

Friday 24th February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

As always, the children have returned from their break brilliantly and have settled back into class very well.

Parents' Evening

We are very much looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming parents' evening, which you should have received a letter about. Good home/school communication is something we pride ourselves on at Dean Field so if for any reason you cannot attend on the date we have chosen, please do let us know. In the meantime, as always if you need to speak with your child's class teacher please use the Seesaw messaging system to arrange to do so.

Safe Use of Social Media

We continue to see a rise in the number of pupils in KS2, who we know are on various social media platforms and in particular involved in group chats and messages.

We have been informed by some pupils and parents that the content on these groups and chats is not always appropriate. These messages often cause upset and issues created by these online messages can create ongoing issues in school.

If your child has a phone and uses WhatsApp or other online communication apps such as Snapchat and Instagram, then we would recommend that you check their phones/devices regularly to make sure that the content of conversations is appropriate.

Please be vigilant and monitor what your child is doing on the internet or on their phones. It is not an invasion of their privacy, you will be helping them to stay safe.

Please see below for the recommended ages as stated on the terms and conditions of these apps.

Snapchat – Terms and condition state:

"Snapchat was made for people 13 and older."

WhatsApp – Terms and conditions state :

"If you live in a country in the European Economic Area, you must be at least 16 years old (or such greater age required in your country) to register for and use WhatsApp."

Our website contains useful information on how to help to keep your child safe when online. If you require any help, please do not hesitate to contact.

If you would like any help or support with your child's use of social media or devices then please get in touch. Mrs McKnight our Computing and E Safety Lead would be more than happy to support you in ensuring that your child is kept safe when they are online.

Staff Training

This week, Miss Jagger led a Design and Technology staff meeting. The staff looked at fine tuning their planning within the DT curriculum including creating plans for MasterChef days.

Also this week, some staff attended Team Teach training, this focuses on supporting children to self-regulate and deescalate any overwhelming situations or negative behavior. Thank you Brendan for our first training session this week, so enjoyable and useful! See you on Wednesday for our final session.



Safeguarding

Here at Dean Field School, we believe staff, parents and children are entitled to a safe and protective environment.

Schools have the power to sanction pupils for misbehaviour outside of the school premises to such an extent as is reasonable.

Behaviours that affect the care and safety of adults and children can be classed as anti- social behaviours.

Conduct outside the school premises, including online conduct, that schools might sanction pupils for include misbehaviour: when taking part in any school-organised or school-related activity; when travelling to or from school; when wearing school uniform; when in some other way identifiable as a pupil at the school; that could have repercussions for the orderly running of the school; that poses a threat to another pupil; or that could adversely affect the reputation of the school.

What is anti-social behaviour in school?

Anti-Social behaviour can be broadly described as people acting in a way which is harmful, alarming and/or distressing to others, society and the communities we belong to. This encompasses a wide range of behaviours that are generally considered to be unacceptable.

What are examples of anti-social behaviour in schools?

Some examples include shouting, swearing, fighting, littering, vandalism, bullying, abusive behaviour, lying, stealing, fighting often, not showing guilt or remorse and can often be angry or arrogant. Other signs of antisocial behaviour include: aggression and cruelty.

Children who engage in antisocial behaviour are at risk for various adverse developmental outcomes, including school drop-out and/or criminal behaviour.

Nursery Pancake Day

This week the nursery children had lots of fun making their own pancakes. Lots of learning opportunities took place during this activity as they looked at how the ingredients turned from solid to liquid, what happened when they cooked their mixture and also developed their maths skills as they measured out the ingredients. The children said that the pancakes were yummy and they enjoyed some tasty toppings. Fantastic work nursery!



Parents Evening

Parent's Evening will be held on **Wednesday 15th March from 1:20pm—6pm**. Don't forget to go online at <https://deanfield.parentseveningsystem.co.uk> and book before 3pm on Monday 27th February. Alternatively you can call the school office on 01422 258258 if you are having trouble booking an appointment.



HEAD LICE ALERT

Please check your child's hair regularly to avoid Head Lice

To Check

Check the scalp for insects or eggs

Use a fine-tooth comb on wet hair then comb through the hair in sections looking for eggs or lice, repeat over a few days

To Treat

Wet the hair and scalp with conditioner or use a chemical shampoo/lotion (containing insecticide) – this will kill the lice and eggs. Using a fine metal comb, or special head lice comb you can get from a chemist, go through the hair in sections to comb the lice and eggs out

Tips

- Check and treat the hair every night
- Please tie up long hair for school
- If your child has head lice please check everyone in the family home
- Do not share hairbrushes, towels, hats/scarves etc

Always re-treat 7-10 days after the first treatment

Ready Steady Nursery

Ready Steady Nursery is a fun interactive group that focuses on supporting you and your child with their transition into nursery/reception.

Each week we will cover a different topic all designed to support your child's learning and development.

Week 1 - Communication and Language

Week 2 - Let's get moving with our fine motor skills

Week 3 - The numbers game

Week 4 - Listen and learn

Week 5 - Health and self care, "I can do it!"

- By the end of the sessions, your child's independence and confidence will shine through!

Starting Monday 27th February - Monday 27th March 2023
Each Monday 10am - 11.30am for 5 weeks.

For more information and to book a place please contact Innovations Children's Centre on 01422 248222



DIARY DATES

DATE	EVENT
Monday 27th February	Nursery Music Workshop 9:30-10:30am— Parents attend at the School House
Friday 3rd March	World Book Day—Pyjama non-uniform
Wednesday 8th March	Reception visit Shroggs Park
Wednesday 15th March	Parents Evening 1:20-6pm

REMINDER: All school fees, dinner money, extended provision and Nursery fees 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	92.9%
Poland	78.6%
Australia	83.3%
Ireland	90%
Kenya	88.6%

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 – William H

Year 3 – Nico G

Year 4 – Jacob B

Year 5 – Ashton J

Year 6 – Jessica C

Class Winner - Ireland



This Weeks Attendance

Group	% Attendance
Mexico	92.7%
China	88.8%
Australia	91.3%
Poland	96.4%
Kenya	94.6%
Brazil	95.7%
Ireland	92.2%
Total	93.1%

Congratulations to Poland class who had the highest attendance in the school this week. Well done to Brazil 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



GOLD BOOK



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Mexico Reception	Isaac M	For trying hard to listen and concentrate more.
	Bella W	For fantastic reading, including at home!
China Year 1	Sarah M	For a great piece of independent maths work.
	Chad H	For a thoughtful prediction about our English book.
Australia Year 2	Max H	For your fantastic art work!
	Phoebe C	For always being kind, polite and working hard.
Poland Year 3	Rory C	For your fantastic knowledge and effort in science.
	Olivia H	For always trying your best in everything you do.
Kenya Year 4	Maxwell P	For researching your new science topic 'sound' at home.
	Jacob B	For always being prepared for the learning.
Brazil Year 5	Jacob D	For a huge improvement in your reading.
	Freddy B	For challenging yourself to read different genres.
Ireland Year 6	Riley D	For superb efforts during maths lessons.
	Mason D	For superb efforts during maths lessons.