

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are enjoying the run up to our last festive week in school, however, we are aware of an increase in illnesses. Please use the below guide and link to further understanding how you can support at home. We have increased cleaning routines in school and are encouraging hand washing as much as possible. If your child is unwell, please ensure you contact the school office each morning so our attendance registers are accurate.

Thank you.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Do I need to keep my child off school?

HSC Public Health Agency

Chicken Pox Until all spots have crusted over	Conjunctivitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Diarrhoea & Vomiting 48 hours from last episode	Glandular Fever No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Hand, foot & mouth No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Impetigo Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 hours after commencing antibiotics
Measles or German Measles 4 days from onset of rash	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling	Scabies Until after first treatment	Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	Slapped Cheek No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Whooping Cough 48 hours after commencing antibiotics
Flu Until recovered	Head Lice No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Threadworms No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Tonsillitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed		

Staff Training and SEND

This week our staff meeting time was designated to reviewing this term's **Individual Education Plans** for children with additional needs and setting new targets for the Spring term. This all gets logged on our system Edukey, which is overseen by our SENDco Miss Clay.

Miss Clay has been very busy this week with **Educational Health Care Plan** reviews too, this is where she meets with parents, carers and relevant health and educational professionals to ensure the best support is in place for the child.

A very polite reminder to parents of children who have additional needs. Miss Clay, as well as being our SENCDco, is also one of the teachers in China Class for part of the week, which means from Wednesday morning to Friday lunchtime she is teaching. If you contact her on the days she is in class teaching then she can only respond to you outside of her teaching hours when she is able to.

Can I please ask that parents are patient and kind when communicating. We understand that as a parent it is sometimes frustrating waiting for a message back. If your message is urgent then please contact the school office.

The number of children on our SEND register has increased considerably in the last year and this places additional demands on Miss Clay, however, she is determined to do her very best for each individual child at Dean Field, as am I, but often there are factors out of our control that affect the timescales involved with pupils who have additional needs; which we also find frustrating!

We ask that parents work with school rather than against us in order for us to achieve the best outcomes for pupils.

Have a festive weekend

Mrs Pether

Polite Reminders

- All medicines/inhalers in school need to be collected and taken home before Christmas. Anything left will be thrown away.
- School closes at 1:10pm on Friday 22nd December.
- There will be no after school clubs next week.

SAFEGUARDING

Understanding your child's needs—NSPCC Need-to-know Positive parenting

Children's needs and behaviours change as they get older, and understanding these needs will help you better understand your child. A lot has been written about the needs of children and advice for parents. If you'd like more detailed advice you can talk to the NSPCC helpline.

School-age children are constantly learning and exploring their world. They may have lots of questions as they start to form their own views on issues. As they move towards being more independent they may seem to push boundaries and become more challenging. This is a necessary part of growing up.

How can I set boundaries?

All children need love, guidance and to have rules and boundaries. Rules and boundaries help families to understand how to behave towards each other, and what's OK and not OK. But the best way to go about this will vary based on your child's age and stage of development. All children are different, they develop and reach milestones at different rates. You can find more UK-wide information at [nhs.uk/conditions/baby/babys-development](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/baby/babys-development).

- Be willing and give your child opportunities to show they can be trusted.
- Avoid criticism wherever possible. If your child has done something wrong, explain that it is the action and not them that you're unhappy with.
- Try to avoid getting trapped in petty arguments. There are rarely any winners.
- Consider ways to negotiate or offer choices as your child gets older.
- Always praise positive behaviours even if you're still upset by previous poor behaviours, your child will learn praise to be positive.

NSPCC



Smartest Class of the Week

This week Year 5, Brazil Class are smartest class of the week!





National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

14 WAYS TO BE KIND ONLINE

Showing kindness online can mean so much to someone else. It is a choice we can all make that helps others, puts people's needs before our own and which can generate feelings of empathy and compassion. Small gestures can have a large impact and often one act of kindness can lead to more, making the world a happier and more positive place. That's why we've created this guide to suggest a few simple 'acts of kindness online' that can benefit people's mental health, support their wellbeing and encourage a more positive approach to engaging online.

