

# **DEAN FIELD NEWS**

## Friday 13th October 2023



Dear Parents/Carers.

This week our Head Boy and Girl and their deputes along with some of our school councilors visited Heptonstall School for a cross-trust school council event. A big thank you to Miss Hussain and Miss Stansfield for taking them.

In the next few weeks we will gain two new schools joining our Multi Academy Trust. The first being Heptonstall, a small village school above Hebden Bridge and the second being Shirley Manor, a one form entry primary school in Wyke, Bradford.

We are very much looking forward to more events where we can bring the children from all the schools in the Family of Learning Trust together.





A reminder that we break up for half term next Friday 20th October at 3pm.

Enjoy your weekend!

Mrs Pether

## **Staff Training**

This week staff have had the second session with Kirsty Longbottom from Open Minds (CAHMS) around self care and wellbeing of both themselves and the children they teach.

We talked a lot about mindfulness and how we can bring this into school as a whole school culture.

On Thursday Miss Lopszniak delivered training to teachers as Maths Leader on a new programme we will be using to meet the needs of more able mathematicians.

On top of this our first year ECTs Miss Cheetham and Miss Fowler have attended their first ECT conference. We think they have both done amazingly well in their first few weeks as qualified teachers!

## **Smartest Class of the Week**

This week Nursery, Antarctica Class are smartest class of the week!



## **SAFEGUARDING**

#### **Grades Go Down When You're Not Around Attendance matters**

It is vital for schools that parents/carers, particularly those who are new to the school, understand the importance of supporting the school's attendance policy and communicate with school in advance whenever there is a reason for absence.

Not only can regular absence, particularly unexplained absence, be a red flag for safeguarding issues, but only when children are in school can they talk to staff and be given support for any pastoral and safeguarding problems. Missing out on lessons leaves children vulnerable to falling behind. Children with poor attendance tend to achieve less in both primary and secondary school.

Regular school attendance gives children a sense of belonging to the school community and allows them to build up positive relationships with both their peers and school staff.



## The Family of Learning Trust School Council Conference

On Thursday the school councillors from across the trust gathered at Heptonstall Primary School for a meeting! They spent the morning getting to know each other and the Heptonstall school councillors gave them a tour of their school. They discussed future projects and are looking forward to working collaboratively in the future!

As always, the children represented the school really well and made a good first impression!







## **Year 5 Black History Month Event**

On Tuesday, the year 5 classes from across The Family of Learning Trust gathered at Beech Hill school for a Black History Month poetry event. We celebrated the work of the black, British poet Benjamin Zephaniah and recited one of his poems as group. We recited 'The British Poem' which discusses the importance of acceptance and equality for all in society.

Brazil class had a fabulous day and they really enjoyed getting to know the other year 5 children from Beech Hill School and Shirley Manor Primary Academy. They represented our school really well and the staff were so impressed with their contributions as well as their enthusiasm and good manners!



## **Nursery Black History Month**

To celebrate black history Month in nursery we have created some amazing art work inspired by Alma Woodsey Thomas, who started her career as an artist in 1960. Her amazing work is declared as some of the most "creative art of all time," our children really enjoyed creating their own masterpieces.









A massive thank you to Ava in year 4 for collecting conkers for nursery to explore. These will be used to support opportunities in nursery in their topic 'Going on a Bear Hunt' next term.



## **Week commencing Monday 16th October**



## School Meals Menu - Week 1



1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Meal Option	Battered Chicken Steaks 1, 3, 4, 5, 10 Fish Fingers 2, 5	Burger in a Bun Burger 5, 8 Bun 4, 5	Homemade Lasagne 5, 10 or Shredded Chicken 5	Homemade Chicken Pie 5, 10, 12	Pizza 1, 5, 10
	Mac 'n' Cheese Croquettes 5, 10	Vegetable Pasta Bake 5, 10	Vegan Pizza Rolls 5, 8	Vegan Strips	Tomato Pasta 5, 10
Vegetables	Criss-Cuts 5 Beans Veg Sticks	Wedges Spaghetti 5 Peas	Herbies 5 Sweetcorn Mixed Veg	Potato Puffs Peas Carrots	Chips Beans Broccoli
Served Daily	Jacket Potatoes with various fillings Salad Bar Selection of Sandwiches/Subs/Wraps Allergies for the daily items available on request				
Dessert	Doughnuts 4, 5, 10, 12, 14	Choc-Chip Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 10	Cheesecake 4, 5,10	Marble Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 10	Assorted Fresh Baking 5, 10, 12
	Angel Delight	Cornflake Buns 5, 10	Jelly	Assorted Biscuits 5, 10, 12	Vanilla Ice Cream



## Right of the Week



This weeks' article is article 13 – 'children have the right to share freely with others what they learn, think and feel, by talking, drawing, writing or in any other way unless it harms other people.'

At Dean Field, we always encourage pupils to share their thoughts and feelings on different topics. We encourage this through our weekly Picture News discussion topic where pupils are encouraged to openly share their opinion on a current topic. We also encourage our pupils to share their thoughts and feelings in different areas of the curriculum to allow them to deepen their understanding. This is communicated in a variety of ways from talking and drawing to writing and presenting information to others.



