

## Friday 26th April 2024

Dear parents/carers,

It was lovely to see so many of you attend our spring term parents' evening this week. There was such a lovely buzz in school. If for any reason you didn't get chance to speak with your child's class teacher then please don't hesitate to get in touch with them to organize an appropriate time to speak with them.

Please see the table below for important assessment dates for the summer term. The blue hyperlinks will take you to information for parents relating to each year group's assessments.

YEAR 6	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May – English Grammar, Punctuation and spelling Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May – English Reading Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May – Mathematics – Paper 1 and 2 Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May – Mathematics – Paper 3 <a href="https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/65eafa583649a255a7ed6355/2024_Information_for_parents_tests_at_the_end_of_key_stage_2.pdf">https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/65eafa583649a255a7ed6355/2024_Information_for_parents_tests_at_the_end_of_key_stage_2.pdf</a>
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### Smartest Class of the Week

This week I have been impressed by China Class (Year 1).



Have a great weekend!

Mrs F Pether

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## 10 top tips for safely using SMARTWATCHES

Kids love gadgets, and smartwatches – available to buy from as little as £20 online – make a tempting gift. As with any type of mobile technology, though, smartwatches can pose risks to children unless they're used safely. Receiving unwanted calls, cyber-stalking and distracting a young person when they're crossing the road are all known risks associated with smartwatches. However, these devices can bring plenty of benefits for children and parents alike – so let's examine the pros and cons of smartwatches.

### AVOID CHEAP OPTIONS

A quick search online yields a torrent of cheap smartwatches for kids, costing as little as £20. It's wise to avoid this bargain basement tech: it tends to deliver a poor experience with inferior battery life, and it's hard to have faith in the software's safety. There have been cases of smartwatches being hacked to track or contact children; stick to known brands who have a reputation to protect.

### CONTROL CALLING

Many smartwatches have the facility to make or take calls. As with a phone, you may want to restrict who your child can call – or be called by. On Apple Watches, you can select trusted contacts who are allowed to ring your child; while other watches' controls vary hugely. Some need to connect to a linked phone for calls, so you may be able to block unknown contacts via that device instead.

### BEWARE HIDDEN COSTS

For a smartwatch to allow calls independently (that is, without being connected to a phone via Bluetooth), it will need its own mobile data plan. This might take the form of a tiny SIM card that you slot into the watch – or an eSIM, where the physical card is replaced by software settings. Either way, this will incur an additional monthly cost that you need to factor into any buying decision.

### ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Apple Watches aren't cheap, but they do offer superb safety features – allowing parents to control calls, messages and emails on the device, as well as a location tracking system that can send alerts if kids wander beyond pre-set boundaries. Their SOS function enables children to contact emergency services instantly if they're in trouble, which simultaneously also alerts parents and carers.

### TRACK ITS LOCATION

Both Apple and Android devices have apps which allow you to track a smartwatch's location. They can also initiate an audio alert – avoiding those cushion-hurling panics when a treasured device can't be found at home. If you're planning to track your child's location via their watch, make them aware of that in advance. You could even make it a condition of them getting the watch in the first place.

### THINK 'SAFETY FIRST'

Smartwatches are often worth hundreds of pounds, which can make young people wearing one a target for thieves. Advise your child to keep the watch hidden in public (when possible) and not to resist if muggers demand their watch. If you manage to track a stolen device, pass that information to the police; location data isn't always accurate, so you could end up wrongly accusing someone.

### STORE MEDICAL INFO

Devices including the Samsung Galaxy Watch and Apple Watch can store the owner's medical details (such as their blood group and any pre-existing medical conditions), potentially giving emergency services access to vital information in a crisis. These devices also have 'hard fall' detection, which sends a text message to selected contacts along with a map showing the wearer's location.

### USE THEM AS MOTIVATION

If you're worried your child's spending too much time slumped on the sofa staring at screens, smartwatches are great fitness trackers and can be a powerful incentive to get moving. Some devices will alert the wearer if they've been inactive for a long time and encourage them to do some exercise. Many watches record the user's daily step count and measure other health metrics.



## 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	<b>S T O P</b>	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.

## Athlete Visit

We're very excited to be welcoming top athlete Leah McDerment to the school on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> 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>

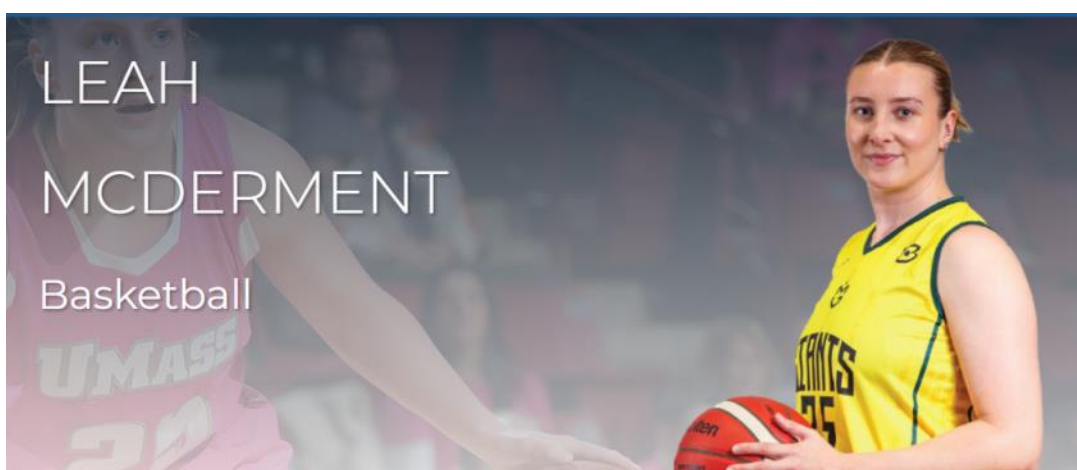
The donations helps the school to purchase more PE and sporting equipment. Last year the school raised just over £900 which was fantastic. This helped to support with buying sporting equipment for all year groups.

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



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## 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.



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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](mailto: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
Monday 29th April—Friday 3rd May	Parent's Week
Wednesday 1st—Friday 3rd May	Scholastic Book Fair
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday

**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.



**Friendship isn't a big thing  
it's a million little things.**



## Accelerated Reader – Reading Achievements this week



China	60%
Australia	90%
Poland	83%
Kenya	69%
Brazil	78%
Ireland	78%

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!

### This Weeks Attendance

Group	% Attendance
Mexico	80.7%
China	92.3%
Australia	92.4%
Poland	91.2%
Kenya	92.1%
Brazil	90.4%
Ireland	95.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>90.6%</b>

Congratulations to Ireland class who had the highest attendance in the school this week. Well done to Australia 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	Alex K	For being a complete ray of sunshine ALL THE TIME!
	Mason W	For joining in with his peers during team games and being kind and considerate.
China Year 1	Aiden Mc	For an amazing few weeks in class and settling back in to lunch times.
	Aria R	For huge improvement in her phonics scores.
Australia Year 2	Jack PM	For blowing us away with Great Fire of London knowledge.
	Alexa A	For improved attitude to learning and trying hard.
Poland Year 3	Emma L	For fantastic writing this week!
	Hannah R	For fantastic reading.
Kenya Year 4	Annaleise C	For working independently during English.
	CJ C	For being a fantastic sportsman and role model.
Brazil Year 5	Scarlette W	For putting 110% into her English work.
	Lucas W	For writing an excellent journal entry.
Ireland Year 6	Ashton J	For his superb newspaper report writing.
	Archie N	For being a superstar and putting 100% into everything he does!