

Dear Parents/Carers,

Reflecting on this Half-term

As we come to the end of this half term, there are so many positives to reflect on. The resilience our year 2 and 6 pupils have shown during their SATs weeks. The amazing experiences we have provided for the pupils at Dean Field, through extra curricular after school clubs and trips we have offered. Finally, we have finished the half term with our annual parent week which included a fantastic variety of workshops and activities and has been very well attended by parents. A big thank you to all the teachers for running these events and Miss Fudge for organising the whole week so well and of course thank you to all the parents who came along to an event. We value parental engagement highly at Dean Field and love having you in school!

Safeguarding Review

This week we commissioned a full safeguarding review/audit of the school by the Local Authority and were visited by Steve Barnes the Safeguarding Advisor at CMBC. Steve spoke with myself and Mrs Stansfield about our roles as Safeguarding Leads, he conducted a full site tour of the school, observed behaviour in classrooms and playtimes, looked at all our policies and procedures relating to safeguarding and spoke with our Chair of Governors, our Safeguarding Governor and a group of KS2 pupils. The feedback Steve provided to myself and our CEO, Shameem Hussain, was overwhelmingly positive. There were no actions to give us just one or two minor advisory recommendations. He commented that safeguarding is a real strength of the school and that we really do go above and beyond for our families to keep children safe.

Preparations for 2023/2024

Please see the next page for the teaching staff and class allocation for next year. We understand the importance of transition and so as well as transitioning year 5 into year 6 after the holiday, other year group teachers will be spending time with their new classes and with individual pupils to build positive relationships ready for the next academic year.

As well as this, pupils will get to meet their new class teachers in their new classrooms on Friday 7th July. We look forward to meeting our new Reception class on this day too.

If you have any questions about this, please don't hesitate to contact me on Seesaw.

Enjoy the half term holiday!

Mrs Fiona Pether

Headteacher



	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)

Smartest Class of the Week

This week China Class



SAFEGUARDING

Cyberbullying and digital safety

What is cyberbullying?

Cyberbullying is any bullying behaviour by electronic means. It typically includes:

- Intentionally causing someone or a group of people harm by sharing or posting unkind or offensive comments
- Sharing private information to shame or ridicule
- Impersonating others
- Promoting rumours or fake news about others

For young people, the perpetrators are usually people that they know (e.g. from school or the community) and quite often it is a continuation of bullying behaviour that is happening during the school day.

Our [Online Safety and Cyberbullying Awareness course](#) will also help parents to support their children online.

Visit the Kidscape website for more advice and Ideas.



Parent Week 2023

What a fantastic Parent Week we have had this year. Thank you to all who joined in.
Our workshops included...

- ♦ Story Café
- ♦ EYFS Stay and Play
- ♦ Money Matters Workshop
- ♦ Ukulele Performance
- ♦ Dance Shows
- ♦ Parent Employment Workshop
- ♦ Online Safety Parent Workshop
- ♦ Art Family Learning Events
- ♦ Art with our Artist in Residence
- ♦ Movement and Games
- ♦ ZooLab
- ♦ Curriculum Learning Walk
- ♦ Scholastic Book Fair



Year 1 Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park



Year 1 has had a very busy week. On Tuesday we went to Yorkshire Wildlife Park. Unfortunately, all the big cats were hiding in the shade, but we saw rhinos, giraffes, meerkats, monkeys and much more!



ZooLab Workshop: Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 6

This week ZooLab came into school to run workshops with a variety of different classes as part of their current topics. <https://www.zoolabuk.com/education>

Chris, the handler, was so informative and engaging. He shared with us a wide range of animals including Max the cockroach and Ghost the albino rat!

As it was also Parent Week, some families joined their children in the fun.





