

Dear parents and carers,

New First Aid System

After Christmas we will be implementing a new first aid system in school; this will hopefully create more efficient communication between school and parents when a pupil has an accident. Once the system is in place you will receive an email instead of a text message if your child has had a bump above the shoulders.

For this system to work and be put in place we require up to date email addresses for each pupil. You will receive a form on the online system Friday afternoon to confirm and update your email address. It is vital we have correct email addresses so we can contact you with the information.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Uniform

A polite reminder that our uniform policy stipulates black shoes or trainers. We have seen an increase in the number of children wearing white trainers recently. If you need support with providing black school shoes, boots or trainers please see Mrs Stansfield.

Have a lovely weekend. If you are out and about visiting Christmas markets or taking in the festive activities on offer, remember to share with us on Seesaw—we'd love to see what you get up to.

Mrs Pether



Staff Training

This week Miss Brambani, Mrs Tonks and Miss Fusco had a full day training on the RWI phonics scheme at one of our partner schools Shirley Manor.

All our teachers are subject leaders and as we are a one form entry school, many of our teachers lead more than one subject. This week's staff meeting time was used for subject leaders to evaluate the impact of their subject action plans this term and plan ahead for the spring term.

For a full list of all our subject leaders please see the school website.

<https://deanfieldschool.co.uk/site/df-content/Staff.pdf>

SAFEGUARDING

Understanding your child's needs—NSPCC Need-to-know Positive parenting

Children's needs and behaviours change as they get older, and understanding these needs will help you better understand your child. A lot has been written about the needs of children and advice for parents. If you'd like more detailed advice you can talk to the NSPCC helpline.

School-age children are constantly learning and exploring their world. They may have lots of questions as they start to form their own views on issues. As they move towards being more independent they may seem to push boundaries and become more challenging. This is a necessary part of growing up.

How can I set boundaries?

All children need love, guidance and to have rules and boundaries. Rules and boundaries help families to understand how to behave towards each other, and what's OK and not OK. But the best way to go about this will vary based on your child's age and stage of development. All children are different, they develop and reach milestones at different rates. You can find more UK-wide information at [nhs.uk/conditions/baby/babys-development](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/baby/babys-development).

- Be willing and give your child opportunities to show they can be trusted.
- Avoid criticism wherever possible. If your child has done something wrong, explain that it is the action and not them that you're unhappy with.
- Try to avoid getting trapped in petty arguments. There are rarely any winners.
- Consider ways to negotiate or offer choices as your child gets older.
- Always praise positive behaviours even if you're still upset by previous poor behaviours, your child will learn praise to be positive.



NSPCC

ONLINE SAFETY

SETTING UP PARENTAL CONTROLS ON NEW DEVICES

In children's eagerness to start enjoying new digital gadgets immediately, it can be easy to overlook setting up the type of parental controls that can help to protect them online. If you don't sort those out from the very start, it can be an uphill battle – technologically and psychologically – to impose such controls later. Here's our rundown of what to look for when setting up the various internet-enabled devices that might be lurking under the tree at this time of year.

IPHONE

If your child's lucky enough to be getting their own iPhone, parental controls can help avoid issues like screen addiction and unsuitable content. Go into the settings and scroll down to 'Screen Time'. From here you can customise important settings including time limits on using the device, communication restrictions and content blockers. You can also lock your changes behind a passcode.

ANDROID

With Android devices, Google's Family Link app is your friend. You'll need a Google account – and a separate one for your child, which you should use when first setting up the device. Then, in Family Link on your own device, select 'Add Child' and enter their account details. This lets you specify limits on daily usage, restrict certain apps, block particular content and more.

PLAYSTATION

You can prep for a PlayStation before it's even unwrapped. At my.account.sony.com, create an account, then go to Account Management > Family Management > Add Family Member to set up your child's account, which you'll use to sign in on the console. You can restrict the age ratings of the games they can play and who they can talk to. On the PS5, you can make exceptions for any games you think are acceptable despite their high age rating.

