

## Friday 21st January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

### A Times Table Rock Star Celebration

The scores are in...Dean Field were crowned the winners of the TTRS competition between us and our Trust school Beech Hill, with a whopping 2829 points! Out of 17 classes taking part we won with our year 6 class Ireland coming in first overall! You truly are maths rock stars! I am very proud of all the students in years 2-6 who tried hard this week to join in the competition and practise their times tables at a speedy pace and a big thank you to parents and staff for encouraging them to do so.

Finally, a MASSIVE congratulations to Riley, SalahUddin, and Arabella, who came 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall with the most correct answers.



### Beech Hill School's 5 Star Kitchen

As you will be aware, our Trust kitchen, based at Beech Hill, not only provides school dinners for Beech Hill and Dean Field but they also provide dinners for some other schools in Calderdale too. Since the meal numbers have reduced, they have moved from the Commercial Kitchen status back onto the Food Standards Agency Food Hygiene Rating. We are pleased to inform you that after an impromptu inspection from Environmental Health on Wednesday 19th January, Beech Hill's kitchen has been awarded 5 stars and the environmental health inspectors couldn't speak highly enough of the team. They were impressed with the cleanliness of the kitchen, the robust processes in place to keep everything running smoothly and to the relevant hygienic standards. They were also impressed with the upbeat and friendly attitude of the kitchen staff. Congratulations to all the kitchen staff at Beech Hill for achieving the best possible rating and providing us and our customers with fantastic school dinners!

Have a great weekend.

Mrs F Pether



## Safeguarding

### **Grades Go Down When You're Not Around** Attendance matters

It is vital for pupils that parents/carers, particularly those who are new to the school, understand the importance of supporting the school's attendance policy and communicate with school in advance whenever there is a reason for absence.

Not only can regular absence, particularly unexplained absence, be a red flag for safeguarding issues, but only when children are in school can they talk to staff and be given support for any pastoral and safeguarding problems. Furthermore, as has been widely seen and discussed in recent months, missing out on lessons leaves children vulnerable to falling behind. Children with poor attendance tend to achieve less in both primary and secondary school. Regular school attendance gives children a sense of belonging to the school community and allows them to build up positive relationships with both their peers and school staff.

## Term Dates

<b>2022 Spring Term</b>	Re-open	Tuesday 4 January	<b>67 school days</b>
Half Term	Close	Friday 18 February	
	Re-open	Monday 28 February	
Easter Holiday	Close	Tuesday 12 April	
<b>2022 Summer Term</b>	Re-open	Monday 25 April	<b>58 school days</b>
<b>May day</b>	Closed	<b>Monday 2 May</b>	
Half Term	Close	Friday 27 May	
<b>Queen's Jubilee BH</b>		<b>Monday 6 June</b>	
	Re-open	Tuesday 7 June	
Mid-Summer	Close	Friday 22 July	

## Updated COVID-19 Home-School Agreement




We are continuously checking the guidance and updating our risk assessments in response to the ongoing pandemic. Please see below our newly updated home-school agreement for staff, parents/carers and pupils to adhere to.

You can also find further information and support on our school website by clicking the COVID-19 tab. Here is the link: <https://deanfieldschool.co.uk/site/coronavirus-update/>

### Covid-19 Home School Agreement

Parent	School	Child
<p>To help my child at school, I know and understand that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ If my child, or anyone in my household, shows symptoms of COVID-19, I will act on current government guidance for testing and isolating.</li><li>✓ If my child shows symptoms of COVID-19 at school, I will collect my child from school immediately. I will get them tested and I will let the school know as soon as possible of the outcome via telephone;</li><li>✓ Whilst on the school grounds, I will follow all current risk assessment procedures at all times;</li><li>✓ When dropping off and picking up, I will adhere to the school timings for my child;</li><li>✓ I will not enter the school building without a pre-arranged appointment made via telephone or email;</li><li>✓ I need to support all staff in their efforts to create an 'as safe as possible' environment during this time;</li><li>✓ I will read all letters/messages/emails/current guidance/risk assessments that are sent home;</li><li>✓ I will inform the school of any changes to parents/ carer and emergency contacts details;</li><li>✓ If my child is deemed unsafe, he/she will be sent home and cannot return to school until they can be safe.</li></ul>	<p>The school will do its best to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Provide an environment which has been risk assessed in response to the COVID-19 infection;</li><li>✓ Adhere to the current social distancing rules as set out by the government as much as we reasonably and practically can;</li><li>✓ Provide a curriculum that meets the needs of your child's well-being, mental health and academic needs;</li><li>✓ Contact parents/carers if your child displays symptoms of COVID-19;</li><li>✓ Inform you if staff or children in your child's 'bubble' test positive for COVID-19.</li><li>✓ Continue our clear and consistent approach to rewards and sanctions for children as well as the expectations outlined in this agreement;</li><li>✓ Communicate between home and school through Seesaw, text, and the school website.</li></ul>	<p>I will do my best to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Follow the current rules that keep me safe;</li><li>✓ Wash my hands regularly at school;</li><li>✓ Tell an adult if I feel unwell;</li><li>✓ Only mix with children in the school who are in my bubble;</li><li>✓ Follow the 'Catch it-Bin it-Kill it' rules coughing and sneezing into my elbow or a tissue;</li><li>✓ Regularly wash my hands using soap and water for 20 seconds;</li><li>✓ Follow the school rules at all times to maintain the safety of myself and others;</li><li>✓ Follow these expectations to keep myself and others safe.</li></ul>

