2022 and **the closing date is 15th January 2023**.

If you need computer access or support then let us know and you can apply on a device in school. Please note, from experience, you need to submit your application before the deadline 15th January 2023 to receive the best chance at getting a confirmed Dean Field place otherwise your child could be given a different school. Any problems or questions please get in touch.

Admissions website: <https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/residents/education-and-learning/schools/admissions/>



Starting School September 2023

How to apply for a school place

Children born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019 are due to start primary school in September 2023.

To apply for a school place you must **apply online by 15 January 2023** at www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions.

For advice and guidance regarding the application process please contact 01422 392617, option 1, and a Customer First Advisor will be able to assist you.

If you would like a leaflet about applying for a primary school place please contact your preferred school and register your child's name. The leaflet will then be distributed by the primary school at the end of November 2022.

Information relating to Admission to Primary School 2023, including oversubscription criteria, is available at www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions.

**The application process opens on 18 November 2022
and the close date is 15 January 2023**

Offers of school places will be made on 17 April 2023.

Warm Spaces in Calderdale

Warm Spaces are places where people can gather for free in a warm, safe, welcoming place and maybe enjoy a hot drink and some company.

Follow the links below for more information:

<https://www.placesforpeople.co.uk/about-us/our-social-impact/community-projects/warm-spaces-in-calderdale>

<https://www.warmwelcome.uk>

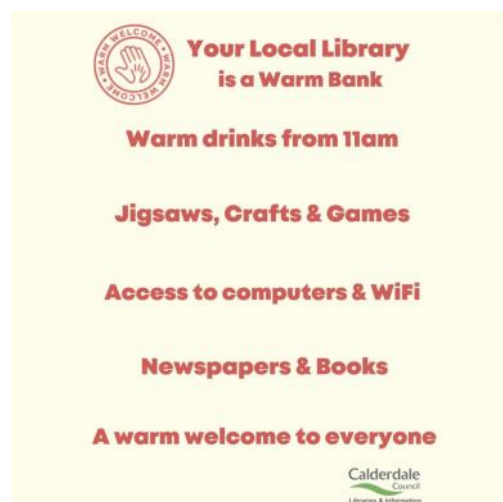


Labour Councillors for the Ovenden Ward

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A reminder that Beechwood Library is now a 'Warm Space' your welcome to call in for a hot drink and a biscuit and will be offered a warm welcome

#warmspaces #warmwelcome
#CostofLivingCrisis #community



School Money Debts

Polite reminder to get ahead with paying any school fees on the School Money system. You can log on at any time and pay any fees in advance. You can access this online at: <https://login.eduspot.co.uk/public/portal/parent/?app=schoolmoney&source=website&version=20190314>

We are now a **cashless** school so please pay all trips and school fees on the School Money system.

School Dinners must be paid for on a Monday morning for the week ahead. The Trust do not offer any credit and there are no exceptions.



This winter, during December school holidays, children and young people across Calderdale aged 5-16 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals are getting the chance to access free holiday club places through our Healthy Holidays Calderdale programme.

The scheme provides enriching activities, delicious nutritious meals, and a chance for young people to meet new friends in a safe and fun environment during the school holidays.

You can book your free place at a holiday club taking place near you this December by visiting: **www.calderdale.gov.uk/healthyholidays**

Please book your place directly through the provider. There may also be sessions available for fee-paying children who are not eligible for free school meals.

For more information on the programme and support in booking a place on the winter programme please contact:

Email: healthyholidays@calderdale.gov.uk

Facebook: @HealthyHolidaysCalderdale

Twitter: @HAFCalderdale





FREE CHAMPIONS CHRISTMAS CAMPS

CIRCUS SKILLS HAND CRAFTING ART & DESIGN MUSICAL THEATRE PANTOMIME INCLUSION OPPORTUNITIES NUTRITION SPORT

NORTH HALIFAX GRAMMAR SCHOOL
&
KINGS CENTRE, HALIFAX

MONDAY 19TH – THURSDAY 22ND DECEMBER 2022 | 10:00AM – 2:00PM

AGES 5–13 YEARS

DAILY FREE HOT MEAL & SNACKS INCLUDED

- *YOU ARE ENTITLED TO A FREE PLACE, DAILY SNACKS & A NUTRITIOUS MEAL IF
- YOUR CHILD IS A RESIDENT IN CALDERDALE
 - ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS-RELATED FREE SCHOOL MEALS
 - LOOKED AFTER CHILD, FOSTER CHILD OR ON AN EHC PLAN

PLEASE BOOK VIA WWW.CALDERDALE.GOV.UK/HEALTHYHOLIDAYS

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- Win up to £25,000!