IPAD

iPad parental controls are identical to those on iPhones. However, if you've got a shared family iPad and want to ensure your children aren't seeing anything age-inappropriate after you hand them the device, there's a feature called Guided Access (under Settings > Accessibility > Guided Access). With this switched on, young ones can only use the app that's currently open.

XBOX

The Xbox Family Settings app helps you manage which games your child can play (and when). You'll need to set up the console with your own account and then add a child profile. Make sure your account's password is protected, so your child can't alter your choices later. You'll be walked through the functions at setup, but you can also reach them manually via Settings > Account > Family Settings.

NINTENDO SWITCH

Download the Nintendo Switch Parental Controls app on your phone, and you'll be shown how to link it to the console. Once that's done, you can limit how long your child can play each day, decide what age ratings are permitted and more. You'll also get weekly updates on how often they've used the device. These controls are accessible through the console itself, but the app is usually easier.

WINDOWS 11 PCS

On Windows 11, account management is key. Set up the device with your own account as the admin. Then go to Settings > Accounts > Family and Other Users and create your child's account (if you've already done this on a previous PC, just log in with those details). Microsoft Family Safety (either the app or the site) then lets you control screen time, what content children can view and more.

CHROMEBOOKS

Chromebooks' parental controls are managed via the Family Link app. Unlike an Android device, however, you need set up the Chromebook with your own account first, then add your child's. Go to Settings > People > Add Person and input your child's Google account details (or create a new account). Your child can then log in, and you can monitor what they're up to via Family Link.

MACS

Like iPhones, parental controls for Macs are managed via the Screen Time settings. Again, the crux here is to set yourself up as the administrator before adding any child accounts. In the settings, look for Users & Groups to create your child's account, then – while on their profile – use the screen time options to place any boundaries around apps, usage and who your child can communicate with (and vice versa).

SMART TVS

Smart TVs typically have their own individual parental controls. One of the most popular brands is Samsung – and on their TVs, you can control the content available to your child. In the Settings menu, under 'Broadcasting', you can lock channels and restrict content by its age rating. Even this isn't foolproof, however: some apps (like YouTube) might still let children access unsuitable material.

Balance being online with doing fun things offline – you could get creative or take a walk outside

Use parental controls – monitor apps, websites, and privacy settings

Encourage open and honest conversations

Keep your children safe online this holiday season

Create rules for screen time and content

Talk to them about being kind and how to report bullying if they experience it or see it online

Be a good digital role model – be mindful of your own digital habits

Whole School Values

As a school, our vision is 'Learning without Limits' and being guided by our school values.



This half term's focus value is ...

Tolerance and Respect



Reception Bikeability

This half term, the Reception children have developed their physical skills with the help of Calvin from 'Bike Ability'. The children practised their balance control and how to keep themselves safe when riding a bicycle. Some children were so confident they used pedal bikes for the first time. Well done reception!



Cross country finals

On Wednesday, two children from year 5 competed in the cross-country finals. They competed against 48 other schools.

Joshua came 47 out of 58

Harper came 19 out of 54

Well done to both of you for your outstanding efforts. You represented Dean Field and shared the sporting values that we have perfectly.



