

Dear parents/carers,

### **Seesaw**

When messaging on Seesaw could we ask that parents check who the message is going to. We have had a couple of cases recently where a different teacher has been messaged in error. Please also ensure it is only the class teacher who is messaged rather than all the staff in the year group.

### **Punctuality**

A very polite reminder:

Children who arrive after 8.40am should enter school via the main office as classroom doors will be shut (even if the gate is still open).



8:40

Pupils arriving after 8.45am will be marked as late and will need signing in at the office by parent/carer.



08:45

Have a lovely weekend!.

Mrs Fiona Pether

### **Staff Training**

Teachers received training this week on *Implementing a Quality Curriculum* from Shameem Hussain who is the Headteacher at Beech Hill School and the CEO of our Trust. Shameem is now an Ofsted Inspector and is passing on valuable insight to us in order that we can continue to grow and develop as a school and provide the best quality education to our pupils. This week's session focused on refining our curriculum to ensure pupils are engaged in valuable and meaningful learning activities.

## SAFEGUARDING



**West Yorkshire's  
Children & Young Person's  
Mental Health Charity**

**Supporting and Improving the mental health & wellbeing of children and young people across West Yorkshire.**

### **Quality**

**We are an organisation that delivers the highest quality of services, projects & interventions to children and young people. We pride ourselves on making a meaningful impact and improving the lives of our service users.**

### **Access**

**All our projects strive to be accessible to all. We don't charge families for any of our services and they are always free at the point of access. Our organisation aims to work with every child and young person that needs us.**

### **Innovation**

**We are driven to make lasting and impactful change and always looking for ways to be better. We are committed to trying new things, being creative and ensuring that we move with the times.**

### **Timely**

**Wherever possible, we offer interventions as quickly as possible. We know the importance of getting the right help when its needed. That's why our team are always available for a chat and will always get back to you within 48 hours.**

### **Integrity**

**We are youth led and aim to represent the communities that we serve. We always act in the best interest of children and young people and want to be transparent, compassionate and understanding of every family and young person.**

### **Collaboration**

**We believe we can only achieve a better future for children's mental health by working together. That's with professionals, parents, young people and everyone. We work closely with partners in mental health, sports, the community and more.**

## Smartest Class of the Week

This week Reception, Mexico Class are smartest class of the week!



**NEVER SHARE YOUR PASSCODE**

Alongside face or fingerprint recognition, your passcode is crucial to unlocking your phone and accessing your apps and personal information. You shouldn't give it out, even to close friends – after all, you wouldn't hand them a key to your house and let them go in for a nosy around! If a friend wants to use your phone, ask them why and make sure you can see what they're doing with it.

**RESPECT PARENTAL CONTROLS**

If you're allowed to have a smartphone, it's because your parents or carers feel that you're mature and responsible enough to use it safely. They might set controls and boundaries on your device – not to spoil your fun but to help you avoid hazards like too much screen time or costly in-app purchases. Following these rules means you can enjoy using your phone while respecting their wishes.

**TALK TO A TRUSTED ADULT**

Whether it's to listen to music, play games, create content or chat with friends, using a smartphone should be fun. If you're ever feeling anxious, worried or scared about going on your phone, then something isn't right. It's important not to ignore these feelings; instead, talk to a trusted adult about what's happening and how it's making you feel.

**STAY ALERT**

Two words: look up. It might sound obvious, but it's so easy to get immersed in what we're looking at or listening to on our phones that we can become unaware of our surroundings – or who might be around us. People often walk with their head down, focusing on their phone, and forget to check for obstacles in their path, cars or other pedestrians coming towards them, which is clearly dangerous.

**DEVELOP HEALTHY HABITS**

Phones offer a vast amount of content and the chance to chat with friends whenever we feel like it, which can make it difficult to take time away from the screen. If that's something you struggle with, you could try setting time limits on certain apps. Putting our phones down for a while gives us more time to interact with others or do something physical that helps keep us fit and healthy.

**ONLY USE AGE-APPROPRIATE APPS**

Before downloading a new app or game, check what age rating it has. Don't feel pressured into getting a particular game or app just because your friends are using it. If it's intended for older people, there's a definite risk that it could include content (which is violent or frightening, for instance) or language which isn't suitable and may leave you feeling upset or disturbed.

**REMOVE TEMPTATION**

A good night's sleep is so important for concentration, mood and overall health. Unwinding properly before going to bed – which means not staring at a screen late at night – can often improve sleep quality. Put your phone on charge overnight, but not in your room. This means you'll have a lot less temptation to check any notifications, reply to messages or get caught up scrolling on social media.

**THINK ABOUT OTHERS**

Watching videos, listening to music or calling someone can all help to pass the time while we're on the bus, waiting in a queue or walking down the street. It's important to remain mindful of other people, though: they might not want to hear your tunes or your conversation. Likewise, if you're calling from a public place then don't forget that anyone could overhear something personal about you.