Summer Term Key Event Dates

Year 5 Sports Day	Wednesday 7 th June 1:45pm-2:45pm
Year 1 Sports Day	Monday 19 th June 1:15pm-2:45pm
Year 2 Sports Day	Tuesday 20 th June 1:15pm-2:45pm
Reception Sports Day	Wed 21 st June 1:45pm-2:45pm
Year 6 Prom	Thursday 22 nd June 5-6:30pm
Non-Uniform – Chocolate Tombola	Friday 23 rd June
Year 3 Sports Day	Monday 26 th June 1:15pm-2:45pm
Year 4 Sports Day	Thursday 29 th June 1:15pm-2:45pm
Year 6 Leavers assembly for Year 6 Parents	Friday 30 th June 9am
Summer Fayre	Monday 3 rd July 3pm-4:15pm
Transition Morning	Friday 7 th July
End of year reports go home to parents	Friday 7 th July
Nursery Graduation	Wednesday 12 th July 9am-9:45am
Year 4 Bronte Museum Trip	Wednesday 12 th July
Year 5 London Trip	Wednesday 12 th July
Nursery Sports Day	Friday 14 th July 9am-10am
Year 3 Awards Assembly	Monday 17 th July 9am
Year 5 Awards Assembly	Monday 17 th July 2:15pm
Year 2 Awards Assembly	Tuesday 18 th July 9am
Year 4 Awards Assembly	Tuesday 18 th July 2:15pm
Reception Graduation	Wednesday 19 th July 2:15-2:45pm
Year 1 Awards Assembly	Wednesday 19 th July 9am
End of term behaviour treat	Thursday 20 th July (AM)
Break up for summer	Friday 21 st July 1:10pm (no after school enrichment clubs or Dean Field Den on this day)

The new trim trail will be fitted Thursday 8th and Friday 9th June in our school playground.

I'm sure you will agree how exciting this is going to be for all the children.



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about INFLUENCERS

In today's digital age, social media influencers play an increasingly significant role in shaping the opinions, interests and behaviours of our children. While many of these individuals can have a positive effect, influencer culture can also present certain risks – such as encouraging consumerism, affecting self-esteem and blurring trustworthiness. To help ensure a safe online environment for young people, it's vital to maintain open communication, set sensible boundaries, promote a healthy self-image and teach digital media literacy. Our guide delves deeper into all of these.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

HEIGHTENED CONSUMERISM

A major way that influencers make money is through brand partnerships and sponsored content. As a result, children who follow them may be exposed to a steady stream of advertising: this can lead to materialistic attitudes, unrealistic expectations and an increased desire to have the latest products. Many influencers have built huge brand empires around their large, impressionable following.

THE SOFT SELL

Some influencers aren't always transparent about the motivations behind their posts, blurring the lines between genuine recommendations and paid-for promotions – and young people sometimes find it difficult to distinguish authentic content from advertising. Many major social platforms have taken steps to make sponsored content and ads easier to identify, but it remains an area of concern.

PRIVACY CONCERNS

Inspired by their favourite influencers, children may start sharing more of their own lives online – which could reveal personal information or details about their daily routine. This openness can put them at risk of cyberbullying or even predatory behaviour. This is exacerbated by live streaming, which gives young people no time to consider the potential consequences of saying too much.

UNDERMINING SELF-ESTEEM

Many influencers share images and videos of themselves and their activities, which are often painstakingly curated and edited to present an idealised version of their life. Children who follow these influencers may develop distorted expectations about body image and the concept of beauty, which can potentially lead to negative self-esteem and even mental health issues.

Advice for Parents & Carers

KEEP TALKING

Chat to your child about the content they consume on social media and the influencers that they like. Encourage them to think critically about what they see and hear online, and listen to any concerns they might have. Maintaining this line of open, honest communication can help your child to make informed decisions about which individuals they follow and what content they engage with.

SET SOME BOUNDARIES

Agree age-appropriate boundaries for your child's social media use, including time limits and privacy settings (the two major operating systems on mobile devices, Android and iOS, have these controls baked in). Try to keep an eye on your child's online activity and discuss it regularly with them – including reminding them of the potential risks that can arise from following influencers.

SUPPORT A HEALTHY SELF-IMAGE

Reinforce your child's awareness that real life isn't usually as picture perfect as it may appear on social media – and how some content (particularly that of influencers) is often curated, staged or edited to look more glamorous. If possible, highlight examples of other influencers who share authentic, relatable material which acknowledges their imperfections and struggles as well.

PROMOTE MEDIA LITERACY

Talk to your child about the concepts of sponsored content, advertising and potential influencer bias. Teach them to critically evaluate the information they're presented with online and to consider the possible reasons behind content creation. This can help young people develop the skills to make healthier decisions about the influencers they choose to follow and the content they consume.

