

Friday 19th July 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of another school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. I do hope you get time to read our 'Successes Booklet' that will be coming home; this highlights what a successful year we have had across the board.

I am very thankful for the hard work, determination and resilience that the children and staff have shown this year. The children have been a true credit to all parents, carers and the community. I am so proud of the Dean Field family and how we continue to work and grow together.

This is the final newsletter of this year, however, a reminder that school officially closes on Monday 22nd July at 3pm.

Goodbye and Good Luck!

Sadly on Monday we say goodbye to Ms Stevenson (year 3 teacher) and Miss Fowler (year 2 teacher) who are both leaving us for pastures new. On behalf of the whole school community I would like to thank them both for their contribution to the school and wish them well for the future. The children learned a goodbye song and sang this to them in Thursday's assembly.



Welcome back

Welcome back to Miss Lees who has returned from her maternity leave this week. Miss Lees will be teaching in year 3 from September and it's been great to have her back in school this week.

Congratulations

Miss Hussain is getting married over the summer. We look forward to hearing all about her upcoming nuptials and wish her much happiness for the future. From September Miss Hussain will be Mrs Hussain.

Finally, may I wish you and your family a safe and enjoyable summer break.

See you all in September!

Mrs F. Pether

SAFEGUARDING

Play Development Service

Find play activities and contact details (for children aged 5 to 14).

We offer free, open access and inclusive play sessions. They are for children and young people aged 5 to 14 years in the communities where they live in Calderdale.

Children and young people with disabilities or special needs are very welcome. **Please note:** They will need to book so their specific needs can be met.

Holidays

We deliver inclusive schemes in the above locations across Calderdale.

More details

- ✦ We work on an open access basis.
- ✦ Children and young people are supervised, but the parent or guardian is still responsible for them.
- ✦ You are free to come and go as you please.
- ✦ We offer a range of free play activities, chosen by children and young people. These can get messy, so do please come in clothes that suit the activity and weather.

Contact us

- ✦ For more details or help, phone: 01422 380995 (Play Development Service).



Stay safe and get active this summer!!

House Team Winners

Children in the Charlotte Bronte can wear green on the last day of term which is Monday 22nd July.

Dean Field House Team Winners!

Winner Name	Points
Charlotte Bronte	559 Points
Anne Lister	558 Points
Percy Shaw	539 Points
Sir Charles Barry	556 Points

ONLINE SAFETY

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about **SCHOOL AVOIDANCE**

School avoidance refers to reduced attendance or non-attendance at school by a child or young person. In 2022-23, more than one in five children in England were found to be absent from school over 10% of the time. This guide focuses on school avoidance with an emotional basis, offering expert mental health advice. However, it's important to remember that school avoidance is a hugely subjective experience which requires a tailored, individual approach.

UNDERSTANDING SCHOOL AVOIDANCE

REASONS FOR ABSENCE

School avoidance is sometimes underpinned by several factors rather than one single cause. This could include something going on for the child or young person within the family or at school. A child may have caring responsibilities at home, for instance, or a change in family dynamics; bullying and friendship difficulties at school; pressure to achieve in schoolwork and exams; or moving from primary school to secondary school.

PATTERNS OF ABSENCE

You may notice patterns in regular absences or children regularly expressing that they don't want to attend school (particularly being reluctant to leave home on school days). If a child or young person is neurodiverse, there is some evidence to suggest there are more aspects of school life which can cause distress – such as changes in the environment, changes of routine and sensory stimuli.

COMPLAINTS ABOUT PHYSICAL SYMPTOMS

There may be an increase in a child or young person's complaints about physical symptoms, particularly on school days or the evening before school. These could include tummy aches, headaches, or saying they feel ill when there doesn't appear to be a medical cause. Always check with the GP first to rule out medical causes or illness.

IMPACT OF SCHOOL AVOIDANCE

LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

School refusal can negatively impact a young person's learning and development. Attending school on a regular basis not only supports academic attainment but is also important for the development of key life skills and the growth of children and young people as citizens.

LONG-TERM OUTCOMES

The difficulties associated with school non-attendance can be far reaching and may have a negative impact on long-term outcomes. It may, for example, lead to reduced future aspirations, poor emotional regulation, mental health difficulties, limited academic progress and restricted employment opportunities.

CYCLE OF ABSENCE

Consistent absences may contribute to sustained school avoidance over time. Further to this, the longer a pupil is out of education, the more likely it is that there is a rise in their ongoing need to avoid the activity making them anxious – increasing their desire to stay at home.

