

Dear parents/carers,

This week we welcome a new Teaching Assistant, Miss Charlotte Land to school. Miss Land is working in year 1 and the children have shown her a very warm welcome for her first week in school.

On Wednesday, Kelly Galtrey our Safeguarding Governor conducted the annual safeguarding governor visit where we talked through all of our safeguarding policies and procedures. We also carried out a learning walk through school and as always, the children's behaviour and attitudes to learning were impeccable.

If you'd like to find out more about who our governors are then please click the link below which will take you to the governor section of our website.

<https://deanfieldschool.co.uk/site/governor-profiles/>

New Sports Kit

I'm sure you'll agree our new sports kit looks amazing. A big thank you to Miss Jagger for organizing this so our children can represent Dean Field at upcoming sporting events looking super smart!



Smartest Class of the Week

This week Year 6 Ireland Class are smartest class of the week!



SAFEGUARDING

Warning for parents buying Christmas gifts for their children online:

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents has put together advice to help parents avoid buying potentially-dangerous toys and presents on the internet. Families are being urged to make sure the Christmas presents they are buying online are safe.

From checking the validity of a seller to making sure button batteries are securely locked away, the advice will help mums and dads avoid potentially-dangerous items.

These are RoSPA's tips for shopping safely online:

- Check the validity and reputation of the seller and manufacturer. Look for a name and address, and if you can't see one, don't buy from them. Also, check reviews about the items you're buying and about the seller you're buying from.
- Check any products you're buying carry the CE mark or Lion mark.
- Make sure the toy is suitable for the child – check the age range. Some toys will contain small parts that can be swallowed, or sharp or pointy edges, so these aren't suitable for smaller children.
- If the toy you're buying contains button batteries, ensure it has a lockable battery compartment. This is a requirement of toy safety regulations, as these batteries cause serious injuries, and even death, if swallowed.
- Take care with products that contain small magnets as these have caused serious injury to young children when swallowed.
- Remember, Christmas novelties (such as decorative Santas, snow globes and other decorations) are not toys, and so do not adhere to the same standards. They could be dangerous for children to play with.

Take nothing for granted! When you receive the items, check them thoroughly before gifting them.



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about HOW TO COMBAT ONLINE BULLYING



Defined as "ongoing hurtful behaviour towards someone online", cyber-bullying makes its victims feel upset, uncomfortable and unsafe. In the digital world, it has numerous forms – such as hurtful comments on a person's posts or profile; deliberately leaving them out of group chats; sharing embarrassing images or videos of someone; or spreading gossip about them. Cyber-bullying can severely impact a young person's mental health... so, in support of Anti-Bullying Week, we've provided a list of tips to help trusted adults know what to look for and how to respond to it.



1. GET CONNECTED

Playing online games together with your child or connecting with them on social media (providing they're old enough) is not only fun but also an excellent way of establishing some common ground to discuss things you've both seen or done online – as well as keeping an eye on who your child is communicating with in the digital world.

2. KEEP TALKING

Regular chats with young people about their online lives are good practice in general, but they can also be an excellent refresher to help prevent cyber-bullying situations. Topics you might want to revisit include why it's important to only connect online with people we know and trust, and why passwords should always remain secret (even from our best friends).

3. STAY VIGILANT

Observe your child while they're using technology and just after they've used it. Are they acting normally, or out of character? Possible signs of a problem may include seeming quiet or withdrawn, jumpy or anxious, angry or repeatedly checking their phone. When you feel it's the right time, you may want to check in with them to see if everything is OK.

4. MAKE YOURSELF AVAILABLE

If an online bullying incident does occur, it may take a while before your child is ready to open up about what happened. Just gently remind them that they can always come to you with any problems – and that they won't be in trouble. You might also suggest a trusted family member they could turn to, in case they feel too embarrassed to tell you directly.

5. BE PREPARED TO LISTEN

When conversations about online bullying do take place, they're likely to be difficult, emotional and upsetting for both you and your child. Actively listen to your child while they're bringing you up to speed, and try not to show any judgement or criticism – even if they haven't dealt with the situation in exactly the way you would have hoped.

FURTHER SUPPORT AND ADVICE

If you or your child need additional help with an online bullying issue, here are some specialist organisations that you could reach out to.