Meet Our Expert

A former director of digital marketing and currently a deputy headteacher and OGL, Brendan O'Keeffe's experience and expertise gives him a clear insight into how modern digital systems impact the experience of children, staff and parents – and which strategies help to ensure that the online world remains a useful educational tool rather than a minefield of risks.



NOS
National
Online
Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

OSCA Foundation GALA

MAY 17, 2023

OSCA FOUNDATION at Forest Cottage, on Cousin Lane, Ovenden, will be holding a Gala /Open Day on Saturday June 17th from 1pm until 5pm,

Attractions will include a Minion inflatable , children's rides, climbing wall, cave, dog training display, side stalls, football shooting game, children's bike give away and MUCH, MUCH MORE!

Admission is FREE to everyone...



Live Music at OSCA Foundation

Live music AT OSCA Foundation, Forest Cottage continues on Saturday June 3rd when the Bradford based five piece band "PLAYING for KICKS" will be performing in OSCA'S Bar FROM 8:15 PM , free admission.

No tickets required.

Children welcome under parental supervision.



Calling
all
young
people



Free holiday activities
and food sessions

HEALTHY
HOLIDAYS
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HALF TERM FUN

29th May to 2nd June 2023

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



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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](http://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!



FREE SPRING HALF TERM VIRTUAL ORIENTEERING

At Beechwood Park, Halifax

1st June 3:30–6:30pm

Bring the family and try out one of three virtual orienteering courses set around Beechwood park. All courses are Beginner friendly and free for the whole family

- **Parking:** Heathy Ln, Halifax HX2 9UN
- **Start:** Outside the play area (opposite the car park)
- **Time:** Start any time between 3:30–6:30pm (finish by 7:30pm)
- **Cost:** FREE!
- **Courses available:**
 - Find Your Way – White, Yellow, Orange
- **Course details:**
 - White 1.2km (Based on paths and tracks around the park this course is perfect for young children and families)
 - Yellow 1.6km (Based on paths and tracks around the park this course is perfect for older children and families)
 - Orange 2.5km (explore a little of the beaten track. This course is perfect for beginner adults or adventures families)

Entry and other info:



DIARY DATES

DATE	EVENT
Friday 26th May	School closes
Monday 5th June	School reopens
Wednesday 7th June	Year 5 Refugee Art Workshop
Thursday 8th June	Year 5 + 6 Fire Safety Talk
Thursday 8th June	Year 5 Sports Day with Beech Hill

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.



YOU CAN'T GO BACK
AND CHANGE THE
BEGINNING, BUT YOU
CAN START WHERE
YOU ARE AND
CHANGE THE ENDING.

C.S. LEWIS

Accelerated Reader – Reading Achievements this week



Brazil	75%
Poland	77.6%
Australia	73.3%
Ireland	60%
Kenya	73.8%

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!

TT Rockstars Weekly Winners

Year 2 – Daniel

Year 3 – Seb L

Year 4 – Leo H

Year 5 – Sofie H

Year 6 – Jessica C

Class Winner - Poland



Group	% Attendance
Mexico	92.8%
China	96.6%
Australia	87.7%
Poland	94.8%
Kenya	85.5%
Brazil	91.4%
Ireland	90.7%
Total	91.6%

This Weeks Attendance

Congratulations to China 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.
Loraine Stansfield, Pastoral Manager

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Mexico Reception	Hollie-Rose K	For becoming much more confident and independent.
	Kaleesi F	For growing in confidence during new activities.
China Year 1	Mila H	For fantastic behaviour on the trip and looking after your partner.
	Jack P-M	For your attention and interest on our class trip.
Australia Year 2	Harper B	For being more enthusiastic and motivated with your work.
	Poppy B	For valuable contributions in class discussions.
Poland Year 3	Ivy B	For being a fantastic helper!
	Riley A	For your enthusiasm and great attitude to learning.
Kenya Year 4	Abigail C	For always being supportive to everyone.
	Jacob B	For fantastic engagement during English input.
Brazil Year 5	Taya J	For confidently performing during our ukulele performance.
	Lottie P	For always being a ray of sunshine!
Ireland Year 6	Alicia O	For your enthusiasm in all parent week activities with mum.
	Mia N	For your fantastic attitude to learning.