

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy but great half-term we have had here at Dean Field. It has flown by and we have really enjoyed seeing the children engage with their learning and settle back into school routines after the summer break.

We are looking forward to our upcoming Parents' Evening on Wednesday 8th November—we hope to see you there!

I continue to be blown away by how remarkable our pupils are and what they achieve. Also what a fantastic curriculum offer they have here at Dean Field. If you haven't already followed us on X (formerly Twitter) then please do. Only a small snapshot of each week can go into our weekly newsletter and if you follow us on X you will see all the amazing things that go on across all year groups.

A reminder that our main platform for communicating with parents is Seesaw. Unfortunately some children have missed out on things that have happened this half term because parents were not aware. In order to save paper and be environmentally friendly the majority of our letters and announcements to parents go out on Seesaw. Please ensure that you are active on Seesaw and check regularly to ensure you don't miss out.

Have a Spooktacular half term! We look forward to seeing you in November.

If you carve a pumpkin, go trick or treating or visit a bonfire over half term, I would love to see photos of this on Seesaw!

Mrs F. Pether



## Smartest Class of the Week

This week Year 3, Poland Class are smartest class of the week!



## SAFEGUARDING

### Halloween Costume Fire Safety Advice

1. Make sure fancy-dress costumes and masks are labelled as flame-resistant.
2. Don't use flammable materials to make home-made costumes.
3. Try and avoid wearing capes, loose clothing and dangling sleeves as these can make the risk of catching fire greater and they are also a trip hazard too.



### Bonfire safety

Don't let one night leave you scarred for life

37% of the Incidents West Yorkshire fire & rescue were called out to over the bonfire period last year involved an injury.

We want to equip you with the Information to keep you and your families safe while enjoying your at-home celebrations. How do you keep children safe on bonfire night?

Children should watch displays from a safe distance, they should be well away from both fireworks and any bonfires. Families should keep a torch, buckets of water, eye protection, gloves and a bucket of sand. The sand can be used to place fireworks in ready to be lit. Always wear bright clothing.

Let's all enjoy the celebrations safely!







# Suggested Apps and Games For EARLY YEARS



## Learning



### FISH SCHOOL HD

This app teaches young children (age 2-5) about important things like letters, shapes, numbers and more, all set in a colourful underwater setting with adorable sea creatures. The basic idea has fish and sea creatures forming the shapes of letters, numbers etc that your little one can identify. Developers Duck Duck Moose have a line up of creating family friendly apps and games with 21 top-selling apps since 2008. Fish School HD has over 50,000 downloads and offers a rounded package of activities, but many other apps by this developer are highly rated and offer a few twists on the formula. As always it's worth checking a few out to see which best suits your child's interests. Fish School HD is available for free on iOS and Android.



### GREEN EGGS AND HAM - DR. SEUSS

The classic Dr. Seuss book has been reworked into an interactive adventure for modern day devices, with an emphasis on encouraging literacy learning in younger children. Within the app, there's a few different options on how to enjoy the story: you can read it aloud together, have the app read the book and follow along, or just play the story through automatically. You can even tap on words to hear them individually to practice vocabulary. While the app will set you back £3.79 on Android (£3.99 on iOS) it has an excellent rating and over 10,000 downloads, with many noting how much their young children have enjoyed the story. It speaks volumes about the quality of the work, too, that a book from 1960 can still be read and loved by children some two generations after its initial release.



### TOCA LAB: ELEMENTS

Toca Lab is the app of choice in encouraging little scientists to get to grips with elements, our world and how physics and chemistry work. This one might be a little advanced for younger kids and, though it has a PEGI 3 rating, it does recommend ages 6-8 in the description. All 118 elements are present in Toca Lab and kids are encouraged to find and test them all. Experimenting with things like Gold, Neon, Hydrogen and more, it gives a better grasp of how everything in our universe is formed. Bear in mind though that it's not meant to be a scientifically accurate account of how elements react, but to build curiosity in young minds. The app is available on iOS and Android for £3.99.



### BAREFOOT WORLD ATLAS

What's the next best thing to travelling the world? Well, for kids with access to an iPad or Apple phone, Barefoot World Atlas could be a close second. In this app available only on iOS for £4.99, kids and adults can explore the globe from the comfort of their own homes and learn all about our planet. The app, which is rated 4+, only appears on Apple devices but the sheer amount of information contained in here will keep curious kids busy for hours on end.



### SKETCHBOOK - DRAW AND PAINT (AUTODESK SKETCHBOOK ON IOS)

Encouraging artistic ability at an early age can often be invaluable in letting kid's imaginations loose and there are many apps that allow them to unlock that passion. SketchBook comes highly recommended with over 300,000 reviews. Essentially, the app comprises a blank canvas and a host of "fast and powerful creative sketching tools" like pens, pencils and paint brushes to let those creative juices flow. SketchBook is rated PEGI 3 so even younger children should be able to get to grips with it. However, it could prove a little too complex for some and the large collection of tools and crisp graphics would suit a larger screen like an iPad, over a mobile phone. Despite this, the ability to simply mess around and doodle, coupled with more advanced accessibility later down the line, should make it a must own for all age ranges. The app is free to download on both Android and iOS.



