

Friday 21st July 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of another school year I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. I do hope you have had time to read our 'Successes Booklet' that was sent home this week which highlights what a successful year we have had across the board.

I am so thankful for the hard work, determination and resilience that the children and staff have shown this year. The children have been a true credit to all parents, carers and the community. I am so proud of the Dean Field family and how we continue to work and grow together.

The school will close to children today, **at 1:10pm Friday 21st July 2023**, for the start of their summer holidays and will re-open on **Monday 4th September 2023**. (If your child is starting in Reception in September, Miss Cheetham will have already communicated your staggered start dates to you.)

Goodbye and Good Luck!

Mrs Gomes is finally retiring after 25 years working at Dean Field. We are going to miss her more than she knows but she has earned a rest now!

Good luck to Mrs McKnight who leaves us after 13 years at Dean Field to start a new position in September.

We also say goodbye to our Deputy Head Miss Fudge who has worked tirelessly to support me over the last few years and is leaving our curriculum, phonics and EYFS in the best position. Miss Fudge is not only leaving Dean Field but is also leaving Halifax to move back home to be nearer her family. We wish her all the best in her new school.

Welcome

We are joined in September by Miss Cheetham in Reception and Miss Fowler in Year 2. Both have been student teachers with us this year and so are familiar faces to the children.

Finally, may I wish you and your family a safe and enjoyable summer break.

See you all in September!

Mrs F. Pether

SAFEGUARDING

6 Week Holidays

Think about and plan for that first week of the holidays

This is likely to be one of the most challenging weeks getting accustomed to the change in routine. As a parent or carer perhaps consider taking some days off this first week, unless of course you are fortunate enough to have the holidays off too. It's important to be there to reassure your child and to introduce them to any adults who may be taking over child care or running holiday groups to confirm any other adults are 'safe'.

Keep plans simple and flexible – remember kids like downtime too

As adults, we can sometimes become pre-occupied with cramming as many activities into the school holidays as possible, in our endeavours to give our kids the "most fun time". But children actually need downtime; in fact most children like nothing better than to be hanging out at home, what's important to them is spending time with you, so think about interspersing the big days out with stay at home days or going out locally. They will need a rest and chance to relax and process the previous term.

Get creative

Why not make a scrapbook during the holidays with your child, stick in photographs, admission tickets, postcards and get your child to add some drawings of the fun days you've had together. Not only will this provide a nice memento for your child, it also acts as something to look back at and refer to for reassurance when transitioning into holidays the following year.



REMINDERS

- ◆ From September all school dinners will be **£1.90** for paying children. This will be updated on school money.
- ◆ If any of your contact details or child's medical conditions need updating please let the school office know.
- ◆ Please can any medicines or inhalers be collected on the last day of school. Anything left will be disposed of.
- ◆ From September the school gates will open at 8.30am and children will be able to come straight into school without lining up in the playground. ALL children should be in class by 8.40am. Children arriving after this time will be marked as late.
- ◆ Please note children are not allowed to climb or walk on the wall that surrounds the wheelchair/pram access ramp at the front of school. This is clearly signed do not climb.

Smartest Class of the Week

This week Year 2, Australia Class are smartest class of the week!



Staffing 2023-2024

	Teachers	Classroom	Teaching Assistant/ Support Staff
Nursery	Mrs E Mason/Miss Fitzpatrick (Senior Early Years Practitioner)	Antarctica	Mrs M Robertshaw Mrs F Baker (AM) Miss E Hereford (AM)
Reception	Miss S Cheetham (ECT)	Mexico	Miss E Kenny Mrs H King
Year 1	Miss L Brambani (Mon/Tues/ Wed) (Deputy Head) Miss E Clay (Wed/Thurs/Fri) (SENDCo & Lower School Phase Lead)	China	Mrs A Fish Mrs M Stephenson Miss E Suter
Year 2	Miss L Fowler (ECT)	Australia	Miss C Hattersley Miss L Brook
Year 3	Ms C Stevenson (ECT/MFL Coordinator)	Poland	Miss C Fusco Ms G Santopouli
Year 4	Miss L Jagger (Sports and Health/Science & Technologies Coordinator)	Kenya	Mrs S Smith Miss S Taylor
Year 5	Miss U Hussain (Upper School Phase Lead, Personal Development & English Coordinator)	Brazil	Miss E Baker
Year 6	Miss K Lopuszniak (Maths & Computing Coordinator)	Ireland/ USA	Miss J Webb (HLTA) Miss D Dinsmore (AM)