Science Masterclass from NHGS

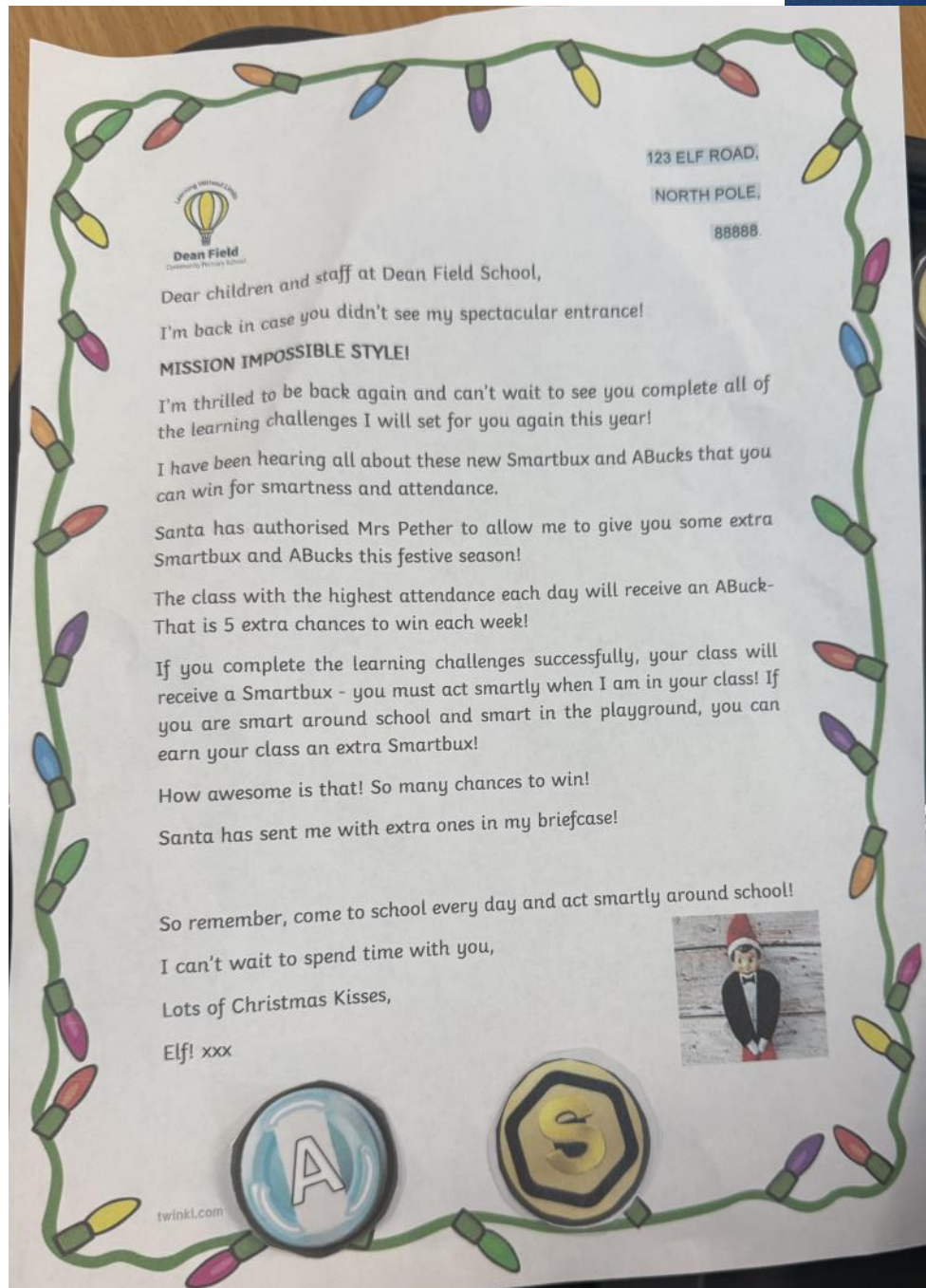
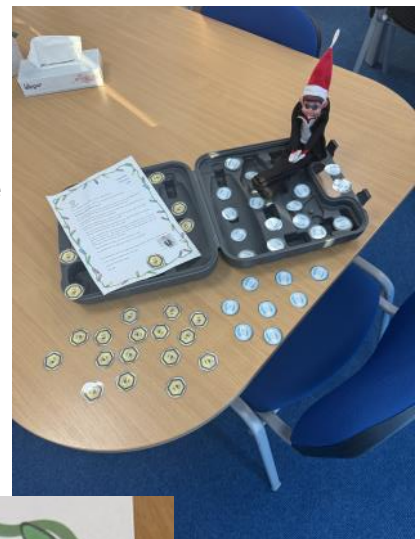
On Wednesday, two students from North Halifax Grammar School came in to deliver three mini science lessons to 10 children in year 5. The children either completed a space or electricity practical lesson.

The children had fun learning in a practical way.



Elf on the Shelf

The Elf has arrived again this year - mission impossible style! He has been given authorisation from Santa to distribute extra A-Bucks and Smartbux for excellent attendance and smartness around school! He will also be setting learning challenges for all of the classes during his stay. Stay tuned to Seesaw and X to see what he gets up to!



