

Friday 3rd February 2023

Dear parents/carers,

It is with great sadness that I inform you that our Deputy Headteacher Miss Fudge has resigned from her post here at Dean Field. The good news is, she is not leaving us until the end of this academic year! Miss Fudge is relocating back to Lincolnshire to be close to her family.

Being the great leader that she is, Miss Fudge recognises that recruiting the right Deputy Head for Dean Field takes time and that it is important for us to get it right, so we can continue to move the school forwards.

One of the benefits of being part of a Multi Academy Trust is that we can recruit internally from staff who know the high expectations that the Family of Learning Trust has, as well as our 'Learning Without Limits' ethos.

I am pleased to say that after a rigorous recruitment process, Miss Laura Brambani has been appointed the new Deputy Head for Dean Field from September 2023. Miss Brambani is the Assistant Headteacher for Curriculum at Beech Hill School and is a regular visitor to Dean Field in her capacity as Curriculum Lead for the Trust.

Over the coming months Miss Brambani will spend time here at Dean Field on a regular basis to get to know you and your children, so that when she begins her role in September she is already part of the Dean Field family.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Pether

Staff Training

Staff have completed 2 webinars for their continuous professional development on our 'The National College' portal this week. There are many beneficial learning materials to choose from and parents and carers are welcome to set up their own account to access these too at: [https://nationalcollege.com/?roles\[0\]=3](https://nationalcollege.com/?roles[0]=3)

Also this week, the EYFS team have enjoyed their twilight training. This was an introduction to the project Dingley's Promise. This project upskills staff in supporting children with SEND in early years.

Safeguarding

What are the risks and dangers of Snapchat?

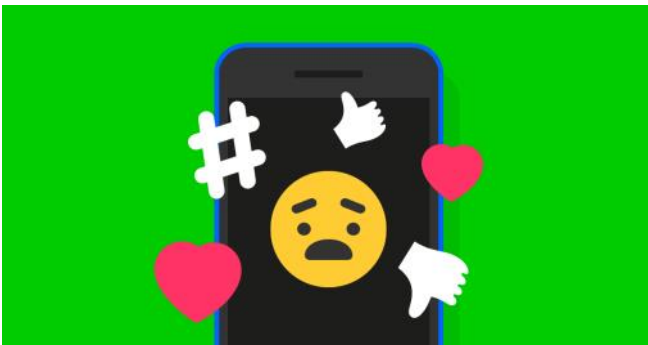
- Inappropriate or harmful content. Children and young people could be at risk of viewing harmful or upsetting video content and images.
- Location sharing. Snapchat Map shares your location with other users on the app.
- Unwanted contact.
- Pressure to share.
- Pressure to chat.

Why is using Snapchat a red flag?

Respondents said those who use the app too much can come off as self-absorbed, which is a sign of low confidence. Additionally, 80% said that someone being too into Snapchat is a red flag. **Not only might it signal that the person is self-absorbed, but it also creates more opportunities to gain unwanted attention.**

Social media harms

Distracting them, disrupting their sleep, and exposing them to bullying, rumor spreading, unrealistic views of other people's lives and peer pressure. The risks might be related to how much social media children use.





National Story Telling Week



This week in school, we were celebrating National Story Telling Week! We started the week with a live storytelling stream from famous storyteller and author Wendy Shearer. We listened to her read an extract from a story and she also shared her top tips for story writing with us too!

Every day this week, we have shared a different story in class as part of our daily reading time. Here is each classes' favourite book from the week.