Childline: talk to a trained counsellor on 0800 1111 or online at www.childline.org.uk/get-support/

National Bullying Helpline: counsellors are available on 0845 225 5787 or by visiting www.nationalbullyinghelpline.co.uk/cyberbullying.html

The NSPCC: the children's charity has a guide to the signs of bullying at www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/bullying-and-cyberbullying/ and can be reached on 0800 800 5000

6. EMPOWER YOUR CHILD

Depending on their age, your child might not want a parent 'fighting their battles for them'. In that case, talk through their options with them (blocking the perpetrator, deleting the app and so on). By allowing your child to choose the path they take, you're putting them in control but are also demonstrating that you're there to support them along the way.

7. REPORT BULLIES ONLINE

Cyber-bullying often takes place through a particular app, social media platform or online game. If this is happening to your child, encourage them to report the offender to the app or game in question – ideally with screenshots to support their complaint. Most games and apps have reporting tools specifically to stamp out abusive behaviour and protect users.

8. ENCOURAGE EMPATHY

Protecting themselves online is the priority, of course, but young people should also feel empowered to help if they witness other people falling victim to cyberbullying. Even if they don't feel confident enough to call someone out on their abusive behaviour online, they can still confidentially report that person to the app or game where the bullying occurred.

9. SEEK EXPERT ADVICE

Victims of online bullying frequently experience feelings of isolation and anxiety, a loss of self-esteem and potentially even thoughts of self-harm or suicide. If you think that an incident of cyber-bullying has affected your child's mental wellbeing, then seek psychological support for them. There are some useful contact details in the central panel below.

10. INVOLVE THE AUTHORITIES

If the nature of any online bullying makes you suspect that your child is genuinely in imminent physical danger – or if there are any signs whatsoever of explicit images being shared as part of the bullying – then you should gather any relevant screenshots as evidence and report the incidents to your local police force.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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#WakeUpWednesday



Starting School September 2024

How to apply for a school place

Children born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 are due to start primary school in September 2024.

To apply for a school place you must **apply online by 15 January 2024** at www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions.

For advice and guidance regarding the application process please contact 01422 392617, option 1, and a Customer First Advisor will be able to assist you.

If you would like a leaflet about applying for a primary school place please contact your preferred school and register your child's name. The leaflet will then be distributed by the primary school at the end of November 2023.

Information relating to Admission to Primary School 2024, including oversubscription criteria, is available at www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions.

**The application process opens on 17 November 2023
and the close date is 15 January 2024**

Offers of school places will be made on 16 April 2024.

Year 4 Gymnastic trip

On Wednesday, Year 4 visited Jim-nas-tiks Matt's Gym in Dean Clough. The children had a gymnastic session delivered by a specialist coach where they learnt how to do a handstand. After that, the children had chance to play on all of the equipment. The children had an amazing time and stated their best part was the hanging rings.



Children in Need

We have had a great week completing the Bearpees challenge! We are very pleased to announce that, as a school, we completed over a 1000 Bearpees every single day this week!!! Well done everyone!!! Thank you all for your kind donations too. They are going to be donated to Children in Need this afternoon!



Charity Food Bin

School have partnered up with Happy Days Charity to help the homeless in our community. If you would like to donate food items, toiletries, washing tablets, etc. please see the bin below with details of what is needed each week.

We will put the bin outside each morning by the ramp at the school entrance, or you can bring items into the office at any time during the school day.

Dean Field is proud to help the community in any way possible and show our children the value of kindness and giving to others.



EYFS Donations

Over the next half term EYFS staff will be working really hard enhancing the outdoor provision to make it even more exciting and engaging for our children.

Any donations of toys that can be used outdoors would be greatly appreciated. If anyone is getting rid of any large plastic boxes with lids on we would also be grateful of these to sort the toys in and to keep them clean and safe.

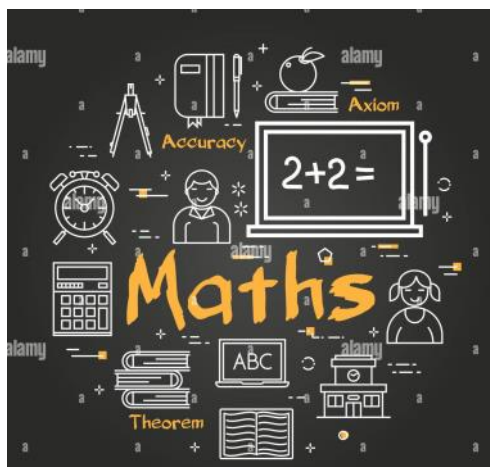
Ideas of things that we are looking for: plastic animal figures, dolls/prams, plastic dolls house, plastic car garage, any construction toys. If you have any items to donate please give them to a member of staff at the door.

