

Friday 4th February 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

## SCHOOL DRIVE SAFETY

We love our new school drive signs and are very proud of our parents for getting on board and helping to keep our school drive safe. Our children are reporting back to us that they feel safer and we have had lots of positive feedback from parents.

However, we have had reports of some dangerous driving when entering/exiting the Innovations car park which is located on the school drive. A parent had to quickly pull his young daughter back as a car was exiting the car park and showed no signs of giving way to the pedestrians on the pavement.

Please be aware that all road traffic rules apply on the school drive and cars must drive with consideration and enter the Innovations car park by going around the turning circle on the left hand side of the road and NOT taking a short cut by driving up the right hand side of the road.



Any dangerous driving footage will be passed to the police.

Let's keep our children safe and show them how to be responsible.

## A BIG Well Done!

The school office received a phone call this week from a local lady who called to let us know how well-behaved and well-mannered the children from Dean Field Primary are, with a special shout out to Sydney and Isaac who greet her every morning on their way to school. Well done to all our children!

Have a great weekend.

Mrs F Pether



## Safeguarding

### NSPCC

#### Our advice about sharing a room.

#### When should a child legally have their own room?

As children grow up they might want more privacy and need their own space, especially if they're sharing a bedroom with a brother or sister. While it's not illegal for them to share, it's recommended that children over the age of 10 should have their own bedrooms- even if they're siblings or step-siblings.

We know this isn't always possible. If children are sharing, try to have regular conversations with them about how they're feeling to ensure they're safe and happy sharing a room.

It's important to know there are laws in place to help make sure everyone's home is safe and comfortable.

Legislation states children over the age of 10 should not share rooms - and that this is considered overcrowding.

If you're trying to decide whether it's a good idea for children to share a bedroom, here are a few questions to consider.

- **Do your children get on well? What's their relationship like?**
- **What is the age gap between your children? Will different bedtimes and morning schedules stop children getting the rest they need?**
- **How big is the room? Will there be enough storage space for 2 or more children to live comfortably?**

#### Talking to your child about sharing a room:

Talk to your children about how they feel about where they're sleeping. If they are not comfortable and happy, ask them why and if they have any worries.

Sometimes there are reasons they're not comfortable and there might be things you can do to help.

Whether they are sharing at home or on holiday with either family or friends, it's a good idea to talk about their safety. For younger children, talk to them about the 'Underwear Rule', you can use the PANTS video to help which can be found on the NSPCC website. If your children are older, try using our conversation starters on the NSPCC website too.



## Fire Drill

We had a fire drill on Tuesday 1st February and we were all outside in 1 minute and 39 seconds, which is a great result! We always aim for under 2 minutes.

Attendance checks and hands were raised quickly and all children behaved very well, well done!



## Thumbs Up from Nursery for the Fire Drill!

A HUGE well done to Nursery for a speedy and safe exit during the fire drill this week. We have had 12 new children join Dean Field nursery and a new classroom to exit from since January. We are very proud of you and the Nursery team for the adaptations you have made!

Thumbs up for Grayson who independently exited the building and made it all the way to the fire assembly point without his wheelchair. You are such an inspiration!



## Year 3 Dinostar Experience

On Monday, Year 3 were lucky enough to have a visit from Steve from Dinostar. Steve brought his exciting, interactive dinosaur museum to show us. We had a lovely time looking at genuine and replica dinosaur fossils including a replica Allosaurus skull with very sharp teeth, a genuine dinosaur egg and a complete Triceratops leg bone. We also produced our own fossils using Brass Rubbing techniques and Plaster of Paris.



## Reception Trip to the Sea Life Centre

Mexico class visited the Sea Life Centre in Manchester on Wednesday and Thursday this week. We loved seeing the different sea creatures we have been learning about in class. Our favourites were the octopus, sharks, sting rays and turtles. Our behaviour was exemplary, especially as this is our first school trip. We really enjoyed touching the star fish in the rock pool area and changing the lights in the jellyfish display. This special first hand experience gave the children the perfect opportunity to use new vocabulary they have learned this half term and explore all the beautiful creatures and coral we have read about in class.



## Children's Mental Health Week

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week and Safer Internet Day. The poster has been shared on Seesaw. There will be lots of activities running throughout the week to highlight and support both occasions.

In light of recent community news, we have decided to dedicate our Mental Health non-uniform day (**Friday 11th February**) to raising funds from our Trust for Ash Green Primary School in Mixenden. We are deeply saddened by the news and send our best wishes to the community. We look forward to seeing all children dressing to express themselves and showing support by wearing something big or small which is green.



## Upper School (Y4/5/6) Reading Competition

We are holding an upper school reading competition as part of Michael Morpurgo month. See below for more details:

### Michael Morpurgo Month 2022

Celebrate Michael Morpurgo Month 2022!

Come on an adventure with the nation's favourite storyteller and celebrate Michael Morpurgo Month this February!

This year's Morpurgo Month Bookclub are hoping that children choose one of the 6 shortlisted books, read it, talk about it and review it just like a normal book club.

Then, by submitting your review to the competition you could win a Michael Morpurgo virtual event for Dean Field!

If you would like to enter, please request a book review template from your class teacher, read one of the 6 books, write a review and return to school before the end of the month.

Good luck!



Choose a book, write a review and WIN!

## DIARY DATES

DATE	EVENT
Thursday 10th February	Year 1 trip to Eureka
Friday 11th February	'Dress to Impress' Non-Uniform Day
Wednesday 16th February	Whole School Class Photographs
Thursday 17th February	Year 5 Wonder Dome Planetarium Show
Friday 18th February	Last day of half term



### Accelerated Reader Results

The winner is.....



Poland	88.5%
Ireland	90.5%
Brazil	88.5%
Kenya	81.6%
Australia	81.4%

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
Australia	Freya B
Poland	Jacob B
Kenya	Layla M
Brazil	Riley D
Ireland	Salah-Uddin

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



Group	% Attendance
Mexico	97.5%
China	93.6%
Australia	93.8%
Poland	93.3%
Kenya	96.6%
Brazil	90.8%
Ireland	94.6%
Total	94.4%

### This Weeks Attendance

Congratulations to Mexico class who had the highest attendance in the school this week. Well done to Kenya class 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. 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	Annabelle H	For being super brave and sensible.
	Elijah P	For being an 'always' child.
CHINA YEAR 1	Joshua S	For reading at home every single night.
	Amelia-Violet O	For being independent in changing after P.E.
AUSTRALIA YEAR 2	Harper C	For demonstrating exemplary behaviour and work ethic.
	Pippa B-H	For your outstanding work on time.
POLAND YEAR 3	AJ H	For your excellent attitude on our Dinostar trip.
	Sofie A	For your determination and perseverance this week.
KENYA YEAR 4	All of the Class	For fantastic survival guides in English.
	Lacey N	For persevering with all your work.
BRAZIL Y5	Aston F	For your determination in reading this week.
	Alexa G	For writing a FANTASTIC diary entry.
IRELAND Y6	Cody C	For trying hard in all you do and putting 100% effort into all lessons.
	Alfie B	For contributing well in all lessons.
	Vinnie P	For fantastic help with younger children at Out of School Club.