

Dear parents/carers,

Smoking/vaping

Following on from the letter shared on Seesaw this week, another polite reminder that we do not allow smoking or vaping on the school grounds. This doesn't just apply to the school playground this applies to anywhere on the school site e.g the school car park, the drive and all the areas within the green boundary fence.



Parents' Evening

A reminder that parent's evening is next Tuesday afternoon. You are able to collect children from the classroom doors at 1.10pm and appointments start at 1.20pm. There will be provision in school for children who are not able to be collected at 1.10pm. Please see Seesaw message sent out on Thursday for full details.

We look forward to seeing you next week and sharing your child's successes.

I will be around all parents' evening should any parents wish to speak with me about any queries or concerns they have or equally I'd love to hear from you what we are doing well!

Smartest Class of the Week

This week I have been impressed by Mexico Class (Reception).



Have a great weekend!

Mrs F Pether

Serious safeguarding concern

Last weekend, a Year 5 and 6 group set up by pupils at a local primary school has been hacked through one child's account, and its name changed to 'Add your contacts.'

Sadly around 250 children over that weekend have indeed added their contacts, with the hacked account now displaying abusive material including child pornography, which is likely to have originated outside of the UK.

This group account has been reported to both What's App and the Police. As a brief reminder, the recommended minimum age to hold a What's App account in the UK is +16 years. All other popular social media accounts are +13 years.

If you have considered the risks of a child joining social media and are still happy to take those risks, then at the very least YOU should become extremely pro-active around monitoring your child's mobile device and any use of social media, ensuring the deletion of any harmful content they find, and deleting any links to accounts, groups, or persons they do not know or have any concerns about.

The National Crime Agency's CEOP Safety Centre have the following useful information for parents:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/is-my-child-ready-for-social-media/>



ONLINE SAFETY

...MSG ME...

WHATSAPP

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With more than two billion active users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. Its end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp itself can read them. This privacy issue has been in the spotlight recently, as the UK's Online Safety Bill proposes to end such encryption on private messaging; WhatsApp is unwilling to do so and has reportedly considered withdrawing its service in the UK should this legislation go ahead.

EVOLVING SCAMS

WhatsApp's popularity makes it a lucrative hunting ground for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a spurious 'emergency'. Plus a scam where fraudsters trigger a verification message by attempting to log in to your account, then (posing as WhatsApp) call or text to ask you to repeat the code back to them, giving them access.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user that they want to message. If your child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that your child might be added to a group chat (by one of their friends, for example) containing other people that they don't know.

FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allows news to be shared rapidly - whether it's true or not. To combat the spread of misinformation, messages forwarded more than five times on the app now display a "Forwarded many times" label and a double arrow icon. This makes users aware that the message they've just received is far from an original... and might not be entirely factual, either.

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'VIEW ONCE' CONTENT

The facility to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate images or abusive texts, knowing that the recipient can't re-open them later to use as evidence of misconduct. People used to be able to screenshot this 'disappearing' content - but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, citing increased privacy.

CHAT LOCK

Another new option allows users to store certain messages or chats in a separate 'locked chats' folder, saved behind a passcode, fingerprint or face ID authentication. The risk here is that this function creates the potential for young people to hide conversations and content that they suspect their parents wouldn't approve of (such as age-inappropriate material).

VISIBLE LOCATION

WhatsApp's 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child's safely on the way home, for example. However, anyone in your child's contacts list or in a mutual group chat can also track their location - potentially letting strangers identify a child's home address or journeys that they make regularly.

Advice for Parents & Carers ...TYPING...

EMPHASISE CAUTION

Encourage your child to treat unexpected messages with caution: get them to consider, for example, whether the message sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.



THINKING BEFORE SHARING

Help your child to understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy - and all too common - for content to then be shared more widely (even publicly on social media). Encourage your child to consider how an ill-judged message might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

ADJUST THE SETTINGS

It's wise to change your child's WhatsApp settings (go to 'Privacy', then 'Groups') to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval: you can give permission to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except...'. Additionally, if your child needs to use 'live location', emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need - and then turn it off.



CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY

Some parents like to check in with their child about how they're using WhatsApp, explaining that it will help to keep them safe. If you spot a 'Locked Chats' folder, you might want to talk about the sort of chats that are in there, who they're with and why your child wants to keep them hidden. Also, if your child has sent any 'view once' content, you could discuss their reasons for using this feature.