Picture News Christmas Campaign - 2024

We are very pleased to be taking part in the Picture News Christmas Campaign!



A Symbol of Peace

 **Picture News Christmas Campaign 2024**

This year, unsettled events have occurred around the world.

Wars in Europe and the Middle East, political and economic troubles, and social unrest in the UK over the summer have been in the news. These events have caused upset, fear and division for many people.

**As active citizens, we can be united
by our hope for peace around the world.**

Share with others what peace means to you as 2024 comes to an end.



**We're challenging every school
to create Origami Doves.**



Within many cultures and religions around the world, the dove is a symbol of peace. It is a white-plumed pigeon, which for many people, represents hope, renewal, freedom and compassion.



Share your Origami Doves with us by the end of term.
Use **#ASymbolOfPeace** on social media, or email **help@picture-news.co.uk!**

We are going to be creating some origami doves in school next week and would love to receive some that have been created by the Dean Field families! If you want to get involved, send your doves into school before next Friday. See the instruction below and click the link for a video demonstration! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TFNvryEjQXs>

A Symbol of Peace

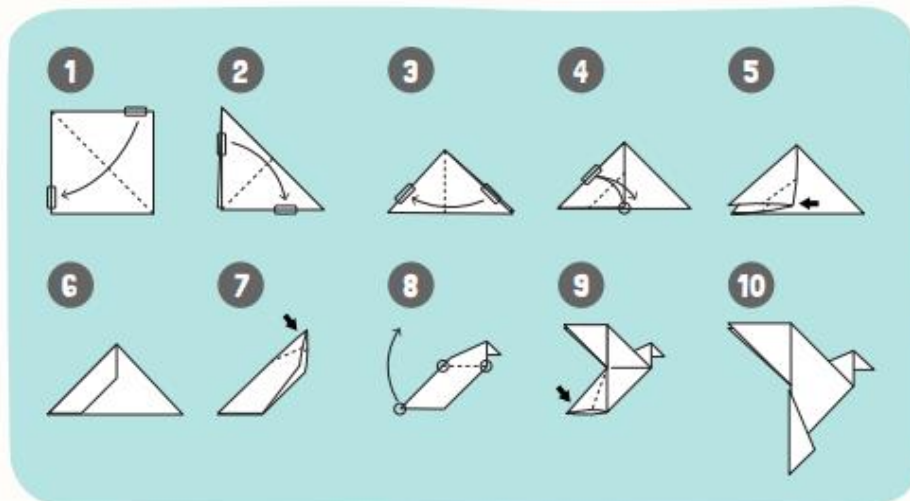


Use the instructions below to create your Origami Dove.
Take a look at our demonstration video [here!](#)

Make your dove special to you, to reflect what you think 'peace' means. You could think about what peace looks like, sounds like, feels like. How will you represent this on your dove?

Each person's dove will be different, just as we are all unique.

Let's celebrate this!



Let's share our hope for a united world with one another.

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Use [#ASymbolOfPeace](#) on social media, or email help@picture-news.co.uk!

Young Writers Competition

Congratulations to Jessica in year 6 for her successful entry in the Young Writers competition! Jessica produced a poem about her six years at primary school and it is one of the poems that has been selected to be published. Well done, Jessica! What a fantastic achievement!

Six Years

Year one was fun
Year two was cool,
Take a look at all the things we drew
Three and four was a war
Going to lunch was a hunch
Four had MTC on top of Bronte's trip
Five and six gonna be quick
High school coming like a boulder
Six had SATs
Don't try hacks
All this time making friends
I think I see the end
Wow, the past was a blast.

Jessica (10)
Dean Field Community Primary School, Ovenden



Christmas 2024

Christmas raffle tickets are now on sale for £1 per strip. Please return the slip to school with money attached. The raffle will close at the Christmas Fair on Monday 9th December and prizes will be drawn that week. Prizes will only be given out when the winning raffle ticket is handed in at the school office. So please look after your tickets!