### LITTLE FRIENDS: CATS & DOGS

If you're looking to introduce pets into the family home but aren't sure about how your children might react, a good way to get your younger ones acquainted with an animal before a big commitment is a game like Little Friends: Cats & Dogs. This Nintendo Switch game tasks players with feeding, playing with and loving their own virtual cat or dog. Much like Nintendogs or even Tamagotchi of the 90s, Little Friends is a fun way to build up confidence to owning a real animal. While only a 1 player game, Little Friends: Cats & Dogs is suitable for all ages and entirely offline, so there's nothing at all to worry about when they're enjoying it alone.



### YOUTUBE KIDS

YouTube Kids takes the popular YouTube format and curates a more specialised environment for children to search through. While any age range can benefit from YouTube Kids, the 'Preschool' Mode is specifically designed for kids aged 4 and under. According to the app's description, 'Preschool' Mode promotes creativity, playfulness, learning and exploration through its channels. The inclusion of parental controls (limited screen-time, video blocking and flagging) and strict adware monitoring by YouTube means the experience is incredibly safe for younger kids. It should be noted that in the app description, YouTube say that some inappropriate content can slip through the cracks, but they're constantly implementing updates to stop these. A hugely popular app, YouTube Kids is available on iOS and Android with well over 100 million downloads.



### BBC iPLAYER KIDS

This app is designed for kids and lets them watch all their favourite BBC and CBeebies shows in one place. The simple presentation is super easy to navigate and the app itself is entirely free on both Android and iOS with no adverts whatsoever. BBC iPlayer Kids can download shows to your device's internal storage allowing you to take all the best bits with you when there's no WiFi and multiple profiles mean everybody gets straight to their favourites with minimal fuss. According to the app description, it will ask for your child's name and age to recommend other programmes it thinks they might like.



### MARIO KART 8 DELUXE

Mario Kart has been a staple of Nintendo consoles since 1992. It has been a favourite of young and old alike for over 20 years and is always an incredibly fun experience. Now exclusively on the Nintendo Switch with Mario Kart 8, the bells and whistles may have changed, but the enjoyable core gameplay and challenge have not. Suitable for all ages, Mario Kart can be played alone, online or at home with up to 4 players on one screen. The ability to take the Switch out with you into the world and play wherever you like is a huge advantage over other games and means you can always be sure of some quick entertainment.



### ROCKET LEAGUE

The concept behind Rocket League takes teams of jet-fuelled cars zipping around football-inspired pitches in an attempt to knock a giant, over-sized ball into nets. Rated PEGI 5, the challenge of Rocket League is probably more suited to those 5 and up, but anybody can enjoy the bright colours and fun gameplay. Rocket League is available on Windows PC, Mac, PlayStation, Xbox One and Nintendo Switch at various price points. Be warned though, you can spend money in the game for certain items so be sure you know when your young ones are playing and what they're buying.

## Meet our expert

Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for 5 years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the current gaming editor of two of the biggest gaming news sites in the world, UNILAD Gaming and GAMINGible. Starting gaming from a young age with his siblings, he has a passion for understanding how games and tech work, but more importantly, how to make them safe and fun.



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## Year 2 Shibden Park Trip

This week Year 2 went to Shibden Park to look at human and physical features of geography and improve our knowledge of compass directions. This links directly to the work we've been doing this week, creating our own sketch maps of Shibden Park.



## Poppy Appeal

When we return on Monday 6th November we will be selling Poppies and other items for the Remembrance Day Poppy Appeal. If you would like any items please bring money into class and pass to your Teaching Assistant who will come to the office to collect.



Snap Bands £3



Wristbands £2



Reflector £1



Zip pull 50p



Poppy—any donation

## Topic Board Winners

Miss Brambani, head boy Ashton and head girl Amelia had the tough task of judging the half termly display boards this afternoon. They were all absolutely amazing and staff have worked so hard on them! They finally decided on year 6 who won this term's hamper!



A colorful poster for 'Healthy Holidays Calderdale Half Term Fun'. The poster features a blue background with various illustrations including strawberries, grapes, a person on a bicycle, a person rowing a boat, and a group of people playing soccer. The text 'Calling all young people' is in a yellow speech bubble. The main title 'HALF TERM FUN' is in large, stylized letters. Below the title, it says '30th October to 3rd November 2023'. At the bottom, it says 'Join #HealthyHolidaysCalderdale for a variety of activities during Half Term!'. The poster also includes logos for 'COST OF LIVING Support for Calderdale', 'Calderdale Council', 'ACTIVE CALDERDALE', and 'COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR CALDERDALE'. The text 'HEALTHY HOLIDAYS CALDERDALE' is in the top right corner.