Advice for Parents & Educators

WORK TOGETHER

If there's a concern about a child's absence and emotional wellbeing, it's important that there is clear communication and a consistent approach between the child's parents and the school, so you can take a child-centred approach together towards a plan of support or reintegration. This ensures a consistency of approach from both home and school, creating better outcomes for the child.

MANAGE OVERWHELMING FEELINGS

Acknowledge the child's worries, listen and discuss coping strategies together to help them manage difficulties. These could include mindfulness, deep breathing or going for a walk. This helps them understand that you are working together towards a common goal, and that these strategies can be used when bigger feelings arise.

FOLLOW REGULAR ROUTINES

Children can benefit from a regular and consistent routine. This could be a morning routine, from waking up and having breakfast through to getting dressed, packing their bag and leaving the house. A consistent evening routine which is calm and spent away from screens can also give children much needed predictability and familiarity. Schools can help create a timetabled routine for the child's school day, if required.

RECOGNISE POSITIVE STEPS

Drawing attention to a child's successes – be they big or small – can help to give them some much-needed confidence and motivation. Celebrate these daily victories – such as getting out of bed on time or completing school work – and don't hesitate to let the child know when you're impressed or proud of them. Such an approach can go a long way.

Meet Our Expert

With 30 years' experience as a teacher, trainer, consultant and interim executive board member, Anna Bateman has a superb understanding of what works in pedagogy, school improvement and leadership. She has also advised the Department for Education on their mental health green paper.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: nationalcollege.com/guides/school-avoidance

Summer Holiday Family Challenge

It's time for the Summer Holiday Family Challenge! It's the perfect way to keep the children occupied, have fun and make memories for little or no cost during the holidays. This is completely voluntary and there is no expectation to complete the challenge. However, if you choose to, we love to see and hear all about what you have been doing so please upload your challenges to Seesaw before our return to school in September. Your new teacher would love to see what you have been up to! Please send your pictures to your new teacher via Seesaw message before you return in September!

Visit the library

Take part in the summer reading challenge and take some pictures of you reading in adventurous places!



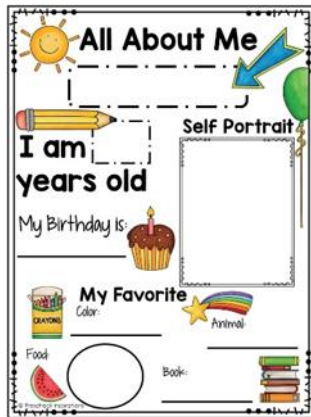
Summer Bingo

See how many you can complete! Colour each one in when you've completed it.



All about me!

Write a fact file to introduce yourself to your new teacher in September!



Summer Picnic



The Piece Hall Visit the Piece Hall




Colourful wind chime




W/C Monday 22nd July week 2

2		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Meal Option	Chicken Nuggets 5	Homemade Cottage Pie (sliced potato topping) 10	Fishcakes 2, 5 Parsley Sauce 10	Homemade Lasagne 5, 10	Pizza 5, 10	
	Tomato Pasta 5, 10	Vegetable Burger 5	Homemade Sweet Potato & Chickpea Curry Rice	Samosas 5 Savoury Rice	Cheesy Omelettes 10, 12	
Vegetables	Ziggy Fries Beans Mixed Veg	Potato Puffs Peas Carrots	Potato Cubes 5 Sweetcorn	Potato Wedges Mixed Veg	Chips Beans	
Served Daily	Jacket Potatoes with various fillings Salad Bar Selection of Sandwiches Allergies for the daily items available on request					
Dessert	Doughnuts 4, 5, 10, 12	Chocolate Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 10	Iced Cake 5, 10, 12	Treacle Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 10	Assorted Fresh Baking 5, 10, 12	
	Chocolate Swirls 10	Jelly	Assorted Biscuits 5, 10, 12	Angel Delight 10	Strawberry Ice Cream 10	




Dean Field Primary School Year Group Availability



If you would like a space in our Primary school
please contact Calderdale Admissions on
01422 392 617.

Contact the school office on 01422 258 258 if you
would like to visit the school.



Current Spaces Available in:

Reception

Year 3

Year 5

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 SUMMER BBQ PARTY BUNDLE!
OR £1,000 CASH PRIZE

NINJA

YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

Learning Without Limits
Dean Field
Community Primary School

The advertisement features a collection of Ninja kitchen appliances including a pizza oven, a blender, a food processor, and a coffee maker, set against a green background with the word 'NINJA' in large letters. Logos for 'YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY' and 'Dean Field Community Primary School' are also present.