- 1. BE POSITIVE**
Post about things that make you happy and that you're thankful for. It could brighten up someone else's day.
- 2. OFFER TO HELP**
Sometimes a friend or family member might post a question online or ask for help with something they can't do themselves. If you know the answer or are able to offer help, provide support and send a response. Something that may be easy for you might be difficult for someone else.
- 3. SHOW APPRECIATION TO OTHERS**
If somebody you know has done something good or shown kindness themselves, thank them for it. It costs nothing and showing them that you appreciate it means so much.
- 4. SHARE FUNNY VIDEOS OR IMAGES WITH FRIENDS & FAMILY**
We often come across funny videos or images online that make us laugh and then we move on. If you found it funny, your friends and family might too. It could help someone smile who may be having a bad day.
- 5. LIKE, LOVE & CELEBRATE**
If somebody posts something that you like on social media, like it, love it or celebrate it! It's a small gesture but could mean a lot.
- 6. VIDEO CALL YOUR FRIENDS & FAMILY**
It can be easy to be consumed by daily routine. Using apps like Zoom, FaceTime or WhatsApp are great for connecting with others far away and shows you're thinking of them even though you can't physically meet them in person.
- 7. TELL SOMEONE YOU'RE THINKING OF THEM**
We can't always tell how people are feeling online and just dropping somebody a message to ask if they're ok or that you're thinking of them could literally make their day.
- 8. SHARE POSITIVE POSTS**
If you see something online that inspires you, share it with people you know. An inspirational quote, a beautiful photo or a motivational video can lift spirits, improve self-esteem and help make people feel better about themselves.
- 9. HOST AN ONLINE QUIZ**
Video conferencing apps are a great way to get friends and family together. If you know someone who is feeling lonely, host an online quiz and invite them to join in. It could really cheer them up.
- 10. THINK BEFORE YOU COMMENT**
Sometimes thinking before you act can be just as significant as acting in the first place. Showing thought before you comment could stop you posting something hurtful, offensive or negative. It's always better to post positively or post nothing at all.
- 11. BE COMPASSIONATE & UNDERSTANDING**
Being empathetic towards others and their situation is often an act of kindness and selflessness that gets overlooked. If you notice someone who is upset, drop them a message and offer to listen.
- 12. CONNECT FRIENDS & FAMILY WITH SIMILAR INTERESTS**
You may know two people amongst your friends and family who you trust and know well who have similar interests and likes. Introducing them can be a great way for them to make new friends but remember to always ask their permission first.
- 13. RECOMMEND SOMETHING YOU ENJOY DOING TO OTHERS**
If you enjoy doing something online, such as playing a game, or if you've found a great learning resource, share it with others. Even if you've watched a good film, letting others know can be an act of generosity that brings them excitement or pleasure at a time when they might need it the most.
- 14. PRAISE OTHERS FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS**
Sometimes your friends or family might post something online that they're proud to have done. It might be an exam they've passed, learning a new skill or just completing a task. Either way, it's always kind to recognise hard work and effort through praise and celebration.

Meet our expert

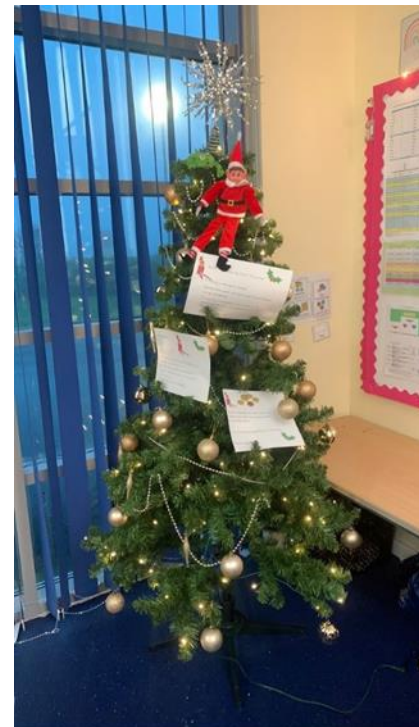
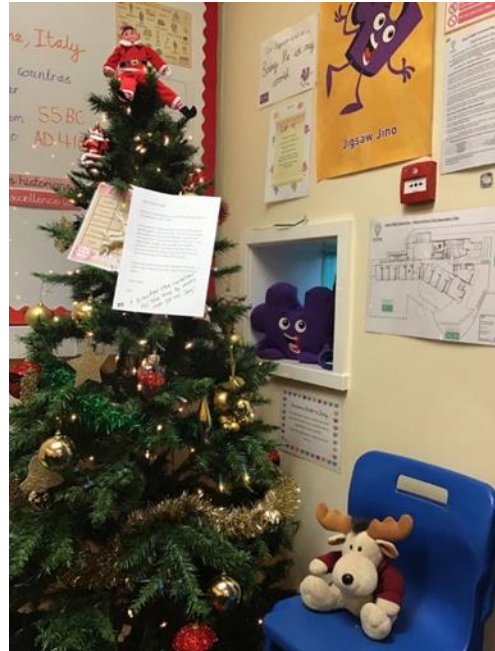
This guide has been written by Anna Bateman. Anna is passionate about placing prevention at the heart of every school, integrating mental wellbeing within the curriculum, school culture and systems. She is also a member of the advisory group for the Department for Education, advising them on their mental health green paper.





