

Dear parents/carers,

It was lovely to see so many parents in school on Thursday attending the CAHMS workshop on Dealing with Difficult Behaviours at home. A reminder that we have another workshop next week on Tuesday at 9.15am on Social Media and Wellbeing. If you would like to book on this, please contact the school office.

Christmas is on its way!

We have made the decision to push back the festivities until the last two weeks of term. This is because we are breaking up later than usual and we are being mindful to pupils who may find the run up to Christmas overwhelming. Our Christmas trees will go up on Friday 8th this year so we can start to feel festive from then until the 22nd. All of our Christmas event dates are in the newsletter and letters should have come out to you about Singing Around the Christmas Tree and the EYFS Christmas performance, which parents are invited to.

Please be mindful that this is a busy time of year for schools. Your kindness and patience is very much appreciated.

Have you put your Christmas tree up yet? If you have then we would love to see photos of it. Why not get your child to take some photos and add to their Seesaw page?

Please make a note of any important dates coming up over the next two weeks and we hope to see you all at our Christmas Fayre on Monday.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Fiona Pether



Staff Training

This week all teachers have had training on Purple Mash, which is our main platform for teaching computing here at Dean Field. Please ask your child what they have learnt in computing and look on Seesaw for examples of their work –it's really quite technical stuff that they are doing!

SAFEGUARDING

Warning for parents buying Christmas gifts for their children online:

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) has issued advice about how to ensure the products **parents** buy on the internet are safe to use – especially if you're buying for children.

From checking the validity of a seller to making sure button batteries are securely locked away, the advice will help mums and dads avoid potentially-dangerous items. Ashley Martin, RoSPA's public health adviser, said: "When we're shopping on the high street we can be reassured that, when buying from major and reputable retailers, the gifts we buy will all adhere to safety standards.

"Shopping online can be a minefield, and it's vital that we know the products we're buying are safe to use, as some items, including toys, can cause serious or even potentially-fatal injuries.

These are RoSPA's tips for shopping safely online:

- Check the validity and reputation of the seller and manufacturer. Look for a name and address, and if you can't see one, don't buy from them. Also, check reviews about the items you're buying and about the seller you're buying from.
- Check any products you're buying carry the CE mark or Lion mark.
- Make sure the toy is suitable for the child – check the age range. Some toys will contain small parts that can be swallowed, or sharp or pointy edges, so these aren't suitable for smaller children.
- If the toy you're buying contains button batteries, ensure it has a lockable battery compartment. This is a requirement of toy safety regulations, as these batteries cause serious injuries, and even death, if swallowed.
- Take care with products that contain small magnets as these have caused serious injury to young children when swallowed.
- Remember, Christmas novelties (such as decorative Santas, snow globes and other decorations) are not toys, and so do not adhere to the same standards. They could be dangerous for children to play with.
- Take nothing for granted! When you receive the items, check them thoroughly before gifting them.

Smartest Class of the Week

This week Year 3, Poland Class are smartest class of the week!



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 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 seen with the situation in exactly the way you would have hoped.
- 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.

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/

National Bullying Helpline: counsellors are available on 0845 225 5767 or by visiting 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/ and can be reached on 0808 800 5000

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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Forms

Going forward we will be using the Forms system on Teachers2Parents for our letters and events. If you are unsure how to access the system or consent to any trips, etc. then please come to the school office; we will be happy to show you.



Charity Food Bin

School have partnered up with Happy Days Charity to help the homeless in our community. If you would like to donate food items, toiletries, washing tablets, etc. please see the bin below with details of what is needed each week.

We will put the bin outside each morning by the ramp at the school entrance, or you can bring items into the office at any time during the school day.

Dean Field is proud to help the community in any way possible and show our children the value of kindness and giving to others.



Stars in our School

Last Friday, we held our annual Stars in our School celebration! We held a special ceremony for all the staff in the school who are not teachers to celebrate the hard work they do on a daily basis. The children thanked them for everything they do to make Dean Field the amazing school it is. To show their appreciation, the children put together some personalised certificates for all the staff. Our Dean Field Stars were also invited to a special afternoon tea to celebrate the occasion!



