

## Friday 16th December 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a wonderfully festive week we have had here at Dean Field. Here are some of the highlights!

### **Singing Around the Christmas Tree**

Thank you to all who joined us and to those who couldn't make it we hope you enjoyed the videos on Seesaw!

### **Santa's Visit**

A tradition at Dean Field, Santa visited each class this week to give them a very special present on behalf of the school. The gift of reading is something we try and instill in all our children and we hope you and they enjoy the book they were given this year.

### **Behaviour Treat**

99% of all children in the school took part in their behaviour treat this week. EYFS had a special visit from Boogie Babes and the rest of the school watched Robin Hood pantomime on Monday. We are so proud of you all!



### **Goodbye Fred**

Fred the elf bid us a fond farewell today and promised he would tell Santa just how well behaved all the boys and girls at Dean Field are. He has caused us some mayhem these last couple of weeks!

### **Well Wishes**

We wish Miss Fitzpatrick all the best as she goes on her maternity leave and starts her new adventure. We can't wait to see your new addition!



Mrs Mason, EYFS practitioner from Beech Hill, will be joining us for the year and teaching in Nursery, Antarctica class. We welcome Mrs Mason to the Dean Field team!



A special thank you to all the staff for making these last couple of weeks so special for our children and for their hard work and dedication over the whole term. I know you will agree with me when I say, they really do go that extra mile.

Thank you once again for your support, we really do value our parents and carers here at Dean Field.

On behalf of all the staff I would like to wish our families a wonderful Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

Mrs F. Pether

## **Safeguarding**

### **Warning for parents buying Christmas gifts for their children online:**

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents has put together advice to help parents avoid buying potentially-dangerous toys and presents on the internet. Families are being urged to make sure the Christmas presents they are buying online are safe.

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) has issued advice about how to ensure the products parents buy on the internet are safe to use – especially if you're buying for children.

From checking the validity of a seller to making sure button batteries are securely locked away, the advice will help mums and dads avoid potentially-dangerous items.

Ashley Martin, RoSPA's public health adviser, said: "When we're shopping on the high street we can be reassured that, when buying from major and reputable retailers, the gifts we buy will all adhere to safety standards.

"Shopping online can be a minefield, and it's vital that we know the products we're buying are safe to use, as some items, including toys, can cause serious or even potentially-fatal injuries.

### **These are RoSPA's tips for shopping safely online:**

- Check the validity and reputation of the seller and manufacturer. Look for a name and address, and if you can't see one, don't buy from them. Also, check reviews about the items you're buying and about the seller you're buying from.
- Check any products you're buying carry the CE mark or Lion mark.
- Make sure the toy is suitable for the child – check the age range. Some toys will contain small parts that can be swallowed, or sharp or pointy edges, so these aren't suitable for smaller children.
- If the toy you're buying contains button batteries, ensure it has a lockable battery compartment. This is a requirement of toy safety regulations, as these batteries cause serious injuries, and even death, if swallowed.
- Take care with products that contain small magnets as these have caused serious injury to young children when swallowed.
- Remember, Christmas novelties (such as decorative Santas, snow globes and other decorations) are not toys, and so do not adhere to the same standards, they could be dangerous for children to play with.

**Take nothing for granted! When you receive the items, check them thoroughly before gifting them.**

## Christmas Dinner Day



## Reindeer Run & Christmas Jumper Day for Overgate Hospice



## Gold and Superstar Tea with Mrs P!



## EYFS Nativity

On Thursday, Mexico and Antarctica class performed their Christmas show "Whoops-a-Daisy angel" to their families. All the children were confident and retold the nativity story through words, songs and actions beautifully. It was wonderful to have families in again this year to share such special moments.



## Reception September 2023 Admission and Enrollment

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/>





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](http://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](mailto: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 19<sup>TH</sup> – THURSDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> 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](http://WWW.CALDERDALE.GOV.UK/HEALTHYHOLIDAYS)

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## OSCA FOUNDATION

Forest Cottage, Cousin Lane, Halifax, HX2 8AD



## TABLETOP SALE/CHRISTMAS FAIR

DATE: **Sunday 18th December**

TIME: 8:30AM FOR SELLERS 9AM FOR BUYERS

£5 PER TABLE!

- 9AM START FOR BUYERS
- TEA AND COFFEE



There will be stalls selling Mulled wine, Baileys Hot Chocolate, Hot Chocolate Cones, cupcakes, mince pies.

## DIARY DATES

DATE	EVENT
Tuesday 3rd January	School Reopens
Week Commencing Tuesday 3rd	Midweek/Friday Clubs begin

**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.







**WIN A PS5 BUNDLE**

- Cash prize every week
- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Win up to £25,000!

**PLAY NOW**

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



## This Weeks Attendance

Group	% Attendance
Mexico	83.4%
China	96.7%
Australia	90.3%
Poland	94.8%
Kenya	94.8%
Brazil	86%
Ireland	92.4%
Total	91.1%

Congratulations to China class who had the highest attendance in the school this week. Well done to Poland and Kenya classes 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.  
Loraine Stansfield, Pastoral Manager