

Friday 20th January 2023

Practice Lockdown

On Wednesday we did a practice lockdown in school. A lockdown is to keep us all safe if there was a danger outside of the school building/grounds and we are just practicing to ensure we know what to do if this ever happened. The children all responded perfectly and followed procedures. It was a good practice run and we're really proud of how all of our children acted.

Term Dates



DEAN FIELD COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Term Dates 2022/2023

2022 Autumn Term	Re-open	Monday 5 September	65 school days
Half Term/Training Week	Close	Friday 14 October	
	Re-open	Monday 31 October	
Christmas Holiday	Close	Friday 16 December	
2023 Spring Term	Re-open	Tuesday 3 January	61 school days
Half Term	Close	Friday 10 February	
	Re-open	Monday 20 February	
Easter Holiday	Close	Tuesday 4 April	
2023 Summer Term	Re-open	Monday 17 April	63 school days
May day	Closed	Monday 1 May	
Bank Holiday	Closed	Monday 8 May	
Half Term	Close	Friday 26 May	
Mid-Summer	Re-open	Monday 5 June	
	Close	Friday 21 July	
			Total 189 days

Training Days

Monday 17 Oct 2022
To
Friday 21 Oct 2022 - (disaggregated)

Staff Training

This week the teaching staff have been discussing OFSTED research, retaining knowledge and CLEAPSS in a science staff meeting with Miss Lopuszniak and Miss Jagger.

Safeguarding—Positive Parenting

Positive parenting uses techniques that work well for every child. These techniques will help you build and strengthen your relationship with your child, leading to them being happier, along with less stress for you. All parents can come under pressure or stress from time to time, and it can even lead to them wanting to smother their children—although many parents regret it later. Evidence shows that it is not an effective way to discipline your children.

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 and 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)

Building positive relationships

If parent-child relationships become damaged, it can affect the way a child feels or behaves. Finding ways to show unconditional love and affection to your child is important. But this can be easier said than done, especially when you're tired or juggling different needs.

Spend time with your child and learn together. This can help increase your child's confidence, strengthen your bond and also help you to better understand their needs.

Rewards and discipline

Praise children whenever possible for all they do.
Reward positive behaviour and consider asking what would be a good reward.
Avoid making rash decisions when you're angry.

Talk to your child about the rewards and consequences of their behaviour, and do it before rather than after.

Take time to really listen to what your children are saying and explain to them what you are feeling.

Be a role model and don't do things that you wouldn't want your children to do. If you smack your child, they may think this is acceptable behaviour and treat other people in the same way.

Ideas on bringing up children have changed, and we now know a lot more about the effects of smacking. Smacking can hurt children's feelings — making them resentful and angry, and damaging the relationship between parent and child. This makes parenting and discipline harder in the long run, not easier. Smacking can get out of control.

Year 2 Chicks

This week Year 2 have had 10 eggs arrive in an incubator in their class which we got to watch hatch into 10 cute, fluffy chicks! We have 6 girls and 4 boys (the girls are brown and the boys are yellow). We need to keep them warm, feed them, give them water and keep them safe. It was magical getting to see them hatch and now we can't wait until next week when we can hold them!



Reception Sea Life Centre Trip

Mexico class enjoyed a fabulous sensory experience at the Sea Life Centre in Manchester. The children observed lots of the sea creatures we have been learning about and learned lots of new interesting facts about them too. All the children behaved impeccably and were a true credit to our school. They were extremely brave walking through the shark tunnel and even touched a starfish gently with the back of one finger!





Right of the Week



This weeks' article is article 19 – the government must protect children from violence, abuse and being neglected by anyone who looks after them.

At Dean Field, safeguarding is the top priority for all staff no matter what their job role is. All staff receive annual safeguarding training to ensure they are aware of how to keep children safe and so that they can be kept up to date with new legislations. All staff liaise with our designated safeguarding leads (Mrs Pether, Miss Fudge and Mrs Stansfield) and work together to ensure that safeguarding pupils is always paramount.



Blown Away Beginner Band



**Calderdale
Music**

Group tuition and group playing on brass and woodwind instruments with skilled and experienced teachers!

For 7 - 11 year olds. No experience necessary.

Saturdays 11am - 12pm at Calderdale Music, Blackwall, Halifax, HX1 2DL.

First 3 for free! Next 3 £1 each. Then £5 per session.

admin@calderdalemusic.co.uk



Calling all young people

Free holiday activities and food sessions

HEALTHY HOLIDAYS CALDERDALE

HALF TERM FUN

13th February to 17th February 2023

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

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
Wednesday 25th January	Year 4 and 6 Mountaineer Workshop
Tuesday 31st January	Year 3 Dinostar Trip at Beech Hill
Tuesday 7th February	School Class Photo Day
Wednesday 8th February	Reception Pirate Day
Friday 10th February	Dress as a Rockstar Day

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 Year



Brazil	83.7%
Poland	89%
Australia	87.7%
Ireland	81.8%
Kenya	75%

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	97%
China	93%
Australia	89.7%
Poland	93.5%
Kenya	96.5%
Brazil	97.7%
Ireland	91.4%
Total	94.1%

Congratulations to Brazil 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	Hollie-Rose K	For becoming more confident in Reception!
	Posy B	For being enthusiastic and using good manners on our trip!
China Year 1	Conner C	For enthusiasm and confidence for learning his phonics sounds.
	Ellie H	For independent Maths work.
Australia Year 2	Rogan M	For perseverance in Maths!
	Keeley C	For wonderful independent writing.
Poland Year 3	Charlie P	For fantastic reading and AR quiz scores.
	Kadie-Mai G	For excellent independent writing.
Kenya Year 4	Abigail C	For always engaging in all lessons.
	Anthony-James H	For improved concentration in English.
Brazil Year 5	Gracie-Mai FO	For outstanding reading this week.
	Amelia B	For excellent contributions during PSHE lessons.
Ireland Year 6	Oliver F	For being a superstar in ICT.
	Jacob S	For trying hard in all he does.