Dean Field Values

This half term our focus value will be friendship!

Here are the focus values for the rest of the academic year:

Summer 1- **Friendship**

Summer 2 - **Kindness**

We are really looking forward to recognising the amazing achievements of the wonderful children here at Dean Field School!

We will be introducing our new STOP approach to bullying this coming week. Keep an eye on Seesaw for more information.

Bullying is...		You need to...
Several	STOP	Start
Times		Telling
On		Other
Purpose		People

This half term's focus value is...



Rights Respecting School – Working Towards Silver

Over the last couple of years, we have been working hard as a school to ensure the values and the core principles of the UN Convention of the Rights of a Child are fully embedded into our whole school practice.



As a 'Bronze' Rights Respecting School, not only do we teach pupils about their rights, but we also encourage pupils to think creatively about them so they can use them to feel empowered. We explicitly teach pupils about their rights via our 'right of the week' and we link them to our curriculum topics where appropriate. We work collaboratively to adhere to our school charter ensuring that staff and pupils are committed to their rights and responsibilities at Dean Field. By doing this, we can achieve the ultimate goal of children enjoying their rights and respecting the rights of others.

We are currently working towards achieving the 'Silver' Rights Respecting School award and we will keep you updated on our journey!



Our School Charter

Here are all the things that we are committed to and that staff have the responsibility for at Dean Field. Together, this allows us to learn without limits!



Pupils commit to...

Article 28
Trying their best in lessons so they can achieve to their full potential.

Article 6
Exercising regularly and eating healthy.

Article 3
Accepting there will be consequences if responsibilities are not met.

Article 12
Using their voice to help make positive changes in school.

We all commit to...

Article 28
Attending school every day that we are able to.

Article 12
Not saying something that we think if it's hurtful or offensive to others. Listening to and considering what others have to say.

Article 2
Treating everyone equally and with respect.

Article 6
Considering everyone's emotional health and wellbeing.

Article 19
Being responsible for looking after one another.
Following the school rules.

Staff commit to...

Article 12
Listening to children's views and considering pupil voice when making decisions.

Article 19
Safeguarding children in school and taking action if they are informed of mistreatment.

Article 28 & 29
Providing all children with challenging, engaging learning experiences.
Giving all children the opportunity to succeed.

Article 31
Providing children with a creative curriculum with opportunities to add to their cultural capital.



Please make sure you book your places for Parent's Week on Forms.
This is a first come, first serve basis. Please note, the Zoolab Sessions have to be paid for via School Money.

Dean Field School Parents' Week

Week beginning
29th April 2024



The Scholastic Book Fayre will also be available throughout the week where you can browse and purchase books. Cash and card payments available.



Payment information:

Books will be on sale and can be purchased via cash within school during your below time slot.

This year we are hosting a book fair where you can browse a range of books and purchase them for your child. Please see the timetable below for this if you want to come along.

Wednesday 1st May, 3:00pm -3:30pm: Y1, Y2, Y3 (Lower School) parents and children welcome to look and purchase books from the book fair in the Canada classroom, entry from the playground.

Thursday 2nd May, 3:00pm -3:30pm: Y4, Y5, Y6 (Upper School) parents and children welcome to look and purchase books from the book fair in the Canada classroom, entry from the playground.

Friday 2nd May 1:00pm -1:15pm and 3:00pm -3:30pm: Nursery and Reception (EYFS) parents and children welcome to look and purchase books from the book fair in the Canada classroom, entry from the playground.

Year 1 Manor Heath Park Trip

Some of our year 1 pupils went to Manor Heath Park this week to spot the signs of Spring and compare what they had seen in their Autumn visit back in October! They can't wait to go in the Summer and make even more comparisons! The rest of year 1 will enjoy this experience next week!



Tag Rugby Tournament

On Wednesday, 7 children from year 5 attended the Calderdale School Games y5/6 tag rugby tournament.

The children learnt a new sport and the rules of tag rugby. This opportunity allowed the team to try a new sport that they may want to take up outside of school and the opportunity to compete against other schools.



Hydration Station

Last week on Friday, the pupils arrived at school and were greeted by the Halifax Foundation hydration station. Each child received a water bottle to ensure they stay hydrated throughout the day to support their learning.



