

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a fantastic festive week we have had here at Dean Field. Here are some of the highlights!

Family Learning Events

It was so lovely to see parents in school this week creating Christmas decorations with the staff from Family Learning and their children. We hope those who attended enjoyed their time!

Singing Around the Christmas Tree

Thank you to all who joined us and to those who couldn't make it we hope you enjoyed the videos on Seesaw! I'm sure you'll agree Miss Brambani did a great job of leading both events this year.

Santa's Visit

A tradition at Dean Field, Santa visited each class this week to give them a very special present on behalf of the school. The gift of reading is something we try and instill in all our children and we hope you and they enjoy the book they were given this year.

Behaviour Treat

96% of all children in the school took part in their behaviour treat this week. EYFS had a special visit from Party Mania Discos and the rest of the school watched the Cinderella pantomime on Wednesday. We are so proud of you all!

Goodbye Fred

Fred the elf bid us a fond farewell today and promised he would tell Santa just how well behaved all the boys and girls at Dean Field are. He has finally made it into Santa's good books!

Staff Christmas Video

If you haven't seen this already on Seesaw—check it out. We hope you enjoy it. We certainly enjoyed making it.

A special thank you to all the staff for making these last couple of weeks so special for our children and for their hard work and dedication over the whole term. I know you will agree with me when I say, they really do go that extra mile.

Thank you once again for your support, we really do value our parents and carers here at Dean Field.

On behalf of all the staff I would like to wish our families a wonderful Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

Mrs F. Pether

SAFEGUARDING

80% of parents are concerned about affording Christmas gift yet a third of children aged 10-14 want a smartphone this Christmas

- Despite over half of parents cutting back on spending, 31% of those with children aged 10-14 will be gifting their children smartphones.
- Nearly half (4-in-10) of smartphones gifted to children this festive season will be either lost or broken by Easter.
- Vodafone research uncovers that more than half (57%) know exactly which device they want and 24% would be happy to have a refurbished one to get their desired make and model.
- For the 55% of parents concerned about online safety, Vodafone and the NSPCC have an [online platform](#) of resources to provide top tips for buying children their first phone.

The most common fate of the much-prized gift is a cracked screen (48%), while 38% will get a broken casing, 22% a lost [charger cable](#) and 13% suffer [water damage](#). One-in-10 kids will [lose their smartphone](#), one-in-20 will drop it down the toilet, and another one-in-20 will sit on it and break it. Thankfully, just 3% of phones will be stolen.

Vodafone has partnered with the NSPCC as part of its [everyone.Connected](#) campaign to launch a growing online platform of resources to help keep children safe online and provide top tips for buying children their first phone. Everyone.Connected is committed to tackling digital exclusion by helping four million people and businesses cross the digital divide by 2025.

1. Set it up as a 'child's phone.' Speak to your mobile provider about restricting access to certain content and to avoid overspending on the bill.
2. Turn on apps' safety settings. Turn on content filters, chat filters and privacy settings, as well as restrict in-app purchases, on all applications.
3. Restrict WiFi. Contact your internet service provider for help in setting up content controls for devices connected to your home's WiFi.
4. Talk to your child. You know when your child is old enough to talk about certain topics without becoming upset or frightened. When talking about risks, be honest but try not to catastrophise.
5. Check location settings. Review location settings on their favourite apps and games, then remind your kids that they shouldn't share their location online.
6. Know about app safety settings. For example, TikTok has a [Family Pairing](#) feature that links a parent's account with their child's. Snapchat offers built-in parental control features, while Instagram has its [Parental Guide for Teens](#) with helpful tips.
7. Don't forget about online gaming safety. Check each game's age rating to make sure it is appropriate and adjust the settings to make sure chat and voice features are turned off. You can set limits on screen time too.
8. Report harmful online content. If you are concerned about something your child has seen online, you can visit the NSPCC page about [reporting online safety concerns](#) or call the NSPCC helpline.
9. Know where to go for help and advice. [Vodafone's online resources](#) are a great place to start, helping you decide which phone is best for your child. You can learn more about safety settings in apps, in games and on devices using [Digital Parenting Pro](#).