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## Year 2 Chicks

On Monday, 10 eggs arrived in Australia class! They were in an incubator to keep them warm. Throughout the week we watched the eggs start to hatch into chicks and Year 2 have been feeding and taking care of them as they learn about life cycles, which is their current topic. They have started to hatch already but we will give you an update in next week's newsletter of how many we have and how many are girls and boys - plus lots of cute photographs!





## DIARY DATES

DATE	EVENT
Wednesday 2nd February	Reception trip to Sea Life Centre (x15 children only, first group)
Thursday 3rd February	Reception trip to Sea Life Centre (x15 children only, second group)
Thursday 10th February	Year 1 trip to Eureka
Wednesday 16th February	Whole School Class Photographs
Thursday 17th February	Year 5 Wonder Dome Planetarium Show



**IF YOU DREAM IT,  
BELIEVE IN IT,  
AND WORK HARD  
FOR IT, ANYTHING  
IS POSSIBLE.**

## School Lottery

Don't forget to join the school lottery for just £1 a week and be in with a chance to win a weekly jackpot and great prizes whilst also helping Dean Field raise funds for extra resources and extracurricular activities.

To join go to [yourschoollottery.co.uk/play](https://yourschoollottery.co.uk/play) and search for Dean Field Community Primary School.

### How the lottery works

#### £1 per ticket



That's right, unlike many other lotteries, our lottery tickets are only £1 per week.

#### Help us do more

For every ticket you play, 76% goes to our school and prizes.



#### £25,000 grand prize



Match all 6 numbers and you win the JACKPOT!

# Play Today Win A Getaway

Support Our Lottery This Term  
**WIN a Forest Staycation!**

- Help give our fundraising a much needed boost
- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Guaranteed cash prize winner every week
- Jackpot of £25,000!

Play Now! Go to:  
**[YourSchoolLottery.co.uk/play](https://YourSchoolLottery.co.uk/play)**  
and search for: Dean Field Community



Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. See website for T&Cs. Closing dates: 26<sup>th</sup> February 2022

### Accelerated Reader Results

The winner is....



Poland	93.3%
Ireland	90%
Brazil	88.5%
Kenya	80%
Australia	78.5%

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 D
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	95.6%
China	92.1%
Australia	93.8%
Poland	87.2%
Kenya	95.9%
Brazil	94.8%
Ireland	94.5%
Total	93.7%

### This Weeks Attendance

Congratulations to Kenya class who had the highest attendance in the school this week. Well done to Mexico 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	Esmae W	For making lots of progress in reading.
	Sarah M	For persevering in lots of challenges.
CHINA YEAR 1	Melissa M	For working hard to use the 'ed' suffix.
	Penelope C	For your super phonics progress.
AUSTRALIA YEAR 2	Vanessa G	For being super brave in school.
	Nico G	For improving the presentation of your work.
POLAND YEAR 3	Leighton P	For your excellent effort in maths and writing.
	Alex H	For your hard work and determination in maths.
KENYA YEAR 4	Annelese R	For always supporting the children and adults in the classroom.
	Emelia N	For always listening and following instructions.
BRAZIL Y5	Logan B	For demonstrating excellent computing skills in science.
	Evie B	For always being a superstar!
IRELAND Y6	Maisie L	For your perseverance during maths tutoring.
	Jackson B	For superb effort in football.