

Friday 14th October 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy but great half-term we have had here at Dean Field. It has flown by and we have really enjoyed seeing the children engage with their learning and settle back into school routines after the summer break.

We are looking forward to our upcoming Parents' Evening on Wednesday 9th November—we hope to see you there!

We were visited this week by one of our external school effectiveness partners, who is also an Ofsted inspector. He carried out some monitoring of maths with Miss Lopuszniaik our Maths Lead and looked at how we assess our foundation subjects like geography and history with Miss Fudge our Curriculum Lead.

He was extremely complimentary of the children's conduct and behaviour for learning and he gave us a few things to think about in relation to how we teach multiplication, which we will work on improving before he returns next year.

Have a fun, safe and restful break! We look forward to seeing you in November.

Mrs F. Pether



Staff Training

This week Mrs Pether and Miss Hussain led a staff training session on writing. Writing is the main area of the curriculum that we are focusing on improving this year.

You will know that we use Spelling Shed in school to teach and practice spellings. Miss Hussain has created a set of spelling non-negotiables that all teachers are to follow. We are hoping to see an improvement in the spelling and handwriting of children over the coming months.

If you are using Spelling Shed at home please share with your child's class teacher for extra house points!



Safeguarding

What are parental controls?

Parental controls help you to block or filter upsetting or inappropriate content, and control purchases within apps. You can install parental control software on your child's and family phone, tablets, games consoles, laptops and your home Internet.

Parental controls can help you to:

- Plan what time of the day your child can go online and how long for
- Create content filters to block apps that may have **inappropriate content**
- Manage the content different family members can see

Visit the NSPCC website to access information below.

Setting up parental controls on:

- Mobiles, tablets and computers
- Your home internet
- Games consoles
- Film, music and TV subscriptions
- Search engines
- Social media, apps and games
- WiFi and being away from home

NSPCC



Do you know someone who is thinking of applying to Dean Field School for their child to start Reception in September 2023?

If so, please encourage them to come along to our open evening. We will be able to include all the below and also offer a **FREE** stay and play taster session in our Nursery.



Dean Field Primary School

Cousin Lane Halifax HX2 8DQ



Reception Open Evening

Thursday 3rd November

4-5pm

We are hosting an Open Evening on Thursday 3rd November 4-5pm.

- ♦ Open to all family members and children to look around.
- ♦ Opportunity to meet teachers and staff who will start your children on their school journey.
- ♦ Tour around our wonderful school including Reception Class and playground.
 - ♦ Play in the Reception classroom.
- ♦ Ask any questions you may have with our helpful staff whilst enjoying a drink and a biscuit!

To book a visit please contact the school office on 01422 258258.



School PFA

We are holding the next PFA coffee morning at **9am on Thursday 3rd November** at the school house for parents/carers who wish to help.



Bake Off Competition

Well done to all pupils and families for taking part

Our Bake-Off winner is:



Lacey

Well done to our runner ups for taking part



Poppy



Sofie



Olivia



Lily



Year 5 Yorkshire Water Treatment Works

On Tuesday, Year 5 visited Yorkshire Water Treatment Works in Headingley, Leeds as part of their 'Water World' topic. They learnt all about how Yorkshire Water treat the water in Yorkshire to make it safe to drink. They also got to see all this in action on the site which was fascinating! They were very impressed by the amount of water that was treated at Headingley on a daily basis!



Year 2 Excellence and Enjoyment Day

On Thursday, Year 2 had a fun themed afternoon around the United Kingdom. They ate Scotch pancakes, drank Irn Bru and played some highland games from Scotland. They made split pin daffodils from Wales, looked at and tried some Irish dancing from Northern Ireland and made a Union Jack flag to represent the whole of the UK. It was a really fun afternoon!



Design and Technology Parent Workshop 2022

This week Miss Lopuszniak and Miss Jagger gave an insight into our design and technology learning at Dean Field. Family Learning then led a creative session making habitats with links to DT and Science. It was a brilliant and lovely turnout with smiles all round! It was so lovely to have familiar and new faces around school joining in with our pupils. We look forward to celebrating again next year!



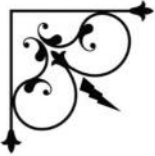
Free school uniforms at Morrisons supermarket in Illingworth

Morrisons supermarket in Illingworth has teamed up with the YMCA Free uniform service, and have set up a free uniform rail in their store to help out struggling families in need of school uniform.

The uniform rail can be found against the wall after exiting the self service tills, besides the book exchange shelf. You don't need to go through the shop floor, simply walk towards the café area.

The uniforms offered there are FREE, just help yourself.





Calling All Wizards

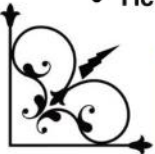
SUPPORT OUR LOTTERY AND YOU COULD WIN:




**Harry Potter
& The Cursed Child
Family Theatre Voucher**

**Harry Potter
Warner Brothers Studio
Family Tour Ticket**

- Please help boost our school fundraising
- Cash prize every week
- Win up to £25,000!
- Tickets cost just £1 a week



To play the lottery, go to:
www.yourschoollottery.co.uk
and search for: Dean Field Community



Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. Offer ends 29th Oct 2022. Terms and conditions apply (see website)



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



Halloween Discos



Wednesday 2nd November

**Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
disco 3-4pm**

**Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6
disco 4:15-5:15pm**

**School will provide
pop/crisps/
cupcakes**



**Rec-Year 2 can bring
with them a change of
clothes for the disco, in
a named bag**

**Tickets will be £2.50 - cash
only; please send via class in
a named sealed envelope**

DIARY DATES

DATE	EVENT
Monday 31st October	School reopens
Wednesday 2nd November	Flu immunisations
Wednesday 2nd November	Halloween Party R-Y2 3-4pm
Wednesday 2nd November	Halloween Party Y3-Y6 4:15-5:15pm
Thursday 3rd November	School PFA Coffee Morning 9am
Thursday 3rd November	EYFS Open Evening 4-5pm
Thursday 3rd—Friday 4th November	Year 2 Nell Bank Trip

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.



No act of kindness, no matter
how small, is ever wasted.



Accelerated Reader – Reading Achievements this Year



Poland	83.2%
Brazil	81%
Kenya	77.8%
Australia	79.5%
Ireland	82.2%

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	92.8%
China	90%
Australia	94.5%
Poland	94%
Kenya	98.6%
Brazil	97.7%
Ireland	91%
Total	93.9%

Congratulations to Kenya class who had the highest attendance in the school this week. Well done to Brazil 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

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Mexico Reception	Lucas W	For settling into Mexico class so well.
	Poppy D	For using a big story telling voice for your homework.
China Year 1	Alexander Z	For a big improvement in your listening and attention on the carpet.
	Kairi I-S	For your fantastic art work this week.
Australia Year 2	Hannah R	For participation in all lessons and producing great work!
	Leo B	For being a superstar for all adults in school.
Poland Year 3	Libby S	For your hard work and determination in maths this week.
	Nico G	For a great improvement in your behaviour.
Kenya Year 4	Jacob B	For being a fantastic mathematician.
	Sofie A	For being an ALWAYS child.
Brazil Year 5	Jacob D	For a huge improvement in your handwriting.
	Georgie A	For being a role model pupil.
Ireland Year 6	Malaki C	For improving your behaviour and having a superb week.
	Mia N	For a superb combat report in topic.