Elf on the Shelf

The Elf has shown amazing behaviour this week, completing his learning challenges with the children who have been fantastic at setting a good example for him. We look forward to seeing what he gets up to next week!



Christmas Dinner Day

On Thursday 14th December our students and staff enjoyed a Christmas Dinner and wore our Christmas jumpers. Everyone had a great day and got into the Christmas spirit.



Reception Post Box Visit

Today Reception visited the post box to send their Christmas cards home. As part of their people who help us topic the children have been learning all about post people, so this was a fabulous way to gain a deeper knowledge and understanding of what happens to letters that we post.



Year 3 Roman Trip

This week Poland class visited Beech Hill school for a Roman morning. We learned a song, made our own mosaics, pretended to be Roman soldiers and played Roman themed games.



Reindeer Run

On Thursday 14th December, the children got into the holiday spirit by completing the Overgate Reindeer Run. Each class participated in the run in the playground wearing reindeer antlers and a red nose. The Reindeer Run is to support and raise money for Overgate hospice.

Sponsor forms have a hand in date of Tuesday 19th December. Please return these completed to your class teacher to take part.



EYFS Christmas Performance

Massive, massive well done to all EYFS for their amazing Christmas performance. You were all AMAZING! We are so proud. Thank you to all the parents and carers for joining us for the performance, we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.



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.



Year 6 Gymnastic Trip

On Wednesday, Year 6 visited Jim-nas-tiks Matt's Gym in Dean Clough. The children had a gymnastic session delivered by a specialist coach where they learnt how to do a handstand. After that, the children had chance to play on all of the equipment. The children had an amazing time and stated their best part was the hanging rings.



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.

If anyone can has any aged 3-5year old outdoor play-suits please donate to school; rainproof or quilted variety are fine.

Many thanks the EYFS team.





Christmas Events



Event	Date
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
Non-uniform-Christmas Activities	Friday 22 nd December
School closes for Christmas	Friday 22nd December 1.10pm No after school clubs or Dean Field Den



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.





Calderdale
Music



Beat The January Blues

Join our brand new bands
and groups for free in
January

Learn, play and
perform with others
in a fun and creative
way



Scan the QR code for more details or visit
www.calderdalemusic.co.uk



Don't feel blue this January! For a
boost of energy, creativity and
happiness, sign up for our free
ensemble sessions!

Whether you want to rock out with a band or
groove to some samba rhythms, we have
something for everyone.

Joining an ensemble is not only fun but beneficial
for your well-being. Studies have shown that
playing music with others can improve our mood,
reduce stress and build social connections.

So, why wait? Sign up now and beat the January
blues with Calderdale Music!



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.



- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Chance to win up to £25,000
- Play weekly, or just play the Super Draw!
- Win a huge festive cash bonus!

BUY TICKETS



GambleAware

See website for Terms & conditions. Enter by 23rd December 2023

DIARY DATES

DATE	EVENT
Monday 18th December	Family Learning Event 9:30am
Monday 18th December	Family Learning Event 1:15pm
Tuesday 19th December	Lower School Singing around the Christmas tree 9am
Tuesday 19th December	Upper School Singing around the Christmas tree 2:15pm
Wednesday 20th December	Pantomime
Wednesday 20th December	Nursery Stay + Play—January Starters

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.



Accelerated Reader – Reading Achievements this week



Brazil	79%
Poland	68%
Australia	86%
Ireland	94%
Kenya	87%

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— Mia E

Year 4 – Joshua G

Year 5 – Jacob B

Year 6 – Noah M



Group	% Attendance
Mexico	94.1%
China	95.3%
Australia	94%
Poland	92.1%
Kenya	92.9%
Brazil	97.4%
Ireland	96.4%
Total	94.5%

This Weeks Attendance

Congratulations to Brazil class who had the highest attendance in the school this week. Well done to Ireland 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	Kaleesi T	For being kind and considerate to her friends.
	Vanessa A	For great imagination with junk modelling.
China Year 1	Lennon H	For fantastic progress in phonics!
	Freddie W	For your wonderful writing this week!
Australia Year 2	Eleanor H	For being an ALWAYS child all the time!
	Chad H	For super effort in joining in all lessons this week.
Poland Year 3	Colin P	For involvement and engagement in all activities at our Roman morning.
	Amelia-Violet O	For a fantastic impression of a Roman Commander.
Kenya Year 4	Deacon TF	For sharing his fantastic imagination during English input.
	Olivia T	For outstanding presentation in ALL her books.
Brazil Year 5	Alfie B	For being a computing whizz!
	Sarah A	For being an all round superstar!
Ireland Year 6	Kaitlyn S	For always trying hard in all she does.
	Riley G	For superb efforts and enthusiasm on our trip.