## 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.



## Harvest Festival Donations

A huge thank you to the Dean Field families for their generous donations! They were collected by SmartMove on Thursday and will be distributed to the families that the charity works with.





## 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 <https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/fundraising/introducing-pudsey-bearpees/learn-how-to-bearpee/> to learn how to bearpee!

**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

Learning Without Limits  
  
**Dean Field**  
 Community Primary School

**NO BOOKS PLEASE**



# FAMILY GHOUL FEST

'The creepers start to creep in  
the zombie's take a hold.  
It's time to let the light in as the nights  
grow dark and cold'.

**A DAY OF ARTS ACTIVITIES FOR THE FAMILY  
FACEPAINTING, MASKMAKING, BUNTING, GAMES AND  
MORE.**

**4TH NOVEMBER 11:30 - 3:30  
EDSHIFT@THE YOUTHBASE  
7 HARRISON ROAD, HALIFAX  
EMAIL: INFO@EDSHIFT.CO.UK TO BOOK**



**WWW.EDSHIFT.CO.UK**

**£5**




# LANTERN-MAKING WORKSHOP

"The nights are getting darker, the ghólish games  
begin. It's time to make your lanterns to let the  
light shine in."

**FOR: CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS  
ON: 31ST OCTOBER.  
FROM: 11-2PM  
AT: EDSHIFT@THE YOUTHBASE  
7 HARRISON ROAD, HALIFAX  
EMAIL: INFO@EDSHIFT.CO.UK TO BOOK**

**WWW.EDSHIFT.CO.UK**

**£5**





## 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 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.

**PLAY OUR SUPERDRAW**

**WIN A HARRY POTTER BUNDLE**

- Win Tickets to Harry Potter and the Cursed Child
- AND a family pass to the Warner Bros Studio Tour!
- 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 28th October. See website for terms and conditions

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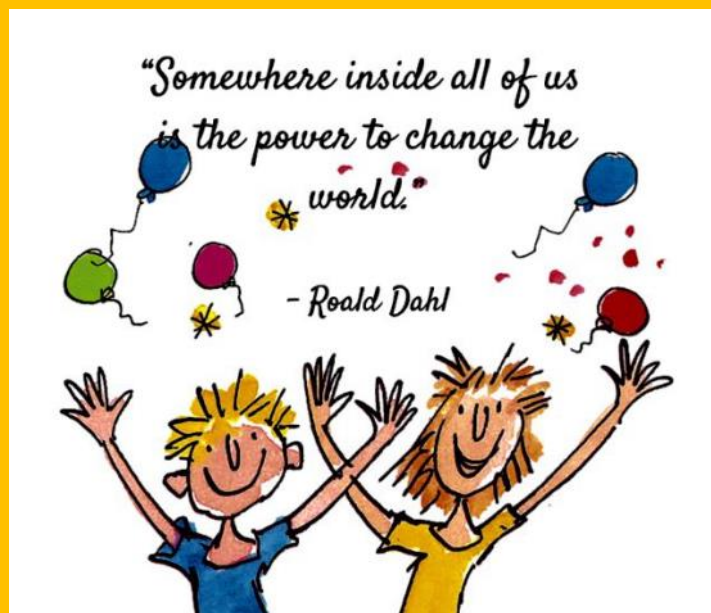


## DIARY DATES

DATE	EVENT
Monday 6th November	First Day Back
Monday 6th November	Midweek Clubs Start this week
Wednesday 8th November	Parents Evening 1:20-6pm
Wednesday 8th November	Individual Photo Day
Wednesday 15th November	Rec + Y6 Height and Weight Check

**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.



### Accelerated Reader – Reading Achievements this week



Brazil	92%
Poland	91%
Australia	84%
Ireland	87%
Kenya	83%

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 – Noah G

Year 3 – Penelope C

Year 4 – Harper C

Year 5 – Jacob B

Year 6 – Noah M

**Class Winner – Year 4**



Group	% Attendance
Mexico	86.6%
China	97.7%
Australia	93.3%
Poland	81.4%
Kenya	89%
Brazil	83.5%
Ireland	93.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>89.5%</b>

### This Weeks Attendance

Congratulations to China class who had the highest attendance in the school this week. Well done to Ireland 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	Poppy M	For being a kind and caring friend.
	Hunter W	For persevering even when he thought he couldn't do something.
China Year 1	Jacob SH	For excellent participation in learning.
	Nilaani J	For always giving 100% in every lesson.
Australia Year 2	Eleanor H	For always being ready to learn and always making that extra effort.
	Amelia FO	For being super on our Shibden park trip.
Poland Year 3	Phoebe C	For always doing the right thing and working hard in all lessons.
	Joshua S	For his enthusiasm in all lessons.
Kenya Year 4	Myla Mc	For ALWAYS being ready to learn.
	Harper C	For always being helpful.
Brazil Year 5	Theo G	For excellent maths this week.
	Alex H	For being a role model pupil at all times.
Ireland Year 6	Archie N	For being a superb mathematician.
	Ashton J	For being a kind and supportive friend to others.