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Scan the QR code or visit:

www.yourschoollottery.co.uk

and search for: Dean Field Community



Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. See website for Terms & conditions. Enter by 10th Dec 2022.

Reindeer Run & Christmas Jumper Day 2022

The reindeer fun is back on **Wednesday 14th December**! Sponsor forms will be sent home shortly if you wish to take part in the fundraising.



The poster features a blue background with a white snow line at the bottom. At the top, there is a string of yellow star-shaped lights and red round ornaments. The text 'We're taking part in' is in a dark blue, casual font. Below it, 'The Overgate' is written in a white, rounded font, followed by two red maple leaves. The main title 'Reindeer Run' is in a large, white, rounded font. To the left of the title is a cartoon reindeer with brown fur, a red nose, and a red Santa hat with a white pom-pom. To the right of the title, the word 'Date:' is in a dark blue font. Below it, a white rounded rectangle contains the text '& Christmas Jumper Day at Dean Field on Wednesday 14th December'. Further down, the text 'Help us support Overgate Hospice as they care for local families this festive season' is in a dark blue font. At the bottom left, there is a red logo for 'Study Write tuition' with the phone number '07990 775779'. In the center bottom, there are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, followed by the text 'Registered Charity Number 511619'. At the bottom right, the 'Overgate HOSPICE' logo is shown, featuring the name in a blue script and serif font, and a blue circular graphic with white waves. Below the logo is the website 'www.overgatehospice.org.uk'.

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www.overgatehospice.org.uk

DIARY DATES

DATE	EVENT
Monday 5th December	Christmas Fair 3-4:15pm
Tuesday 6th December	Year 5 Cartwright Hall Art Gallery Trip
Wednesday 7th December	RE Parent Workshop 2-3pm
Wednesday 7th December	EYFS Christmas Show
Thursday 8th December	Phonics Parent Workshop 8:45-9:45am

Reminder: We are a nut free school and we would appreciate that any lunchboxes do not include nut products to protect the children in school with nut allergies.

Please note Christmas dinner will be on Wednesday 14th December.



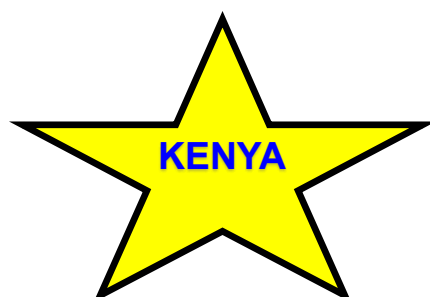
QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new."
- Albert Einstein



SplashLearn

Accelerated Reader – Reading Achievements this Year



Brazil	73.4%
Poland	87%
Australia	79.2%
Ireland	80.7%
Kenya	89.6%

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!

This Weeks Attendance

Group	% Attendance
Mexico	84.5%
China	88.7%
Australia	93.8%
Poland	97.1%
Kenya	96.5%
Brazil	93.7%
Ireland	96.6%
Total	92.9%

Congratulations to Poland class who had the highest attendance in the school this week. Well done to Ireland class for coming second. I am seriously concerned of classes who are below 96%. Meetings with parents of children who are of concern will occur.

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. It 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 any absence. This will avoid 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

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Mexico Reception	Freddie W	For attempting lots of challenges and for great handwriting!
	Lucy W	For being kind to friends in class.
China Year 1	Esmae W	For working hard in maths all week.
	Chad H	For fantastic phonics results.
Australia Year 2	Penelope C	For being amazing at number bonds to 20!
	Lillie-Paige K	For persevering in all lessons this week.
Poland Year 3	Seb L	For a fantastic improvement in your behaviour.
	Annaleise C	For your great attitude towards learning.
Kenya Year 4	Jessica S	For always thinking of others first.
	Lilly-Rose C	For always having a 'can do' attitude.
Brazil Year 5	Emelia N	For always being a STAR pupil.
	Emily M	For a huge improvement in your maths this week.
Ireland Year 6	Mason D	For your superb work on long division.
	Reggie S	For your enthusiasm during the crime and punishment workshop.