

Friday 13th May 2022

Dear parents/carers,

I have been so incredibly proud of our year 6 pupils this week. The way they have tackled the SATs with determination and resilience is admirable. Parents of our year 6 cohort should be incredibly proud of their children and the characteristics they have demonstrated this week. These characteristics will stand them in good stead when they transition to secondary school.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Lopuszniak, Miss Webb and Ms Baker for all their hard work including extra sessions after school for most of the year in order to prepare our pupils for these incredibly tough tests.

Our focus now is on preparing our year 6 pupils for their transition to secondary school and giving them the send off they deserve.

Year 2 will be taking their KS1 SATs next week and I am sure you join me in wishing them the very best of luck.

A reminder that we operate an open door policy. Please do not hesitate to contact myself or your child's class teacher or other key members of school such as Miss Stansfield our Pastoral Manager or Miss Clay our SENDCo if you ever need support. We are always here and happy to help.

Mrs F Pether

Staff Training

At Dean Field we subscribe to an online portal called 'The National College'. Here, all staff are able to access a variety of training webinars to support their teaching. The National College hub has an extremely wide selection of training available and our staff have been accessing this at home and in suitable working hours in order to gain further knowledge and skills to support your children in school.

This week Dean Field and Beech Hill staff have met as a Trust to discuss the statements we use to assess children's learning and development. This is so we can work towards making our assessment system, Target Tracker, more bespoke to the curriculum we provide in both schools.

Safeguarding School attendance and absence

Here at Dean Field we pride ourselves in offering children the best possible education on offer. We have a duty of care to ensure children are safeguarded, this includes ensuring children attend well, to achieve well.

You must make sure your child gets a full-time education that meets their needs (for example if they have special educational needs). You can send your child to school or [educate them yourself](#).

You'll be contacted by either:

- the school - if your child is enrolled in school and does not turn up (even if they're only absent for a day)
- the Council's education welfare officer - if they think your child is not getting a suitable education at home

You can be prosecuted if you do not give your child an education. You'll normally get warnings and offers of help from the local Council first. You can [get education and attendance information from your council](#).

When your child can miss school:

You can only allow your child to miss school if either:

- they're too ill to go in (you must inform the school before 9am on the first day of absence)
 - you've got advance permission from the school
- There's [extra support available](#) if your child cannot go to school for long periods because of a health problem. (speak to a medical profession for help/advice)

Holidays in term time:

You have to get permission from the head teacher if you want to take your child out of school during term time.

You can only do this if:

- you make an application to the head teacher 3 weeks in advance (as a parent the child normally lives with)
- there are exceptional circumstances. (speak with the head teacher regarding this)

It's up to the head teacher how many days your child can be away from school if leave is granted. You can be [fined](#) for taking your child on holiday during term time without the school's permission.



Pupil Voice



Hello,

Friday 13th is considered an unlucky day for some but here at Dean Field we are optimistic!

We have a delicious day to inform you of... Grab a fork and a napkin, because Apple Pie day is today. Let's talk about a holiday you can really sink your teeth into!

Apple pie has been around since the Middle Ages. It consists of a pie crust, slices of soft seedless apples, and a few tasty spices—specifically cardamom, ginger, cinnamon, nutmeg, clove, mace, and sugar—all cooked up in a traditional Dutch oven. The English version also suggests adding figs, raisins, and pears to the apple-and-spice mixture.

Enjoy your weekend by having a slice of apple pie.

Thank you for reading.

Maisie T (Librarian) and Lily D (Year 6 prefect)



ONLINE SAFETY FOR UNDER 5s

10 Top Tips for Parents and Carers

According to Ofcom's most recent research, a significant proportion of children are already online by the time they start school, with 17% of 5-year-olds owning their own mobile phone and 50% using messaging platforms. As becoming familiar with technology is generally encouraged in younger children – and has been essential for education during the pandemic – it is crucial that trusted adults recognise both the benefits and the risks of infants and toddlers using digital devices. We've compiled our top tips to help the under-5s start their online safety journey.

1 USE DEVICES TOGETHER

This lets you monitor and control what your child is using the device for. It also provides the interaction that supports children's understanding of what they're seeing – allowing them to ask you questions, and so on.

PARENT CODE:

6 BLOCK IN-APP PURCHASES

If your child uses a device that's linked to a payment method (such as a bank card), use the parental controls to block buys from app stores, as well as in-app purchases. That will prevent your child from accidentally spending money while on your device.

2 ACTIVATE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Most digital devices have built-in parental controls that can limit the type of content children have access to. If your little one uses any device (even borrowing yours), it's a good idea to explore what controls the device has and enable them whenever they have access to it.

