

Friday 30th September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been an emotional week this week, full of goodbyes and celebrations!

Congratulations

Last Saturday, Miss Dinsmore and Miss Goodison celebrated the completion of their Early Years Foundation Degree at their graduation ceremony, a HUGE congratulations to them. They have worked extremely hard on their course as well as continuing their work at Dean Field.



Goodbye Miss Suter

This week Miss Suter is leaving our school; she has been an amazing member of staff, a phonics whizz and a fabulous TA to lots of our children, whilst also running Breakfast and After School Club. I'm sure you will agree she will be missed by all of us and we wish her good luck for the future!



Safeguarding

Keeping children and young people safe online:

Many young people now use tablets, smart phones and games consoles - each with the capability to go online.

The internet and all it can offer, is a wonderful tool for keeping in touch with friends and family, however parents and carers need to be aware that it is possible for people who are unknown to children and young people to communicate with them via the internet.

Some parents, carers or relatives might not realise that even games consoles such as Xbox and PlayStation are connected to the internet and can be used for communicating as well as playing games.

While using these gadgets is second nature for many children and young people, they can seem quite daunting for parents or carers who may not be as technologically savvy.

The guides below provide simple step-by-step instructions on how to set the privacy settings on the most popular applications and games consoles used by children and young people.

If you have bought a child or young person a new gadget eg; mobile phone, games console or tablet (such as iPad) you can follow these instructions and enable these settings before you give your gift and therefore help protect your child or young person online.

There are separate instructions for each of the most popular applications and consoles.

[Ask FM \(PDF\)](#) [Ask FM \(Word\)](#)
[Facebook \(PDF\)](#) [Facebook \(Word\)](#)
[Google Privacy Guide \(PDF\)](#)
[Playstation \(PDF\)](#) [Playstation \(Word\)](#)

[PS4 \(PDF\)](#)
[PS Vita Pre 2013 \(PDF\)](#)
[PS Vita 2013+ \(PDF\)](#)
[Snapchat \(PDF\)](#) [Snapchat \(Word\)](#)
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[Xbox One \(PDF\)](#)
[YouTube Privacy Guide \(PDF\)](#)



Meet our new school councillors!



Year 3 Trip to Piece Hall

Year 3 had a fantastic visit to the Piece Hall on Wednesday! We loved learning about how the trader's rooms were originally used and looking at the old maps and comparing them to Halifax today. We even made some great maps of our own to show the different businesses there today!



Year 4 Master Chef

This week, year 4 made 'Ugali and kachumbari' which is a Kenyan dish. We prepared and cooked the Kenyan dish. We even got to try the food when it was all cooked.



Year 3 Master Chef

Poland class made pierogis last Friday. Pierogis is a traditional Polish dish that can be made with lots of different fillings. Ours were filled with delicious mashed potato and cheese. We used our year 3 DT skills to peel, chop, roll and boil to help us make them.



Year 2 Local Area Walk

On Thursday Australia class went on a walk of the local area. We identified lots of human and physical features of Geography, and learnt that we live in a built up area with mainly human features. We also talked about materials on our walk as this is our Science topic. We discussed what things were made out of and answered questions like why could the metal sign post not be made out of cardboard and why the church windows are made out of glass. We even talked about evergreen and deciduous trees!



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Harvest Festival 2022



At Dean Field, we are celebrating **Harvest Festival** by collecting non-perishable food items for the local charity SmartMove Calderdale. If you would like to donate, please send your donations into school on or before **Friday 7th October**.



Visit <https://www.calderdalesmartmove.org.uk/> for more information about the charity and all the amazing work they do.



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**

Halloween Skating Party

YMCA Spooktacular Halloween themed skating party is back.
Fancy dress optional, but prizes awarded for best costume.
Skate hire included, although own skates can be worn. Price includes a slice of Pizza or hot dog, a spooky bun and a drink.

Please note this is a ticket only event with no entry on the day without a ticket.

Follow the link to book: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/halifaxymca>

A Halloween-themed poster for a roller skating party. The top half features a dark orange background with silhouettes of bare trees and a large, bright yellow full moon. In the center, three black silhouettes of a witch, a child, and a cat are walking towards the right, each carrying a small black bag. The text 'Halifax and District YMCA' is at the top, followed by the venue address. The bottom half has a dark blue background with the event title in large, dripping letters. Dates and times are listed below, along with ticket information and a QR code.