Many thanks the EYFS team.



Parent Presentations

Stay tuned to Seesaw as over the next few weeks our fantastic subject leaders will be releasing parent presentations for different subjects to help you understand how different subjects are taught across the school. Next week will be maths and the following weeks will be reading, writing, science, geography and history.





Christmas Events



Event	Date
Chocolate Tombola - non-uniform	Friday 24 th November
Christmas Fayre	Monday 4 th December
EY Christmas Nativity (Parents invited)	Wednesday 13 th December
Reindeer Run	Thursday 14 th December
Christmas Dinner Day	Thursday 14 th December
Christmas Jumper Day	Thursday 14 th December
Singing around the Christmas tree – Lower School (Parents invited)	Tuesday 19 th December 9am
Singing around the Christmas tree – Upper School (Parents invited)	Tuesday 19 th December 2:15pm
Santa Visit	Thursday 21 st December
Christmas Party – non-uniform	Friday 22 nd December
School closes for Christmas	Friday 22nd December 1.10pm No after school clubs or Dean Field Den



Christmas Fayre

We need your help with donations.

Whether you have a business and you could donate a raffle prize or having a declutter at home, we would appreciate you thinking of us!

Any donations please bring to the main office at Deanfield Primary School

Dean Field
Community Primary School

Reminder: Raffle letters have gone out and we are now selling tickets £1 per strip.

NO BOOKS PLEASE

SCHOOL LOTTERY

Don't forget to join our school lottery and be in with a chance of winning cash prizes up to £25,000, plus great bundles like the one shown here.

The school lottery helps support our school so we can buy extra resources and do extra curricular activities.



- Win a Limited Edition Spider-Man 2 Playstation 5
- AND the brand-new Playstation VR2 Headset!
- Tickets from just £1 a week
- Play now and support our school!

BUY TICKETS:

Go to: **YourSchoolLottery.co.uk**

And search for: **Dean Field Community**



Draw date Saturday 25th November. See website for terms and conditions



DIARY DATES

DATE	EVENT
Monday 20th November	Year 6 Trip to The Gibbet
Wednesday 22nd November	Year 3 Matt's Gym Trip
Wednesday 22nd November	Year 4 Times Table Tea Party 1:30-2:30pm
Friday 24th November	Non-Uniform Chocolate Tombola

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.



Kindness is a
sign of **STRENGTH!**



Accelerated Reader – Reading Achievements this week



Brazil	85%
Poland	90%
Australia	86%
Ireland	83%
Kenya	71%

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 – Lilly-Jo F

Year 3 – William H

Year 4 – Blakley R

Year 5 – Leo H

Year 6 – Freddy B

Class Winner – Year 4



Group	% Attendance
Mexico	94.1%
China	91.7%
Australia	93.3%
Poland	94.5%
Kenya	91.6%
Brazil	95.7%
Ireland	91.1%
Total	93.1%

This Weeks Attendance

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,
Loraine Stansfield, Pastoral Manager

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Mexico Reception	Caitlin P	For super blending in phonics word time.
	Freddie O	For trying hard in maths even when it was a little tricky.
China Year 1	Franklin L	For his amazing score in his phonics screening practice test.
	Violet C	For some excellent maths this week.
Australia Year 2	Ellie-Jane P	For engagement across all lessons.
	Kaya Mc	For always loving trying in maths and afternoon lessons.
Poland Year 3	Charlotte H	For being helpful and always trying her best.
	Rosco HB	For trying super hard and producing some great sentences in English.
Kenya Year 4	CJ C	For outstanding behaviour all week.
	Kayson T	For his enthusiasm and efforts in our gymnastic trip.
Brazil Year 5	Sydney A	For outstanding reading.
	Lewis S	For an improved attitude to learning.
Ireland Year 6	Miley C	For superb acting when performing drama in English.
	Riley G	For his hard work in maths this week.