**IGNORE UNKNOWN NUMBERS**

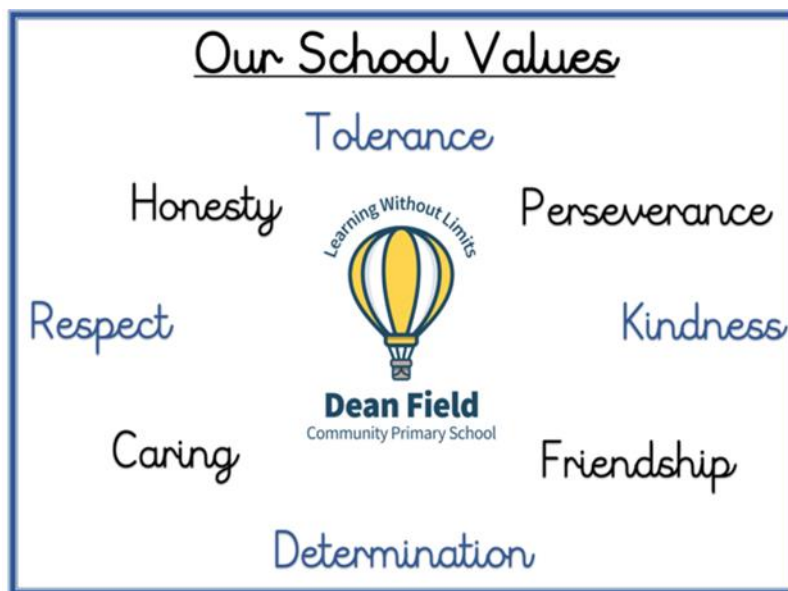
There are some scammers who might call or text asking you to share personal data or to click on a link and provide your details. Some may claim to be from a genuine company, but trustworthy businesses don't spontaneously call or message to ask for your information. It's safest to ignore calls or texts from unknown numbers, and never give your personal details out over the phone.

**SWITCH OFF GEOLOCATION**

In your phone's settings, you'll be able to disable geolocation for individual apps and photos: this means that people online (including strangers) can't see information about where you are when you share or post a pic. On the subject of images, it's also important to ask permission before taking or sharing a photo of someone – and don't share embarrassing images of your friends with others.

## Dean Field Values

Values are things that we really believe in and that we think are very important. Here at Dean Field we have 8 core values which we expect everyone to demonstrate.



As a school, we will be having a half termly focus on each of our values to deepen our understanding of these. Children will be a part of assemblies each week and all staff will be looking out for children who display the focus value over the half term. They will be recognised in a celebration assembly at the end of each half term.

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

Spring 1 - **Determination and Perseverance**

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 Matt's Gym Visit

Year 1 were the last year group to visit Matt's Gym this week. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves and had fun trying out all of the different equipment and activities. A huge thank you to Miss Jagger who arranged these fantastic sessions for all of the pupils at Dean Field!



## Reception Parent Phonic Sessions

It was lovely to have our Reception Parents in for our RWI phonics sessions this week. Parents were able to learn alongside their children and picked up some tips for reading at home.



## Year 4 and 6 Mountaineer Visit

Today year 4 and 6 went to Beech Hill to meet a real mountaineer! Al Sylvester MBE who is a very well-known RAF Mountain Rescue Service leader who as well as being involved on over 400 rescue operations, has adventured to the extremes of the planet, including the South Pole. Al explained how he prepared for his journey and all the obstacles he overcome. The pupils then had the chance to wear the specific clothing and equipment needed for the dangerous weather conditions. They ended their day asking many questions. Al shared his values on following your own dreams such as determination and perseverance.





## Whitehill Dental Practice

Whitehill Dental Practice have been given government funding for 0-5 year olds for dental appointments. They have available appointments in February and March 2024 for children aged 0-5. Once your child attends this first appointment, they will become a registered patient at the practice.

For more information, contact Whitehill Dental Practice on 01422 240874.  
Whitehill Dental Practice, Whitehill Rd, Illingworth, Halifax HX2 9HD



## Children's Mental Health Week 2024

Children's Mental Health Week will take place from 5<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> February. This year we are working with Invictus Well-being to raise awareness and teach pupils about the importance of our well-being and mental health.

The children will do some activities during the week to help them understand the importance of their mental health and learn some top tips about what to do if they are struggling.

We will end the week with a **blue themed** non-uniform day on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February as part of Invictus Well-beings 'Blue Some Good' campaign.



## 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**

## Win a £1,000 Luxury Getaway OR £1,000 CASH PRIZE




- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Chance to win up to £25,000
- Play weekly, or just play the Super Draw!
- Get away from it all in 2024!



**PLAY NOW:**  
Go to  
[www.yourschoollottery.co.uk](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk)  
Search for: Dean Field Community



Gamble 

See website for Terms & conditions. Enter by 27/01/24



**UTOPIA**

CREATIVE

CRAFTS

FUN

**KIDS**

**HOLIDAY**

**CAMP**

GAMES

12TH -  
16TH FEB

Come & join the fun  
**BRIGHOUSE & WAKEFIELD**

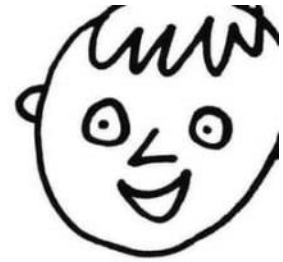
8AM - 3:30PM

**BREAKFAST INCLUDED  
OFSTED REGISTERED**

[www.utopiaactive.co.uk](http://www.utopiaactive.co.uk)

**Ofsted**

*Parking available.  
Public transport  
& parking expenses  
for parent carers  
will be covered.*



## ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2024

A conference for parent carers of children & young people 0-25 with disabilities or additional needs & the practitioners who work with them.