7 CHOOSE SAFE APPS AND SITES

There are some fantastic apps and platforms that are specifically designed to be safer for children. Always check the PEGI age rating before downloading an app, and test it yourself before allowing your child to use it.

3 MANAGE SCREEN TIME

This can be tricky, especially if your child is interested in a certain video, app or game. Try to agree on some ground rules and get your child into a routine which includes certain times of the day when they go without devices.

8 INVOLVE THE FAMILY

If your toddler has older siblings, it's likely that their rules for device use will be different – and that they'll access content that isn't appropriate for younger ones (a particular worry if they share devices). Encourage the whole family to be good role models and help little ones stay safe online.

4 TALK ABOUT BEING SAFE ONLINE

Just like we teach children about being safe in the real world, we need to educate them about how to stay safe online. Use age-appropriate language to help them understand, and plenty of hand gestures can reinforce what you're telling them.

9 IF IN DOUBT, ASK

The easiest way to find out what your child is doing online is usually just to talk about it with them. Developing an open dialogue at an early age helps them grow up feeling able to talk to you about their digital life – providing opportunities to intervene if you're concerned.

5 SET A GOOD EXAMPLE

Children often learn by watching and copying those around them, and using digital devices is no exception. When you're around your child, try to follow the same rules that you've set for them. Let them see you balancing your time online with interacting with people in real life, too.

10 SUPPORT CREATIVE & ACTIVE PLAY

Physical and creative activities are important for a child's wellbeing, and there are plenty of ways to incorporate technology into that. For example, you could encourage games that require physical movement; dance and sing along to songs your child loves; and follow step-by-step crafting videos.

Meet Our Expert

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National Smile Month

National Smile Month 2022 is all about shining a light on inequalities within oral health.

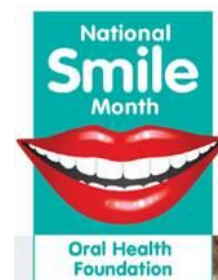
Millions of people every year are affected by oral health problems. Oral diseases can leave you in extreme pain and affect your quality of life. Sadly, oral diseases may also be life-threatening.

Oral health inequalities affect lots of different people and groups within society. Your age, wealth, level of education and where you live can all determine how healthy, or unhealthy, your mouth might be.

Inequalities are often preventable. They are also unfair and unjust.

In the UK, oral health inequalities can lead to a greater risk of:

- Oral diseases such as tooth decay and gum disease.
- Tooth loss and tooth extractions.
- Mouth cancer.
- Dental phobias and anxiety.



From the 16th May - 16th June 2022 the Oral Health Foundation will be raising awareness of important oral health issues with the theme "everyone deserves a healthy smile" as part of National Smile Month 2022. These include a different topic every week see: [Everyone deserves a healthy smile | Oral Health Foundation \(dentalhealth.org\)](https://www.dentalhealth.org/everyone-deserves-a-healthy-smile)

More information on National Smile Month can be found at: [National Smile Month | Home | Oral Health Foundation \(dentalhealth.org\)](https://www.dentalhealth.org/national-smile-month)

Twitter

Don't forget we are now using Twitter as our social media platform to share the amazing things we have going on at Dean Field. It gives us the opportunity to show the world how fantastic we are and to also connect with other educational programmes, establishments and professionals to idea share. We can also 'tweet' relevant celebrities linked to themed days e.g. famous authors in hope that they reply, how exciting!

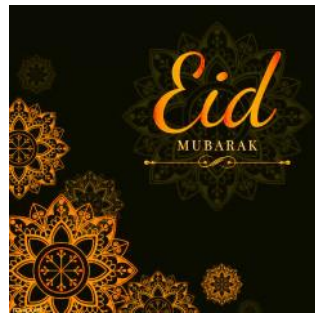
We are still following photo and GDPR permissions using our current records for twitter use, however, if you would like any changes to be made to your child's permissions regarding social media then please contact the school office to inform them.

If you are an established 'tweeter' then please follow us by searching for **@dean_primary** if not, you can still get involved by checking out our most recent tweets at the bottom of our homepage on our school website.



Mexico Class Eid Party

Mexico class had a fantastic morning at their Eid party with their friends at Beech Hill. They had a presentation about Ramadan and Eid. Some children even got to try some traditional headwear on and they looked at the special clothes children wear at Eid. They learned some new vocabulary e.g. "Eid Mubarak" and broadened their knowledge of how their new friends celebrated this special time with their families. Reception children then enjoyed a party together, playing lots of games and plenty of fun dancing. New friends were made with the children at Beech Hill and all children were extremely polite, kind and respectful at all times.