Athlete Visit

We're very excited to be welcoming top athlete Leah McDerment to the school on Tuesday 21st May 2024. Leah McDerment will be leading a sponsored fitness circuit with all pupils and follow-up with a talk and question and answer session for the school. The aim of the event is to inspire the pupils to be more physically active, but just as importantly to encourage them to discover and then pursue their passion in life.

The aim of the event is both to connect the pupils to an extraordinary athlete role model, and to raise money to improve physical activity for the school while also supporting GB athletes (including Paralympic athletes).

Your child will have brought home a sponsorship form to help raise money for the event. On the form will be a QR code if you would like to collect your donations online or donate to the crowdfund link: <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/the-dean-field-community-primary-school-fundraiser>

The donations helps the school to purchase more PE and sporting equipment. Last year the school raised just over £900 which was fantastic. This helped to support with buying sporting equipment for all year groups.

Please ensure that the Sponsorship Money and Sponsorship Forms are returned to the school office before Tuesday 14th May 2024. Thank you in advance.



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Family Challenge

Thank you to all of the families that took part in our very first, Dean Field Family Challenge! We really hope you had fun and we are grateful for all of your efforts. Here are just a few of the pictures we have received. We look forward to the Spring Bank Holiday Family Challenge!



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.



- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Chance to win up to £25,000
- Play weekly, or just play the Super Draw!
- Win £1,000 to spend in Sainsbury's

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You're Invited!

Halifax Panthers are inviting you to our next home game at The Shay Stadium!

We would like to give you **A FREE ADULT and FREE JUNIOR** ticket to our home fixture against Sheffield Eagles 21st April 2024!

The game kicks off at 3pm and we would love to see you down at The Shay Stadium to hopefully see Halifax Panthers win, most importantly have fun, enjoy the live entertainment and fun activities and be part of the PANTHER PACK!

To claim your **TICKETS** please email kara@halifaxpanthers.co.uk. If you require any additional junior tickets please let me know.

The tickets will be for our seated East stand, so you can sit back in comfort and engage in what should be a brilliant game of rugby league and fantastic pre-match entertainment!

tickets need to be claimed before 5pm on Friday 19th April 2024

We cant wait for you to come to our game!! 🐾

Kind regards and pawsome high fives! 🐾

Kara Colvin

Community Development and Engagement Manager - Halifax Panthers

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DIARY DATES

DATE	EVENT
Tuesday 23rd April	Parents Evening 1:20-6pm
Wednesday 24th April	Bikeability Year 5 Day 1
Thursday 25th April	Bikeability Year 5 Day 2
Monday 29th April—Friday 3rd May	Parent's Week

REMINDER: All school fees, dinner money, extended provision and Nursery fees 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.



REMINDER: If your child has asthma please ensure they have an inhaler in school and you have filled out a medical form at the school office. Thank you.



Best friends
are people
who make
your problems
their problems,
just so you
don't have to
go through
them alone.

Accelerated Reader – Reading Achievements this week



China	86%
Australia	92%
Poland	87%
Kenya	70%
Brazil	72%
Ireland	84%

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!

TTRS Stars of the Week

Year 2 – Drake C

Year 3— Freya W

Year 4 – Nico G

Year 5 – Asmaria B

Year 6 – Freddy B



This Weeks Attendance

Group	% Attendance
Mexico	93.7%
China	90.3%
Australia	98.6%
Poland	94.6%
Kenya	89%
Brazil	95.2%
Ireland	95.7%
Total	93.8%

Congratulations to Australia 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



GOLD BOOK



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Mexico Reception	Josie S	For perseverance and determination in phonics and writing tasks.
	Luna S	For always being enthusiastic and motivated.
China Year 1	Joey C	For fantastic fact family knowledge!
	Isaac M	For independently using a comma to list!
Australia Year 2	Kaya Mc	For fantastic contributions to lessons this week.
	Freddie W	For a superb week all round!
Poland Year 3	Mia E	For a fantastic description in English this week.
	Colin P	For a fantastic effort in maths this week.
Kenya Year 4	Alyssa G	For her perseverance with her maths work.
	Layla-Rose T	For her passion for reading and taking ZPQ quizzes.
Brazil Year 5	Hezekiah O	For a fantastic start to DF!
	Asmaria B	For being an all round superstar.
Ireland Year 6	Sofie H	For superb efforts during SPAG boosting.
	Lottie P	For always trying hard particularly in maths.