Year 2 Gymnastics

Year 2 had an amazing time on their trip to Matt's Gym this week. We all tried new things, like running and jumping into a foam pit and lots of us even swung from the ceiling across hoops! All the teachers were so impressed with how everyone got stuck in and gave it all a go. At the end of our sessions, nobody wanted to leave! Thank you to Nat for running such a fun workshop! We hope to come again soon.



Snow Day at Dean Field



EYFS Donations

Over the next half term EYFS staff will be working really hard enhancing the outdoor provision to make it even more exciting and engaging for our children.

Any donations of toys that can be used outdoors would be greatly appreciated. If anyone is getting rid of any large plastic boxes with lids on we would also be grateful of these to sort the toys in and to keep them clean and safe.

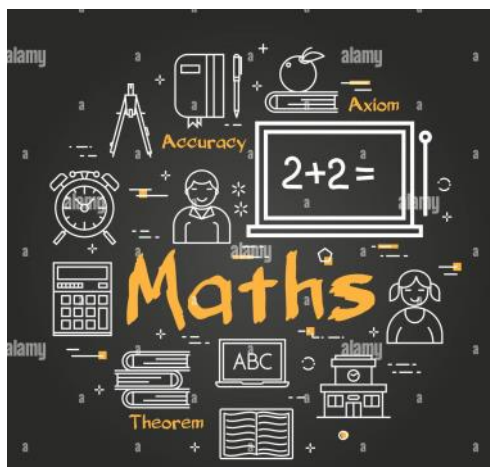
Ideas of things that we are looking for: plastic animal figures, dolls/prams, plastic dolls house, plastic car garage, any construction toys. If you have any items to donate please give them to a member of staff at the door.

Many thanks the EYFS team.



Parent Presentations

Stay tuned to Seesaw as over the next few weeks our fantastic subject leaders will be releasing parent presentations for different subjects to help you understand how different subjects are taught across the school. Next week will be maths and the following weeks will be reading, writing, science, geography and history.





Christmas Events



Event	Date
Christmas Fayre	Monday 4 th December
EY Christmas Nativity (Parents invited)	Wednesday 13 th December
Reindeer Run	Thursday 14 th December
Christmas Dinner Day	Thursday 14 th December
Christmas Jumper Day	Thursday 14 th December
Singing around the Christmas tree – Lower School (Parents invited)	Tuesday 19 th December 9am
Singing around the Christmas tree – Upper School (Parents invited)	Tuesday 19 th December 2:15pm
Santa Visit	Thursday 21 st December
Christmas Party – non-uniform	Friday 22 nd December
School closes for Christmas	Friday 22nd December 1.10pm No after school clubs or Dean Field Den



Christmas Fayre

We need your help with donations.

Whether you have a business and you could donate a raffle prize or having a declutter at home, we would appreciate you thinking of us!

Any donations please bring to the main office at Deanfield Primary School

Dean Field
Community Primary School

Reminder: Raffle letters have gone out and we are now selling tickets £1 per strip.

NO BOOKS PLEASE



THRIFTMAS

COMMUNITY EVENT

CRAFTS - FOOD - GOODIES - FUN - SANTA'S GROTTO

ENTRY & ALL ACTIVITIES FREE

SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER
1.00 TO 4.00PM

Forest Cottage

Cousin Lane, Halifax, HX2 8AD



North Halifax
Partnership
A better future for all generations

 Staying Well

ACTIVE
CALDERDALE


St George's
Community Trust


Healthy
Minds
Calderdale Halifex

Sure Start
Children's Centres
North Halifax Partnership



The Rotary Club of Halifax
invites you to enjoy an evening of



Comfort & Joy

in support of Healthy Minds,
SmartMove & Happy Days

A FAMILY CHRISTMAS CONCERT OF MUSIC AND CAROLS

★ Compèred by Ian White, ITV Presenter ★

Saturday 9th December | 6.30pm
at Halifax Minster

Tickets £5 under 16 years FREE
Available on the door and online

www.halifaxminster.org.uk/events



JOIN THE FUN THIS WINTER AND ENJOY A HEALTHY HOLIDAY!