Year 1 Museum Trip

On Tuesday Year 1 went on their last trip of the school year. We visited Bankfield Museum and its grounds. We were able to look for seasonal changes, have a play on the park and enjoy our lunch outside before it started raining. Then we had fun looking around the museum, talking about local influential individuals, Percy Shaw and Edward Akroyd and trying on hats and clothes from different eras.





The Cricket Asylum are so excited to be running the Healthy Holidays Programme again this Summer, all the information is in the link below!

FREE places are available for children eligible for benefits related free school meals.

We also have some paid for places at a very reasonable rate, places are limited so book on fast!

- FREE to children on BENEFIT RELATED free school meals
- Free lunch, drinks and snacks provided
- Loads of fun cricket based games and activities
- Qualified and experienced Cricket coaches
- 9am-3pm each day
- 7-14 year old's

<https://www.tcafoundation.org/cricket-activity-camps/>



SUMMER CAMPS

**DEAN FIELD COMMUNITY
PRIMARY SCHOOL
COUSIN LN, OVENDEN,
HALIFAX
HX2 8DQ
JULY 24TH - JULY 27TH |
10AM-2PM
MONDAY-THURSDAY**

FREE

**TO CHILDREN WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR
BENEFIT-RELATED SCHOOL MEALS**

**TO BOOK
[HTTPS://HEALTHYHOLIDAYS.CALDERDALE.GOV.UK.](https://healthyholidays.calderdale.gov.uk)**


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Council**



The Big Calderdale Sleepout 2023

**From 2pm Saturday
October 7th 2023**

The Piece Hall

ENTERTAINMENT FROM:

**Jordan the DJ, Jonny the Singing Fireman
Ruth Lisgo, Natalie Lane, Todd Wilson
& Magpie Movers**

Hot food and drinks will be provided



**Book your tickets by scanning the
QR code or visiting www.rb.gy/yukr1**

**For more info, please email:
paula@calderdalesmartmove.org.uk**



DIARY DATES

DATE	EVENT
Friday 21st July	School Closes at 1:10pm
Monday 4th September	School Reopens 8:30am
Monday 4th—Wednesday 6th September	Year 6 Robin Wood Residential
Friday 8th September	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.



**“SUMMER
IS THE
PERFECT TIME
TO RESET AND
RECHARGE.”**

TT Rockstars Weekly Winners

Year 2 – Phoebe C

Year 3 – Seb L

Year 4 – Theo G

Year 5 – Ashton J

Class Winner – Poland



This Weeks Attendance

Group	% Attendance
Mexico	94%
China	92%
Australia	84.7%
Poland	94.8%
Kenya	93.9%
Brazil	95.9%
Ireland	89.7%
Total	92.3%

Congratulations to Brazil class who had the highest attendance in the school this week. Well done to Poland 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.
Lorraine Stansfield, Pastoral Manager

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Mexico Reception	Aria R	For always being a good listener.
	Grayson W	For getting faster with your walking frame!
China Year 1	Freddie W	For fantastic behaviour on the class trip.
	Alexa A	For your enthusiasm on the class trip.
Australia Year 2	Rogan M	For fantastic effort in sports day.
	Mia E	For impeccable behaviour all year long!
Poland Year 3	Layla-Rose T	For your effort in maths this week.
	Summer-Rae B	For always being a role model pupil.
Kenya Year 4	Kyia R	For always helping others.
	Alex H	For being a role model ALL year!
Brazil Year 5	Riley G	For a growing confidence in maths.
	Lexi O	For trying hard in everything you do.