*We took a class vote and the winning book was
The Magical Snowman – Nursery*

The children love how the snail and whale go on an adventure around the world to different places and how the snail is a good friend to the whale when he saves him! - Reception



We voted for 'The Day the Crayons Came Home'. We liked it because of all the different crayons and the funny stories about their adventures. We also really liked the ending when Duncan built a fort for all the lost crayons. – Year 1

In Year 2, we read 4 books for National Story Telling Week. We voted for 'Monstersaurus' as our favourite because we loved the pictures and it was action packed. We also liked 'Let's Get a Pup' because it had a happy ending, and 'Slinky Malinky Catflaps' because it rhymed - but 'Monstersaurus' was the winner. – Year 2





National Story Telling Week



Our favourite book was 'The Day the Crayons Quit'. It was our favourite book because it's fun and we like the way that each crayon has a different personality. The crayons are all really funny. We also loved making voices for each crayon to show their personality. – Year 3

Our favourite story was 'The Day the Crayons Quit'. We liked how Max made different voices for each crayon and how he showed the pictures of the letters. – Year 4



Our favourite story was 'The Lost Happy Endings.' We liked how the story made links to other traditional tales and we loved the twist at the end! We would definitely recommend reading this! – Year 5



We chose 'Wishbone' as our favourite book for Storytelling Week. We enjoyed this book because it's a folk tale from China and it's very mysterious. It's also an enchanted tale about a golden-eyed fish, a lost slipper and a King's search for his bride. – Year 6



Topic Parent Workshop

A successful Topic Parent Workshop this afternoon! Parents and carers enjoyed refreshments and a presentation on the way we sequence geography and history from Nursery - Y6, before joining their child in class.



Reception Pirate Day

Reception had a fantastic pirate day on Wednesday! The annual pirate day in Mexico class is one of their Excellence & Enjoyment days for their Under the Sea topic. This year, Miss Cheetham, our trainee teacher, has organised it. Great job!



Year 3 Dinostar Experience

On Monday, Year 3 were lucky enough to have a visit from Steve from Dinostar: The Dinosaur Experience, who brought his exciting, interactive dinosaur museum to show us. We had a lovely time looking at genuine and replica dinosaur fossils including a replica Allosaurus skull with very sharp teeth, a genuine dinosaur egg and a complete Triceratops leg bone. We also produced our own fossils using Brass Rubbing techniques and Plaster of Paris moulding.





Right of the Week



This weeks' article is article 13 – 'children have the right to share freely with others what they learn, think and feel, by talking, drawing, writing or in any other way unless it harms other people.'

At Dean Field, we always encourage pupils to share their thoughts and feelings on different topics. We encourage this through our weekly Picture News discussion topic where pupils are encouraged to openly share their opinion on a current topic. We also encourage our pupils to share their thoughts and feelings in different areas of the curriculum to allow them to deepen their understanding. This is communicated in a variety of ways from talking and drawing to writing and presenting information to others.



Medicine

If your child requires medicine during school hours, a parental medical agreement has to be completed at the school office.

School can only give medicine that has been prescribed by a Doctor and has the pharmacy label with the child's name on and is to be given more than 3 times a day.

Medicine given 3 times a day or less can be given at home.



Although Innovations is a separate setting and service we look at ways to support our community together. Therefore, please see the weekly playgroup on a Friday if you are unable to make our Monday group or would like to join both. A great way to meet up with other families and staff for advice, support and fun.

Innovations Children's Centre Baby & Toddler Group



Come and join our baby and toddler group for children 0-3 years at

Innovations Children's Centre

Cousin Lane, Ovenden , HX2 8DQ

Every Friday

At 9.15 - 10.45am

Cost—£1.60 per family (first group is free)

There will be an opportunity to meet and chat with other parents, take part in some fun age appropriate activities and enjoy outdoor play which will help to support your child's development.

Our qualified, friendly staff are happy to share ideas and are on hand to offer advice and information on other services, groups and training.

Please telephone 01422 24822 for more information

Calling all young people

Free holiday activities and food sessions

HALF TERM FUN

13th February to 17th February 2023

Join #HealthyHolidaysCalderdale for a variety of activities during February Half Term!