Year 2 Great Fire of London Trip

On Tuesday, Year 2 went on a trip to Shibden Hall to learn about what life was like in 1666 when the Great Fire of London happened. Did you know that they used to brush their teeth with crushed mice bones? They learnt lots of facts like that one and it was clear to the children just how different life was for people who lived in that time period!



Balance Bikes

Antarctica and Mexico class have been very excited to receive a set of new balance bikes, helmets and a storage container from the Healthy Holidays and West Yorkshire Combined Authority initiative, for free! They have enjoyed developing their gross motor skills of balancing and gliding skills this week on the cycle track. The children have also learned how set up the bikes and wear the helmets safely. Dean Field are lucky to be given this wonderful equipment for free and have worked with the children to ensure they understand how to ride and store the bikes carefully so we can enjoy them for years to come.



There have been reports of damage in the Early Years playground by some of the older children. Our school playgrounds and equipment are very important; can all children make sure they treat them with respect and look after them please.





Dean Field Fundraising



*Let's get
fundraising!*

Dean Field are fundraising!

If you would like to help by donating, please see below.

The following item will be on sale this week:

Wednesday 18th May

Choc Ice for 50p!



If you would like to purchase a choc ice, please bring the money to your class teacher on Wednesday morning and they will be delivered to you at break time.

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 and search for Dean Field Community Primary School.

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YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

We understand that times are tough, so we're extremely grateful for your support

YOUR SUPPORT COUNTS

We're facing financial challenges too
If you can, please help our fundraising

Please support our lottery

Just £1 a week

WIN up to £25k

To support your school, go to:
yourschoollottery.co.uk/play
and search for: **Dean Field Community**

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older



Dean Field are taking part in the Big Battery Hunt for the month of May for a chance to compete against other schools, recycle and look after our planet and to hopefully win some fantastic prizes!

To join in the fun please help your child to collect as many used AA, AAA, C and D batteries and bring them into school to deposit and recycle into their class boxes. Once collected the total will be submitted online to compete against other schools across the UK. **The deadline for batteries to be sent into your child's class is Tuesday 31st May 2022.**

Top prizes include £4000 towards outdoor play equipment for school! The leader board and further information can be found online at:

<https://www.bigbatteryhunt.co.uk/bbh-community/>



DIARY DATES

DATE	EVENT
W/C Monday 16th May	Year 2 SATS Week
Tuesday 17th May	'Grandad Wheels' Author School Visit
Thursday 19th May	Scholastic Book Fair in USA class (Upper School)
W/C Monday 23rd May	Parent Week—timetable sent out
Monday 23rd May: 8:45-9am	Year 1 (Year 2 retake) Phonics Screening Check for June Presentation
Monday 23rd May: 3-3:30pm	Scholastic Book Fair in USA class (Lower School)
Tuesday 24th May: 3-3:30pm	Scholastic Book Fair in USA class (EYFS)

REMINDER: School opens after the next half term holiday on Tuesday 7th June. Monday 6th June is the additional day we get for the Queen's Jubilee as the day given falls in the school holidays.



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Accelerated Reader Results

The winner is.....



Poland	87.3%
Brazil	85%
Kenya	75.6%
Australia	85%

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	Seb L
Poland	Jacob B
Kenya	Noah M
Brazil	Jacob S
Ireland	Salah-Uddin S

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



Group	% Attendance
Mexico	94.3%
China	91.3%
Australia	95.3%
Poland	90.5%
Kenya	89%
Brazil	91.4%
Ireland	95.9%
Total	92.6%

This Weeks Attendance

Congratulations to Ireland class who had the highest attendance in the school this week. Well done to Australia 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
Loraine Stansfield, Pastoral Manager

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

MEXICO RECEPTION	Tommy D	For trying hard to remember all sounds in phonics.
	Noah G	For being engaged in our dinosaur topic and using interesting vocab.
CHINA YEAR 1	Leila S	For trying your absolute best when reading alien words.
	Rogan M	For trying your best in every subject, everyday. Superstar!
AUSTRALIA YEAR 2	Seb L	For your impressive knowledge and enthusiasm of history.
	Annaleise C	For your <i>Great Fire of London</i> diary entry.
POLAND YEAR 3	Lucas W	For always being kind and polite to others.
	Sofie A	For being a great historian in our topic lesson this week.
KENYA YEAR 4	Poppy B	For ALWAYS supporting your class friends and adults.
	Sofie H	For having a fantastic attitude to learning.
BRAZIL Y5	Mason D	For supporting your peers in maths.
	Abigail J	For being an excellent role model all week.
IRELAND Y6	All of Year 6	For having an outstanding SATs week!