

Dear parents/carers,

It has been a short but very rewarding half term. I am amazed at what the teachers and children have managed to fit in, in just 5 weeks!

If you don't already check Seesaw regularly then please do. All your child/ren's work is added to Seesaw so you can see the wonderful things they get up to in the classroom and also, the progress they are making.

We will be sending out information about our 'mid year' parents' evening after half term and also our annual Parents' Week. Please look out for this and we look forward to welcoming you into school soon.

Have a great half term!

Mrs Pether

Staff Training

Miss Clay has attended the termly SENDCo meeting held by the Local Authority. The focus for this term's session was supporting pupils with a diagnosis or on the pathway to a diagnosis of ADHD. Miss Clay will disseminate to the relevant information to teachers in spring 2.

Our EYFS staff are also having ongoing training through Dingley's Promise so we can achieve their Mark of Achievement status. We are working towards this so we can show our commitment to pupils in the Early Years with additional needs and so our staff can identify pupils with SEND early and we can ensure they get the help and support they need.



SAFEGUARDING

Staying Home Alone—NSPCC

While every child is different, we wouldn't recommend leaving a child under 12 years old home alone, particularly for longer periods of time.

Children in primary school aged 6-12 are usually too young to walk home from school alone, babysit or cook for themselves without adult supervision.

If you need to leave them home, it's worth considering leaving them at a friend's house, with family or finding some suitable childcare. We have advice about this below.

Checking your child feels safe home alone

As your child gets older, talk to them about how they feel about being left home alone. If they're worried, work out what parts of being home alone worry them. Do they feel safe in the neighbourhood? Are they afraid of the dark?

Talk about anything that's bothering them and discuss a solution. Understanding why they don't feel comfortable will give you an idea of how to help – or why they might not be ready to be left alone.

We would always recommend leaving a child younger than 12 years old with family, a friend or in childcare.

NSPCC



Smartest Class of the Week

This week Year 2, Australia Class are smartest class of the week!



**DEAN FIELD COMMUNITY
PRIMARY SCHOOL
COUSIN LANE,
OVENDEN,
HALIFAX
HX2 8DQ**

**MONDAY 12TH FEB
- THURSDAY 15TH FEB
10AM - 2PM
AGE 5 - 11**



**TO CHILDREN WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR
BENEFIT-RELATED SCHOOL MEALS**

**TO BOOK
[HTTPS://HEALTHYHOLIDAYS.CALDERDALE.GOV.UK.](https://healthyholidays.calderdale.gov.uk)**



Safer Internet Day

Our pupils have had an assembly and completed activities on this year's theme 'Inspiring Change' discussing the change we'd like to see on the Internet. We also discussed how to navigate the online world safely.

Parents have been provided with links and resources on Seesaw in ways to keep their child safe online.

**Safer
Internet
Day 2024** | **Tuesday
6 February**

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre



**National
Online
Safety**



Keeping Children Safe Online

If you would like to learn about Online Safety then there is a free course you can take through school.

You will be able to complete this online at home and receive a certificate in Online Safety.

If you are interested, please leave your email at the school office to pass on to our computing lead.

Dean Field Values

Determination and Perseverance Awards

Here are the winners of the first ever Value Awards! Well done to all! For showing determination and perseverance.



Next half term our focus value will be caring!

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

Spring 2 – **Caring**

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!

Forms

Going forward we will be using the Forms system on Teachers2Parents for our letters and events. If you are unsure how to access the system or consent to any trips, etc. then please come to the school office; we will be happy to show you.



Year 1 Art Workshop

On Monday, Year 1 were joined by some of their parents and carers in an Arts workshop with Mr Bullock. The children created a painting of Sooty as part of their art session and History topic, Toys Through Time.



Yorkshire Water Treatment Works

On Tuesday, year 5 visited Yorkshire Water Treatment Works in Headingley, Leeds as part of their 'Water World' topic. They learnt all about how Yorkshire Water treat the water in Yorkshire to make it safe to drink. They also got to see all this in action on the site which was fascinating! They were very impressed by the amount of water that was treated at Headingley on a daily



Year 4 Poetry Workshop

On Thursday, some of year 4 parents joined in with a poetry class delivered by Mr. Winston. The children created their own 3D iceberg Antarctica poem using adjectives to describe Antarctica.



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.

Enter our
Super Draw
Nintendo Switch Bundle
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- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Chance to win up to £25,000
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- Win an amazing gaming bundle!



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Search for: **Dean Field Community**



18+ GambleAware

See website for Terms & conditions. Enter by 24/02/24



Calderdale
Music



Debut Ukes

A ukulele band for beginners
Ages 8 - 12 years



Thursdays 5:15pm - 6:00pm
at The Old Courthouse,
Halifax, HX1 2DL

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www.calderdalemusic.co.uk

Hope Tots preloved sale
clothing

Monday 19th February
10am - 12pm

@ Hope Centre 89 Turner Ave South HX2 8EF

Lots of baby and children's items all 20-50p each





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DIARY DATES

DATE	EVENT
Friday 9th February	School closes
Monday 19th February	School reopens
Wednesday 21st February	Parent Sleep Tight Course 1:30pm
Thursday 22nd February	Class School Photos
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day—dress as any book character

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.



IF YOU SET GOALS AND GO
AFTER THEM WITH ALL THE
DETERMINATION YOU CAN
MUSTER, YOUR GIFTS WILL
TAKE YOU PLACES THAT WILL
AMAZE YOU.

—Les Brown

Accelerated Reader – Reading Achievements this week



Brazil	85%
Poland	82%
Australia	89%
Ireland	80%
Kenya	87%

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 Most Minutes Played

Year 2 – Jordan C

Year 3— Lillie-Paige K

Year 4 – Seb L

Year 5 – Jacob B

Year 6 – Elliot C



This Weeks Attendance

Congratulations to Australia 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

Group	% Attendance
Mexico	90.2%
China	96.3%
Australia	97.3%
Poland	87.7%
Kenya	89.7%
Brazil	92.6%
Ireland	94.3%
Total	92.6%

SCHOOL VALUES

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Mexico Reception	Star C	For perseverance in phonics—super progress made.
	Grayson D	For showing determination in maths learning. Trying and trying again.
China Year 1	Grayson W	For perseverance in writing—the progress he has made is amazing.
	Angus M	For showing determination in his phonics and learning all set 2 sounds.
Australia Year 2	Freddie W	For showing perseverance in presentation this week.
	Kairi IS	For showing determination with your writing.
Poland Year 3	William H	For trying hard with his story this week and meeting his target in English.
	Robyn-Jade GH	For showing determination and perseverance in her maths lessons.
Kenya Year 4	Summer-Rae B	For being determined and persevering with her timetables.
	Myla Mc	For being determined and persevering with her timetables.
Brazil Year 5	Sarah A	For persevering in everything she does.
	Abigail C	For always showing determination and never giving up.
Ireland Year 6	Poppy B	For showing determination in all she does.
	Annelese R	For persevering in all lessons.