## **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.





# GRANDPARENTS"



## DAY

#### Grandparent's Day Reminder

#### Monday 16Th October at 2pm

We are asking for donations of cakes, buns or sweet treats that can be served for the afternoon tea. These can be brought into school on Monday 16th October (AM) for preparation. These can be given to class teachers who will bring them to the office.

Important: Please ensure treats do not contain nut-based products. If you are baking something at home, we politely ask that you bring an ingredient list in

On the day, please come to school hall doors to enter school where your name will be ticked off the register. At 3pm the children will return to their class and the grandparents will exit via the school hall doors. If they are collecting children for home time they will need to walk round to the normal collection points outside classroom doors.

Children who don't have a grandparent or special person coming in on Monday will have the opportunity to create a picture for someone special to them in class

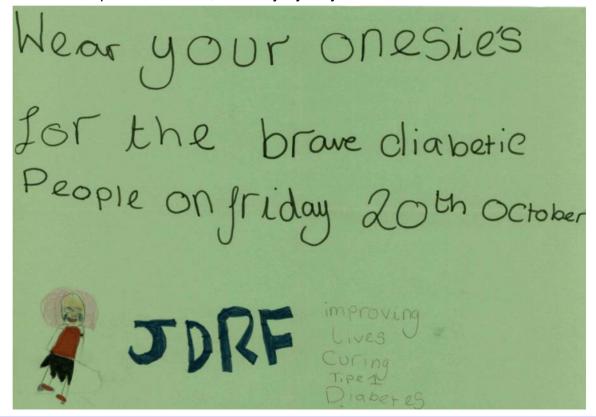
We look forward to celebrating Grandparents' Day with your families.



## **Non-Uniform Day**

On Friday 20th October we will be having a non-uniform day where you can wear your onesies to support people suffering with Type 1 diabetes.

Please see the poster attached, made by Sydney in Year 5.





## Harvest Festival 2023



At Dean Field, we are celebrating Harvest Festival by collecting non-perishable food items and toiletries for the charities SmartMove and Happy Days. If you would like to donate, please send your donations into school on or before Tuesday 17th October.

















#### Children in Need 2023

This year we are taking part in the BBC Children in Need Bearpees challenge!

We are taking on Joe Wicks' challenge to try and complete 1000 burpees as a school every day during the fundraising week which is the week commencing Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November.

Each class is going to keep a daily class total and hopefully by the end of the day, we will reach the target of 1000!

On **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November** we have a **yellow/spotty/sportswear** themed non-uniform day and we would be very grateful for a **50p** donation which will go to Children in Need. We are also going to do a whole school bearpees challenge in the playground on this day!

Visit <a href="https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/fundraising/introducing-pudsey-bearpees/">https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/fundraising/introducing-pudsey-bearpees/</a> learn-how-to-bearpee/ to learn how to bearpee!



NO BOOKS PLEASE

## **Christmas Events**







Event	Date
Chocolate Tombola - non-uniform	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November
Christmas Fayre	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December
EY Christmas Nativity	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December
Reindeer Run	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Dinner Day	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Jumper Day	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December
Singing around the Christmas tree – Lower School	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 9am
Singing around the Christmas tree – Upper School	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2:15pm
Santa Visit	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December
Christmas Party – non-uniform	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December

## **SCHOOL LOTTERY**

Don't forget to join our school lottery and be in with a chance of wining 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.



#### **BUY TICKETS:**

Go to: YourSchoolLottery.co.uk
And search for: Dean Field Community











## **DIARY DATES** DATE **EVENT** Monday 16th October Grandparent's Day 2-3pm Year 2 Shibden Park Trip Tuesday 17th October Friday 20th October Non-Uniform Day Friday 20th October Last Day of Half-Term Monday 6th November First Day Back Wednesday 8th November Parents Evening 1:20-6pm Wednesday 8th November Individual Photo Day

**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 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 <a href="https://www.myon.co.uk/login/">https://www.myon.co.uk/login/</a> to start reading!

## This Weeks Attendance

Group	% Attendance
Mexico	82.7%
China	95%
Australia	90.7%
Poland	87.3%
Kenya	93.5%
Brazil	95.2%
Ireland	93.3%
Total	90.9%

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



# Dean Field CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY Dean Field Correctly Primary School

Mexico Reception	Olivia W	For her positive attitude towards learning.			
i toopaan	Lenny H	For persisting when things seem a little difficult.			
China	Edith G	For a brilliant attitude to learning.			
Year 1	Kaira-Jade L	For always being considerate and kind.			
Australia Year 2	Jack PM	For impressing all adults in reading during Star Reader and phonics assessment.			
	Alarah S	For really trying to show smart sitting and good listening.			
Poland Year 3	Keeley C	For impressive resilience and focus in English this week.			
	Rosco HB	For fantastic phonics.			
Kenya	Layla-Rose T	For a brilliant attitude in maths.			
Year 4	Blakley R	For always being a role model.			
Brazil Year 5	Whole Class	For representing DF so well at a cross trust poetry event.			
Ireland Year 6	Georgie A	For a fantastic letter in English.			
	Jacob D	For your outstanding effort this week.			