

**Friday 11th November 2022**

## Goodbye Mrs Gomes

This week Mrs Gomes is leaving our classrooms; she has been an amazing member of staff and a wonderful TA to lots of our children, providing Dean Field with 25 years of service! Luckily Mrs Gomes will still be around for breakfast and after school club, which the children were excited to hear in assembly this week when we said our goodbyes. I'm sure you will agree she will be missed by all of us and we wish her good luck for the future!



Mrs Gomes left lots of yummy treats in our staffroom this week as a thank you and as a goodbye and she also wanted a special message passing onto all the Dean Field pupils and families, past and present:



*"A huge thank you to the parents, children and staff both past and present for making the last 25 years so enjoyable. I wish you all the best for the future."*



## Congratulations Ms Stevenson!

A huge congratulations to our newest member of Dean Field's teaching team—Ms Stevenson! This week Ms Stevenson attended her graduation ceremony at Huddersfield University following the successful completion of her teaching degree before the summer holidays.

What an achievement and celebration!

## Parents' Evening

It has been wonderful to have our parents and carers back into school for November's parents' evening. There was such a positive buzz around school all afternoon and into the evening and many positive comments heard from pupils, staff and families about how well children have settled into this academic year, making a great start!

A big thank you to our Y6 school prefects who kept staff within time!



## Dean Field Community Primary School Christmas Calendar Dates



| Event  | Date   |
|--|--|
| Christmas Faye                               | Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> December  |
| Christmas Hot Dog Day                        | Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December  |
| <b>Y1-Y6</b> End of Term Behaviour Treat     | Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Robin Hood Christmas Panto   |
| <b>EYFS</b> End of Term Behaviour Treat      | Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December (afternoon) - Boogie Babes   |
| Singing Around the Tree<br>(parents invited) | <b>Lower School</b> – Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 9am<br><b>Upper School</b> – Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2.15pm |
| Reindeer Run and Christmas Jumper Day        | Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December  |
| Christmas Dinner Day                         | Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December  |
| <b>EYFS</b> Nativity<br>(parents invited)    | Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2-2:45pm  |
| Christmas Class Parties                      | Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December –<br><b>non uniform party clothes</b>   |
| Break up for half-term                       | Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> at 1.10pm.<br><b>No Friday clubs or Dean Field Den on this day</b>                                   |

**Christmas raffle tickets will go on sale from Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November.**

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

**Thank you.**

# Safeguarding

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about HOW TO COMBAT ONLINE BULLYING



Defined as "ongoing hurtful behaviour towards someone online", cyber-bullying makes its victims feel upset, uncomfortable and unsafe. In the digital world, it has numerous forms – such as hurtful comments on a person's posts or profile; deliberately leaving them out of group chats; sharing embarrassing images or videos of someone; or spreading gossip about them. Cyber-bullying can severely impact a young person's mental health – so, in support of Anti-Bullying Week, we've provided a list of tips to help trusted adults know what to look for and how to respond to it.

### 1. GET CONNECTED

Playing online games together with your child or connecting with them on social media (providing they're old enough) is not only fun but also an excellent way of establishing some common ground to discuss things you've both seen or done online – as well as keeping an eye on who your child is communicating with in the digital world.

### 2. KEEP TALKING

Regular chats with young people about their online lives are good practice in general, but they can also be an excellent refresher to help prevent cyber-bullying situations. Topics you might want to revisit include why it's important to only connect online with people we know and trust, and why passwords should always remain secret (even from our best friends).

### 3. STAY VIGILANT

Observe your child while they're using technology and just after they've used it. Are they acting normally, or out of character? Possible signs of a problem may include seeming quiet or withdrawn, jumpy or anxious, angry or repeatedly checking their phone. When you feel it's the right time, you may want to check in with them to see if everything is OK.

### 4. MAKE YOURSELF AVAILABLE

If an online bullying incident does occur, it may take a while before your child is ready to open up about what happened. Just gently remind them that they can always come to you with any problems – and that they won't be in trouble. You might also suggest a trusted family member they could turn to, in case they feel too embarrassed to tell you directly.

### 5. BE PREPARED TO LISTEN

When conversations about online bullying do take place, they're likely to be difficult, emotional and upsetting for both you and your child. Actively listen to your child while they're bringing you up to speed, and try not to show any judgement or criticism – even if they haven't dealt with the situation in exactly the way you would have hoped.

### FURTHER SUPPORT AND ADVICE

If you or your child need additional help with an online bullying issue, here are some specialist organisations that you could reach out to.

**Childline:** talk to a trained counsellor on 0800 1111 or online at [www.childline.org.uk/get-support/](http://www.childline.org.uk/get-support/)

**National Bullying Helpline:** counsellors are available on 0845 225 5787 or by visiting [www.nationalbullyinghelpline.co.uk/cyberbullying.html](http://www.nationalbullyinghelpline.co.uk/cyberbullying.html)

**The NSPCC:** the children's charity has a guide to the signs of bullying at [www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/bullying-and-cyberbullying/](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/bullying-and-cyberbullying/) and can be reached on 0800 800 5000

### 6. EMPOWER YOUR CHILD

Depending on their age, your child might not want a parent 'fighting their battles for them'. In that case, talk through their options with them (blocking the perpetrator; deleting the app and so on). By allowing your child to choose the path they take, you're putting them in control but are also demonstrating that you're there to support them along the way.

### 7. REPORT BULLIES ONLINE

Cyber-bullying often takes place through a particular app, social media platform or online game. If this is happening to your child, encourage them to report the offender to the app or game in question – ideally with screenshots to support their complaint. Most games and apps have reporting tools specifically to stamp out abusive behaviour and protect users.