HEALTHY HOLIDAYS CALDERDALE

Calderdale Council

ACTIVE CALDERDALE

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR CALDERDALE

HALF TERM FUN

This is your chance to take part in **free, fun** activities during the half term holidays! Scan the QR code to find out what activities are available to book.

Find out what's on and book your place at...www.calderdale.gov.uk/healthyholidays

Whether it's abseiling or caving, drama or dance there is something for everyone.

Calderdale Council are providing free activities for young people eligible for free school meals aged 5-16.

Calderdale's Healthy Holidays Half Terms provides enriching activities, delicious nutritious meals, and a chance for young people to meet new friends in a safe & fun environment, during the school holidays.

Calling all 5-16s on Free School Meals - Book your place now!



HELP PAYING FOR YOUR CHILDCARE



HOW TO USE TAX-FREE CHILDCARE

For every £8 you pay in, the government will automatically add £2, up to the value of £2,000 per child per year (or £4,000 for disabled children)

1

CHECK YOU'RE ELIGIBLE

Find out more about eligibility on
www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare

You **can't** use Tax-Free
Childcare together with:

- X Tax Credits
- X Universal Credit
- X Childcare Vouchers

2

APPLY FOR TAX-FREE CHILDCARE

Apply at www.gov.uk/apply-for-tax-free-childcare

If eligible, you'll get an online
childcare account.

[Watch this video](#) to find out more
about how to apply.

3

PAY MONEY INTO YOUR CHILDCARE ACCOUNT

You can deposit money into your
childcare account using a debit card,
but it's quicker by standing order or
bank transfer. We'll add the
government top up automatically
and you can use this money when it
shows as 'available'.

4

SELECT YOUR CHILDCARE PROVIDER(S)

Your childcare provider(s)
must sign up to receive Tax-Free
Childcare payments.

5

PAY YOUR CHILDCARE PROVIDER(S)

Use the money in your childcare
account, including the government
top up, to make one off or regular
payments to your childcare
provider(s).

6

RECONFIRM

To continue getting the government
top-up, you'll need to confirm your
details are up to date every 3
months. We'll send a reminder when
you need to do this.

DIARY DATES

DATE	EVENT
Monday 6th Feb—Thursday 9th Feb	Times Table Rock Star Trust Competition
Tuesday 7th February	School Class Photo Day
Thursday 9th February	Dean Field's Got Talent Auditions
Friday 10th February	Dress as a Rockstar Day
Friday 10th February	School closes
Monday 20th February	School reopens

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.

A small, children's purse has been handed in; please come to the school office if you have misplaced one.



"You have brains in
your head. You have
feet in your shoes. You
can steer yourself any
direction you choose."

—DR. SEUSS

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Accelerated Reader – Reading Achievements this Year



Brazil	80.8%
Poland	88.3%
Australia	88.6%
Ireland	82.8%
Kenya	82.8%

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	96%
China	93.7%
Australia	92.1%
Poland	94.8%
Kenya	96.1%
Brazil	93.7%
Ireland	91%
Total	93.9%

Congratulations to Kenya class who had the highest attendance in the school this week. Well done to Mexico 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	Jorge D	For making great progress in Phonics.
	Libby H	For joining in more at carpet times.
China Year 1	Annabelle H	For super listening and attention.
	Eleanor H	For fantastic behaviour at all times.
Australia Year 2	Harper B	For your fantastic maths work on time.
	Alex W	For your effort with reading and getting 100% on ZPD!
Poland Year 3	Kodey N	For your enthusiasm on our trip.
	Pippa B-H	For your fantastic maths and English work this week.
Kenya Year 4	Jacob B	For engaging in all lessons this week.
	Lilly-Rose C	For your huge improvement in writing.
Brazil Year 5	Lacey N	For a positive attitude in maths this week.
	Annelese R	For great contributions in history lessons.
Ireland Year 6	Gracie B	For an amazing reading result during assessment week.
	Alexa G	For an amazing reading result during assessment week.