12 Smartphone Online Safety Tips FOR CHILDREN WITH NEW DEVICES

The Christmas season has finally arrived and soon many of you will be opening your presents in the hope that Santa has listened to your request for the latest mobile phone or smart device.

Owning a mobile phone can be fun, but it's important to use it safely and responsibly. By following our safety tips below, you can make sure that you set up your phone securely, keep your personal information private and enjoy using your phone in the healthiest way possible.

1 ALWAYS SECURE YOUR PHONE WITH A PASSWORD

This will help to keep your private information safe and won't allow others to access your phone without your permission. Make sure your password is memorable and personal to you but something which other people can't guess, and always share it with your parents just in case you forget it.

2 DISABLE LOCATION SETTINGS

This can usually be done from the device's privacy control settings. Disabling location settings means that your phone can't be tracked by others and strangers can't tell where you are when you're using it. It also helps to save battery.

3 ALWAYS USE A SECURE WIFI NETWORK

When you use your WiFi at home usually it is a secure network that only you and your family know the password to. Public networks, like those in coffee shops, can be accessed by anyone which means that people could potentially hack into your device and access your personal information without you realising.

4 ONLY PAIR WITH BLUETOOTH DEVICES YOU KNOW

A Bluetooth connection with another device means that you can send and receive data wirelessly. For example, you could listen to music wirelessly or receive pictures and videos from your friends. However, pairing your phone with a device you don't know means that you could be sharing personal information with a stranger or could leave your device open to receiving viruses.

5 ONLY USE APPS WHICH YOU ARE OLD ENOUGH TO USE

Before downloading any new apps, always check the age-rating of the app. If you need help, ask your parent or carer to make sure that the app is safe for you to use and never download anything which you are too young for as it may contain things that aren't safe for you to see.

6 BEWARE OF BECOMING ADDICTED TO YOUR PHONE

Your phone can be fun to use and it's easy to become too attached, whether it's keeping in touch with friends, discovering new features or downloading the latest apps. Remember it's always good to talk in person, go out and have fun and get regular exercise. This will keep you fit and healthy and make you appreciate there's more to life than just your mobile phone.

7 LIMIT YOUR SCREEN TIME

Using your phone for too long, particularly in the evenings, can make you feel tired at school, affect your concentration and make you lose interest in other things in life. Only use your phone at certain times of the day and don't use it close to bedtime. You can set a 'screen time limit' via the settings on your phone. This will help you stay fit and healthy and means that you will still be able to focus and perform well at school.

8 THINK OF OTHERS WHEN TAKING PHOTOS

Don't take embarrassing photos of other people on your phone. If other people get access to the photo and share it with more people, it could make that person really upset and treated as a form of bullying. Always be mindful of the photos you take using your camera and who you share them with.

9 MAKE SURE YOUR PARENTS SET UP 'PARENTAL CONTROLS'

This means that you will be able to use your phone safely and securely and won't accidentally do things you shouldn't do. The best time to do this is when you get a new phone or device so that you're protected from the very beginning.

10 ALWAYS TALK TO YOUR PARENTS IF YOU DON'T FEEL SAFE

Sometimes, even though your phone is really secure, you might see something you don't like, or someone might contact you who you don't know. If this happens, always tell your trusted adult like your parents, carers, other adult family members or a teacher, all of whom will be able to support you and advise you on what you should do next.

11 DON'T TEXT AND WALK

This might seem like a strange thing to say but it can be dangerous to stare at your mobile phone whilst walking outside alongside busy roads or bicycle paths. In some cases, children have been knocked over by cars or cyclists because they haven't been aware of their surroundings whilst texting or playing games on their mobile devices.

12 DON'T SHARE YOUR NUMBER OR YOUR DEVICE WITH PEOPLE YOU DON'T KNOW.

Never feel pressured into sharing your phone number with people you don't know and don't lend your phone to strangers or keep it where others could get hold of it. Look after your device and always keep it hidden from sight to avoid it being stolen or broken into.

Reception Police Visit

Reception had 2 very special visitors this. PCOS Nicola and Police Officer Gemma from West Yorkshire Police. They talked to us about their role in the community and showed us some of their equipment before taking us for a sit in their van!