### 8. ENCOURAGE EMPATHY

Protecting themselves online is the priority, of course, but young people should also feel empowered to help if they witness other people falling victim to cyberbullying. Even if they don't feel confident enough to call someone out on their abusive behaviour online, they can still confidentially report that person to the app or game where the bullying occurred.

### 9. SEEK EXPERT ADVICE

Victims of online bullying frequently experience feelings of isolation and anxiety, a loss of self-esteem and potentially even thoughts of self-harm or suicide. If you think that an incident of cyber-bullying has affected your child's mental wellbeing, then seek psychological support for them. There are some useful contact details in the central panel below.

### 10. INVOLVE THE AUTHORITIES

If the nature of any online bullying makes you suspect that your child is genuinely in imminent physical danger – or if there are any signs whatsoever of explicit images being shared as part of the bullying – then you should gather any relevant screenshots as evidence and report the incidents to your local police force.

### Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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## 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](http://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](http://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.

## Year 2 Nell Bank Residential

On Thursday last week some of the children in year 2 were very excited to be going on our annual Family of Learning Trust residential. The residential was at Nell Bank in Ilkley and the children had a fantastic time. They got to meet and make friends with some of the children from Beech Hill as well as doing lots of activities like minibeast hunting, playing on the adventure playground and going on a moonlight walk. The children were very brave and well behaved at bedtime and had a super time sleeping away from home with their friends.

The children that stayed at school were also fantastically behaved for the Year 2 teaching assistants and they took part in fun activities relating to our new class story, which included going outside to forage for materials and making a nest for the owl babies. Well done Year 2!



## Year 4 Bikeability

On Tuesday, Kenya class took part in their Level 1 Bikeability course. They learnt how to safety check their bike before riding and how to set off safely. They also learnt how to use the brakes and how to direct themselves when riding. All children had a fantastic day and they received a certificate for participating.



## Nursery Ogden Trip

Nursery have enjoyed an autumnal walk at Ogden Reservoir this week. They were all very well behaved. We enjoyed collecting sticks, leaves and pinecones to use for crafts in class. We even fed the ducks!



Halifax Society for the Blind will be hosting a Christmas Fair on **Saturday November 26<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 12.30pm** at the Maurice Jagger Centre, Halifax.

There will be stalls including a cake stall, tombola, raffle and a stall selling products from our Sight Centre.

Alongside this they are pleased to be joined by Black Cat Hampers, Knot Paper Scissors, Sulky Fox and YveJaye Crafts who will all be selling their lovely handmade Christmas gifts.

Refreshments will be available, so pop along and join them!



### Remembrance Day Poppies

Poppies, rulers, zip reflectors, wristbands, etc. are now on sale at the school office for Remembrance Day. Please give a donation of 20p or more to your class teaching assistant who will then purchase the item from the office with your child.

Items will be sold on a first come first basis as we only have a small amount.

Thank you.





On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November, we are raising awareness for anti-bullying week by taking part in Odd Sock Day! Join us by coming to school in odd socks and we will celebrate how we are all unique individuals!

## Non-Uniform Day and Chocolate Tombola 2022

**Thursday 17th November**

Our annual chocolate tombola/non-uniform day is back on Thursday 17th November in preparation for our Christmas Fayre.

Please bring any chocolate item for our chocolate tombola and in return come to school in non-uniform for the day!

Any brand or size of chocolate is much appreciated but please do not send in products which contain nuts.



Due to the upcoming cost of living crisis and taking on board parent feedback from last year, we have decided **not to raise money or dress up for Children in Need 2022** which falls on Friday 18th November. Your child/ren will still learn about the importance of Children in Need in class and assembly.



# Hope Tots

Every Wednesday  
9:45 - 11:15  
@ the Hope Centre  
- 89 Turner Av. South  
(free - donations welcome)

find out more at [hopehalifax.org/toddlers](http://hopehalifax.org/toddlers)

## WIN A PS5 BUNDLE



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

### PLAY NOW:

Scan the QR code or visit:

[www.yourschoollottery.co.uk](http://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.

We're taking part in

The Overgate

# Reindeer Run

Date:

& Christmas Jumper Day at Dean Field on Wednesday 14th December

Help us support Overgate Hospice as they care for local families this festive season

Kindly sponsored by

**Study Write tuition**  
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Registered Charity Number 511619

Overgate HOSPICE

[www.overgatehospice.org.uk](http://www.overgatehospice.org.uk)

## DIARY DATES

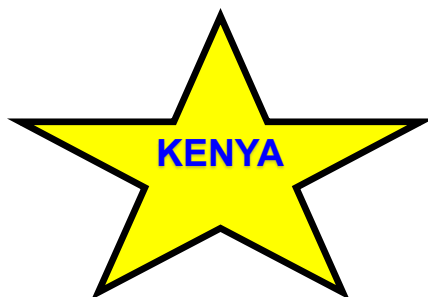
| DATE                    | EVENT                           |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Monday 14th November    | Odd sock day—anti-bullying week |
| Wednesday 16th November | Year 6 Cinema Trip              |
| Thursday 17th November  | Non-uniform Chocolate Tombola   |
| Friday 18th November    | Year 5 Cinema Trip              |
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**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.



## Accelerated Reader – Reading Achievements this Year



|           |       |
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| Poland    | 82.9% |
| Brazil    | 80.1% |
| Kenya     | 91.8% |
| Australia | 83.3% |
| Ireland   | 85.6% |

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    | 89%          |
| China     | 88.7%        |
| Australia | 84.5%        |
| Poland    | 96.7%        |
| Kenya     | 93.3%        |
| Brazil    | 94%          |
| Ireland   | 98.3%        |
| Total     | 92%          |

Congratulations to Ireland class who had the highest attendance in the school this week. Well done to Poland 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