Christmas Events



Event	Date
Christmas Fayre	Monday 9 th December
Christmas Dinner Day	Tuesday 10 th December
Reindeer Run	Thursday 12 th December
Christmas Jumper Day	Thursday 12 th December
EY Christmas Nativity	Tuesday 17 th December
Year 1-6 Christmas Panto Behaviour Treat	Wednesday 18 th December AM
EYFS Christmas Party Behaviour Treat	Wednesday 18 th December PM
Singing around the Christmas tree – Lower School	Thursday 19 th December 9am
Singing around the Christmas tree – Upper School	Thursday 19 th December 2:15pm
Santa Visit	Thursday 19 th December
Christmas Party – non-uniform	Friday 20 th December
School closes 1:10pm No Dean Field Den	Friday 20 th December



EYFS Christmas Raffle

Dear parents/carers

We are excited to launch our EYFS Christmas raffle to win this fantastic Santa Cake, just in time for Christmas!

**Ticket
price:
£1 a
strip**



To be in with a chance of winning this festive cake please return the slip to your class teacher with the money by Monday 16th December, to be drawn on Wednesday 18th December.

GOOD LUCK!



Starting School September 2025

How to apply for a school place

Children born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 are due to start primary school in September 2025.

To apply for a school place you must **apply online by 15 January 2025** 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 2024.

Information relating to Admission to Primary School 2025, including oversubscription criteria, is available at **www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions**

The application process opens on 18 November 2024 and the close date is 15 January 2025

Offers of school places will be made on 16 April 2025.

School Lottery

So far we have raised a huge £3000 through the School Lottery. If you would like to support our school and help us raise funds to provide extra resources for the children, improve the school environment and organise extracurricular activities such as music, art and sport please sign up and be in with a chance of winning the super draw or £1000 cash!

Cash prizes are guaranteed weekly for one player locally plus money for school. You can also win up to £25,000!

Follow the link to sign up— <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/play>.



JOIN THE FUN THIS WINTER AND ENJOY A HEALTHY HOLIDAY!

HEALTHY HOLIDAYS CALDERDALE WINTER PROGRAMME

21st December 2024 - 3rd January 2025

This Winter, during the school holidays, children and young people across Calderdale aged 5-16 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals are getting the chance to access free holiday club places through our Healthy Holidays Calderdale programme.

The scheme provides enriching activities, delicious nutritious meals, and a chance for young people to meet new friends in a safe and fun environment during the school holidays.

You can book your free place at a holiday club taking place near you this winter by visiting: **www.calderdale.gov.uk/healthyholidays**

Please book your place directly through the provider. There may also be sessions available for fee-paying children who are not eligible for free school meals.

For more information on the programme and support in booking a place on the winter programme please contact:

Email: healthyholidays@calderdale.gov.uk

Facebook: @HealthyHolidaysCalderdale

Twitter: @HAFCalderdale

No internet? Visit a local Calderdale Library and they will support you in registering your children onto available activities.





Christmas Trail

Join us this December at the Piece Hall for some festive fun!

Christmas Trail £3.50 (includes a prize bag)

Face painting £2.50

Bauble and badge making £1
Free Christmas crafting in the Learning Studio

Weekends leading up to Christmas:

7th, 8th, 14th 15th, 21st and 22nd
The Piece Hall, Blackledge, HX1 1RE

THE NHGS PARENTS ASSOCIATION
ARE PROUD TO PRESENT THEIR ANNUAL

WINTER Fayre

SAT 7TH DECEMBER
11AM - 2PM

GRAND PRIZE RAFFLE - CHANCE TO WIN AN IPAD!
WITH MANY MORE FANTASTIC PRIZES DONATED FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES

FESTIVE STALLS AND GAMES * SANTA'S GROTTO
REFRESHMENTS * MUSIC EXTRAVAGANZA

ADMISSION £1 WITH U16'S FREE
FREE PARKING

NORTH HALIFAX GRAMMAR SCHOOL, HX2 9SU



North Halifax
Partnership
A better future for all generations

SHROGGS PARK CHRISTMAS LANTERN WALK

Wednesday 11th December
3.15pm
St Georges Hall

ENTRY & ALL ACTIVITIES FREE!



Lantern arts and crafts,
then a walk around
Shroggs park!

Pop up Santa's grotto
with FREE gifts!