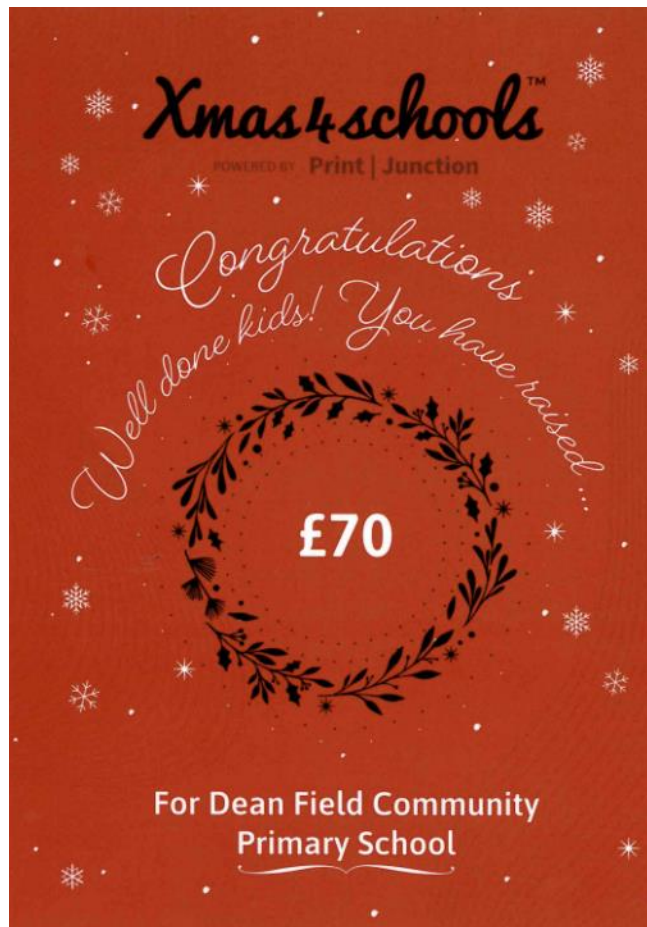
Topic Board Winner

All of the boards look fantastic -Well done to everyone! But a huge congratulations to **Year 1** who have won the topic board competition this half term! Lily and Copper from year 6 judged using the non-negotiables! It really did come down to the nitty gritty!



Xmas4schools Order

Thank you to all of our students for creating amazing Christmas card designs and thanks to the parent/carers that ordered a Christmas card or item with the Xmas4schools project. We have raised a massive £70 for our school.



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 has any aged 3-5year old outdoor playsuits please donate to school; rainproof or quilted variety are fine.

Many thanks the EYFS team.



Elf Learning Challenges

Over the past couple of weeks the Elf has been completing lots of learning challenges in school, including 'I'm an elf get me out of here', timetables challenge, crack the code, locating countries on the world map and many more. The children have done some excellent work helping the Elf fill his behaviour chart!



Christmas Pantomime

We had a special treat this week from Chaplin's Panto; the students had a great time!



Reindeer Run

Thank you to everyone that raised money this year for the Reindeer Run; we raised a massive **£616** for Overgate Hospice.





PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) CHRISTMAS HALF TERM 2023

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

THE REAL GREEK

Free Kids Meal for every £10 spent by an adult from Friday 22nd December 2023 until Sunday 7th January 2024.

TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' buy any adult meal (Via App)

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day on weekends and from 4pm weekdays with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

NOT ANNOUNCED...

M&S, Tesco, YO! Sushi & Bills

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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.



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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 8th January	School Reopens
W/C Monday 8th January	Midweek Clubs Start
Wednesday 10th January	Reception Matt's Gym Trip
Friday 12th January	Friday Clubs Start

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.



TT Rockstars Weekly Winners

Year 2 – Lilly-Jo F

Year 3 - Mia E

Year 4 – Isaac P

Year 5 – Asmaria B

Year 6 – Amelia B



This Weeks Attendance

Congratulations to Ireland 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

Group	% Attendance
Mexico	94.8%
China	95.3%
Australia	96%
Poland	90%
Kenya	92.3%
Brazil	94.8%
Ireland	96.4%
Total	94.2%