### SHAPING THE FUTURE FOR SEND IN CALDERDALE

*Date:*

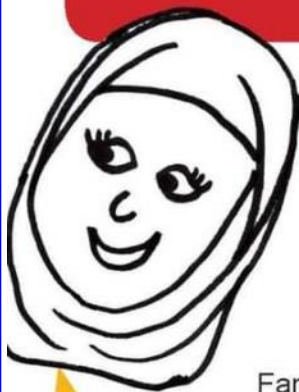
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>  
February 2024

*Time:*

10am-2pm

*Venue:*

The Shay  
Stadium, Halifax,  
HX1 2YS



**HOT LUNCH AND  
REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED**

**LEARN MORE ABOUT  
FAMILY VOICE CALDERDALE**



Family Voice Calderdale is the parent carer forum for Calderdale and works together with services to better meet the needs of children and young people with disabilities or additional needs across Calderdale.

*Limited Places, booking is essential!*

**Book Online:** [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/family-voice-calderdale-annual-conference-2024-tickets-795972373797](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/family-voice-calderdale-annual-conference-2024-tickets-795972373797)

**Call:** Heidi - 01422 343090

**Email:** [family.voice@uniqueways.org.uk](mailto:family.voice@uniqueways.org.uk)

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## DIARY DATES

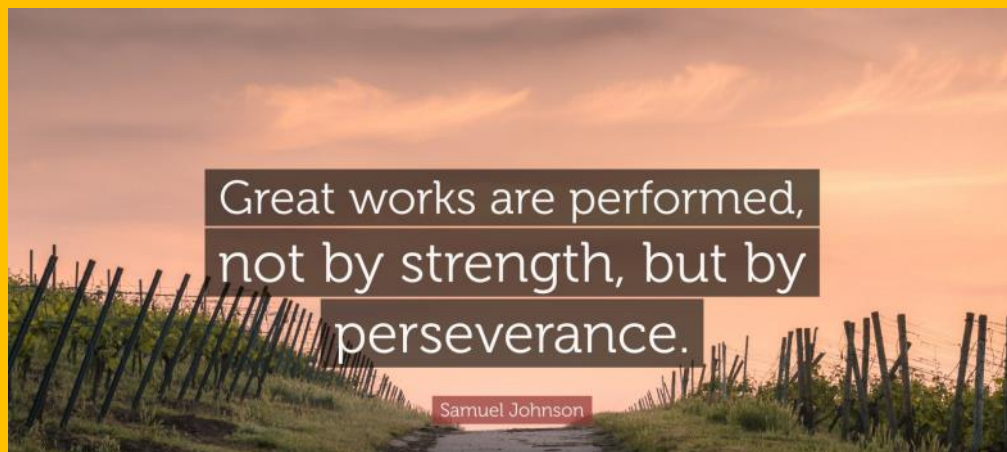
DATE	EVENT
Monday 29th January	Year 1 Toy Workshop
Tuesday 30th January	Year 5 Cartwright Hall Trip
Tuesday 30th January	Year 1 Phonics Picnic 1:30-2:45pm
Monday 5th February	Reception Balance Bike Training
Tuesday 6th February	Year 5 Yorkshire Water Trip

**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.





### Accelerated Reader – Reading Achievements this week



Brazil	79%
Poland	87%
Australia	94%
Ireland	78%
Kenya	61%

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— Mia E

Year 4 – Isaac P

Year 5 – Kyia R

Year 6 – Elliot C



### This Weeks Attendance

Congratulations to China 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

Group	% Attendance
Mexico	84.8%
China	96.7%
Australia	94.3%
Poland	89.6%
Kenya	94%
Brazil	91.4%
Ireland	90.7%
Total	91.7%

## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Mexico Reception	Eliza-May P	For fantastic engagement in all lessons and trying her best to contribute.
	Scarlett T	For amazing thought and detail and cutting skills for DT project.
China Year 1	George G	For your bravery at Matt's Gym!
	Edith G	For an excellent moving picture in DT.
Australia Year 2	Zoariaz B	For wonderful and well-thought out contributions in ALL lessons!
	Annabelle H	For great designs and end product for your DT week farm vehicle.
Poland Year 3	Freya W	For a fantastic, well thought out final design in DT.
	Charlotte H	For a well considered and neatly presented story plan.
Kenya Year 4	Ivy B	For her fantastic effort during DT week.
	Seb L	For an improved attitude to learning.
Brazil Year 5	Sarah A	For outstanding contributions during DT.
	Jessica S	For excellent research in PSHE.
Ireland Year 6	Emily M	For trying hard with her DT project.
	Kaitlyn S	For always trying hard in all she does.