HEALTHY HOLIDAYS CALDERDALE WINTER PROGRAMME

2nd January – 5th January 2024

This Winter, during the school holidays in January 2024, children and young people across Calderdale aged 5-16 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals are getting the chance to access free holiday club places through our Healthy Holidays Calderdale programme.

The scheme provides enriching activities, delicious nutritious meals, and a chance for young people to meet new friends in a safe and fun environment during the school holidays.

You can book your free place at a holiday club taking place near you this January by visiting: **www.calderdale.gov.uk/healthyholidays**

Please book your place directly through the provider. There may also be sessions available for fee-paying children who are not eligible for free school meals.

For more information on the programme and support in booking a place on the winter programme please contact:

Email: healthyholidays@calderdale.gov.uk

Facebook: @HealthyHolidaysCalderdale

Twitter: @HAFCalderdale

No internet? Visit a local Calderdale Library and they will support you in registering your children onto available activities.



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SCHOOL LOTTERY

Don't forget to join our school lottery and be in with a chance of winning cash prizes up to £25,000, plus great bundles like the one shown here.

The school lottery helps support our school so we can buy extra resources and do extra curricular activities.



- Win a Limited Edition Spider-Man 2 Playstation 5
- AND the brand-new Playstation VR2 Headset!
- Tickets from just £1 a week
- Play now and support our school!

BUY TICKETS:

Go to: **YourSchoolLottery.co.uk**
And search for: **Dean Field Community**



Draw date Saturday 25th November. See website for terms and conditions



DIARY DATES

DATE	EVENT
Monday 4th December	Year 2 Owl Experience at Beech Hill School
Monday 4th December	Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 5th December	CAMHS Parent workshop 9:15-10:15am
Tuesday 5th December	Year 4 Cliffe Castle Museum Trip
Wednesday 6th December	Year 4 Bikeability
Wednesday 6th December	Year 5 Matt's Gym Visit
Thursday 7th December	Parent Coffee Morning 8:45am
Friday 8th December	SEND Bowling Trip

REMINDER: All school fees, dinner money, extended provision and Nursery need to be paid in advance.
We do not offer any credit and there are no exceptions.
Please pay fees on time.

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.



December is the
closing of one chapter
and beginning
of the next

Accelerated Reader – Reading Achievements this week



Brazil	83%
Poland	90%
Australia	88%
Ireland	84%
Kenya	80%

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!

TT Rockstars Weekly Winners

Year 2 – Drake C

Year 3— Elliot R

Year 4 – Harper C

Year 5 – Jacob B

Year 6 – Gracie-Mai FO



Group	% Attendance
Mexico	95.2%
China	93.7%
Australia	95%
Poland	87.2%
Kenya	94.8%
Brazil	91.7%
Ireland	94.2%
Total	93.2%

This Weeks Attendance

Congratulations to Mexico 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%. 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,
Loraine Stansfield, Pastoral Manager

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Mexico Reception	Autumn S	For growing in confidence and showing a keenness to learn.
	Reuben G	For amazing progress in phonics—starting to blend.
China Year 1	Frankie R	For a fantastic improvement in attitude towards her learning and improvement in writing.
	Megan S	For superb manners and behaviour at all times.
Australia Year 2	Drake C	For showing so much enthusiasm on our trip to Matt's Gym.
	Elliot B	For excellent effort and focus in phonics this week.
Poland Year 3	Freya W	For an excellent eye-witness account in English.
	Elena W	For being kind, smiley and helpful.
Kenya Year 4	Ivy B	For having a fantastic attitude to learning.
	Joshua G	For being supportive in maths.
Brazil Year 5	Maxwell P	For excellent engagement in topic lessons.
	AJ H	For fantastic fraction work this week.
Ireland Year 6	Jayden O	For a superb first week.
	Lottie P	For always trying hard and being a lovely friend.