Halifax and District
YMCA
The Marlborough Hall
13 Crossley Street
Halifax. HX1 1UG

**ROLLER SKATE
HALLOWEEN
PARTY**

FRI 28TH OCT, SAT 29TH OCT, SUN 30TH OCT

£7 ENTRY | TICKET ONLY EVENT
PRICE INCLUDES PIZZA OR HOTDOG
SPOOKY BUN AND A DRINK | **6PM-8PM**

BOOK ONLINE
WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/HALIFAXYMCA
OR AT THE YMCA OFFICE, SEE
WWW.HALIFAXYMCA.ORG.UK
FOR OPENING TIMES.

Costume competition
For best fancy dress





Dean Field's Great British Bake Off Home Competition

It is time to put down your pencils, put on your aprons
and bake!

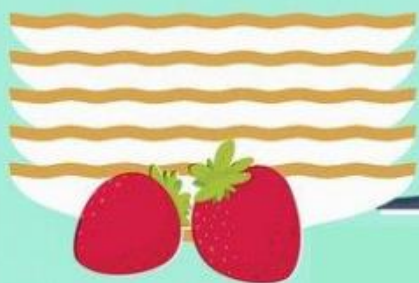
You can decide any food dish to make but we would love
to see the process on Seesaw. From choosing the
ingredients, following the instructions, prepping, baking
and of course eating. Yum!

However, when you have taken lots of photos and shared
them on seesaw, the real judges (school councillors) will
look on Seesaw to inspect the decoration and the
process. There will be a prize for the winner in each
class.

Closing date: Monday 10th October 2022

Let the baking commence!

Remember to post on Seesaw



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.



Weekly activities at the OSCA Foundation Community Sports Hub

The OSCA foundation at Forest Cottage in Ovenden has a choice of fitness and exercise activities to suit all ages and abilities.

Other activities taking place at the OSCA include:

- Car boot sales every two weeks on a Sunday morning
- Live music events, usually every other weekend
- Rugby fixtures for the Halifax Panthers Women - Sunday afternoon
- Old tyme and modern sequence dancing – Tues, Thurs 2 – 4pm
- Tae Kwon Do – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday – 6.30 – 8pm – All ages
- Over 50s Walking Football – Tuesday – 10.30am – 1pm
- Keep fit, Indoor – Thursday 9.45 – 10.45am and 11.00am – 12.00pm—All ages
- Rug Ratz, Nippers Rugby Training – Saturday & Sunday – 9 – 10.30am
- Various junior outdoor soccer teams for both boys and girls, from 5 years to 16 years.

You need to book into each activity separately with the instructor. You can do so by visiting the centre at the activity time and introducing yourself.

For more information on any of the above, ring Steve on 07727860731.



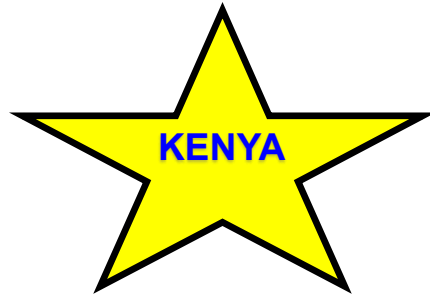
DIARY DATES

DATE	EVENT
Tuesday 4th October	Grandparents Day 2-3pm (invite only)
Monday 10th October	Bake Off Competition Deadline
Monday 10th October	Harvest Performance Assembly Rec-Y6 (showcased via Seesaw)
Tuesday 11th October	DT Workshop 1:15-2:45pm (invite only)
Thursday 13th October	Year 2 UK themed Excellence and Enjoyment Day

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.



Accelerated Reader – Reading Achievements this Year



Poland	82.9%
Brazil	86.2%
Kenya	92.1%
Australia	78.8%
Ireland	74.4%

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!

This Weeks Attendance

Group	% Attendance
Mexico	93.9%
China	94%
Australia	96.9%
Poland	95.9%
Kenya	96.2%
Brazil	91.7%
Ireland	93.8%
Total	94.5%

Congratulations to Australia 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%. 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

China Year 1	Annabelle H	For excellent English work this week.
	Eleanor H	For a fantastic attitude towards reading.
Australia Year 2	Elliot R	For a positive attitude towards school.
	Emma L	For becoming much quicker at writing.
Poland Year 3	Harper C	For your amazing effort in writing this week.
	CJ C	For a fantastic improvement in your behaviour.
Kenya Year 4	Theo G	For an amazing first two weeks.
	Lewis S	For having a positive attitude to learning.
Brazil Year 5	Kylan T	For drawing an excellent diagram of a river.
	Lottie P	For always being kind and considerate towards others.
Ireland Year 6	Riley D	For your determination with reading on Reading Plus.
	Cade S	For working as a geographer to label countries in Europe.