Booking Essential

To book contact Carly Mullaney at:
Email: carly.mullaney@nhpltd.org.uk or
Phone: 07912 891207



Week commencing Monday 9th December

 School Meals Menu - Week 2 					
2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Meal Option	Southern Fried Chicken Goujons 1, 5	Sausages 5 Gravy	Battered Fish 2, 5	Roast Chicken Dinner Yorkshire Puddings 5, 10, 12	Pizza 5, 10
	Tomato Pasta 5, 10	Homemade Onion Bhaji Samosas 5 Savoury Rice	Homemade Cheese & Onion Pie 5, 10, 12	Quorn Sausages 5	Homemade Macaroni Cheese 5, 10 Garlic Bread 5, 10, 14
Vegetables	Potato Puffs Spaghetti 5 Peas	Potato Wedges Broccoli Sweetcorn	Chips Mushy Peas	Roast Potatoes Broccoli Carrots	Potato Cubes 5 Beans Sweetcorn
Served Daily	Jacket Potatoes with various fillings Salad Bar Selection of Sandwiches Allergies for the daily items available on request				
Dessert	Assorted Biscuits 5, 10, 12	Iced Cake 5, 10, 12	Cupcakes 5, 10, 12	Jam Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 10	Assorted Fresh Baking 5, 10, 12
	Strawberry Swirls 10	Jelly	Cornflake Buns 4, 5, 10	Angel Delight 10	Chocolate Ice Cream 10



PROJECT
COMMUNITIES CIC

WINTER HAF Camp Forest Cottage Community Centre

**Thursday 2nd January -
Friday 3rd January 2025**

**10.00AM
UNTIL
2.00PM**

**Multi-sports including football,
cricket, dodgeball, archery and
many more!**

**Free to children who are eligible
for benefit-related free school
meals**

**Ages
5 - 11**

Cousin Ln, Halifax HX2 8AD

**Hot meal provided for all that
attend**

Scan QR or visit
<https://healthyholidays.calderdale.gov.uk>







DIARY DATES

DATE	EVENT
Monday 9th December	Christmas Fair 3-4:15pm
Tuesday 10th December	Christmas Dinner Day
Wednesday 11th December	Family Learning Event 1:15-2:45pm
Thursday 12th December	Reindeer Run and Christmas Jumper Day

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.

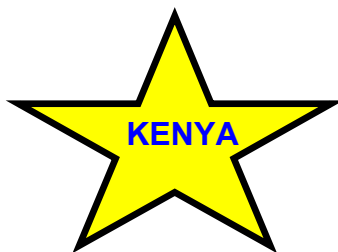
REMINDER: We are a nut free school and we would appreciate that any lunchboxes do not include nut products to protect the children in school with nut allergies.

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.



"Compassion and tolerance are not a sign of weakness but a sign of strength."
- Dalai Lama

Accelerated Reader – Reading Achievements this week



Australia	80%
Poland	78%
Kenya	81%
Brazil	76%
Ireland	70%

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	90%
China	90.3%
Australia	93.7%
Poland	98%
Kenya	90.3%
Brazil	94%
Ireland	85%
Total	91.9%

Congratulations to Poland class who had the highest attendance in the school this week. Well done to Brazil 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	Nikol K	For choosing different people to play with.
	Matias C	For kind sharing and playing with peers.
China Year 1	Mason W	For ALWAYS making good choices and being an amazing role model.
	Lacey-Mae C	For ALWAYS making good choices and being an amazing role model.
Australia Year 2	Lucas W	For very impressive assessment week scores in reading and math's.
	Owais B	For settling in really well to Dean Field!
Poland Year 3	Rio-Darren H	For your determination and perseverance this week.
	Esmee W	For always being positive!
Kenya Year 4	Rogan M	For ALWAYS doing the right thing. A pleasure to have in class.
	Millie-Lou A	For always trying her best in class. Tries hard in all lessons.
Brazil Year 5	Nico G	For his improved NFER reading score.
	Amelia H	For always helping the adults and children in the class.
Ireland Year 6	AJ H	For enthusiasm in science this week.
	Jacob B	For putting 100% effort into all lessons.