- Tickets cost just £1
- All profits go to our school
- Local cash prize every week
- Chance to win the £25,000 jackpot!

To start supporting, visit:

yourschoollottery.co.uk

and search for: Dean Field Community

Easy Fundraising App

Download the easyfundraising app below to help donate funds to Dean Field. Every time you order shopping, etc online you can help our school raise more funds to provide extracurricular activities and learning resources for our children.

<https://deanfieldschool.co.uk/>

To raise funds towards provisions for our primary school



GET STARTED

How to support Dean Field Primary School, Halifax

1

Sign up

Provide us with a few details to set up your profile with easyfundraising.

2

Download our browser extension

Our Donation Reminder plug-in pops up automatically when you shop to let you know when a donation is available.

3

Track your donations

You'll be able to see how much you've raised in your account and we'll send updates on when Dean Field Primary School, Halifax gets paid.

HOW IT WORKS

We turn your daily shopping into every day magic!

easyfundraising partners with over 7,500 brands who will donate part of what you spend to a cause of your choice. It won't cost you any extra. The cost is covered by the brand.

Brands pay us a commission because when you start your shop from the easyfundraising website or app, they can see we sent you to them. If you make a purchase, a commission is generated, and we turn that into a donation – magic!


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FOR AGES
7-11



FUN-PACKED HOLIDAY CLUB FOR CHILDREN WITH SPORTS, GAMES & CREATIVE ACTIVITIES!

- FREE for children eligible for free school meals.
- BREAKFAST and hot LUNCH provided.
- 4 day programme 10am-2pm.

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HEALTHY HOLIDAYS CALDERDALE

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Calderdale Council

Dear parent/carer,

Your child is invited to sign up for this year's **Summer Reading Challenge**. Sign up for **FREE** at your local library!

What is the Summer Reading Challenge?

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to keep reading during the school summer holidays – and to enjoy reading anything they like! Children aged 4-11 are invited to set a reading goal and collect rewards for their reading. It's completely **FREE** to take part.

It is an amazing way to boost children's confidence – last year 72% of children taking part felt more confident reading.¹

Why should my child sign up?

- They will be **better prepared to return to school** in the autumn.
- The Challenge **supports the move into a new year group**.
- Becoming more independent in their reading boosts children's **confidence and self-esteem**.
- The library provides **free access** to books and fun family activities all through the summer.
- Library staff are on hand to offer support and book recommendations.

Your child will be part of a UK-wide programme developed by [The Reading Agency](#) and delivered in partnership with the [public library network](#).

How can my child take part? (Library OR online)

In the library. Visit your local library and sign up. Your child will:

- Set a reading goal for the summer and borrow and read any books, eBooks and audiobooks.
- Receive a Challenge poster and collect special stickers and rewards for reading.

Online. Take part online at summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

- Sign up on the [official Challenge website](#).
- Set a reading goal and get book recommendations and tips.
- Unlock digital badges and online rewards, including a printable certificate.

When?

The Challenge will launch on **22 June** in Scotland and online; in England and Wales it will launch **6 July**. Look out for activities and events on our web page and social media platforms.

Unsure where your closest library is? Use the [Library Finder](#) to check.

Head to your local library this summer and sign up! If you have any questions, please contact reading@calderdale.gov.uk

Whistlestop Valley Summer

There is SO MUCH happening for families at Whistlestop Valley this summer!

All summer long, simply book a Big Adventure or Little Adventure and you can join in with Summer of Sport - There will be plenty of sporting activities and local sporting clubs to give demonstrations & interactive workshops.

20th & 21st July - Join Thomas the Tank Engine at Whistlestop Valley
Enjoy steam train rides, meet Sir Topham Hatt, and join Rusty & Dusty for unlimited platform rides with Thomas, Toby, and Mavis. Plus, enjoy the interactive Bubble Zone, photo ops, and live entertainment.

17th & 18th August 2024 - Paddington™ at Whistlestop Valley
The nation's favourite marmalade-loving bear is visiting! Enjoy a weekend of fun with train rides, playgrounds, jumping pillows, miniature railway rides, face painting, tram rides, and more!

26th August 2024 - Charity FUN Day
Support the Forget Me Not Children's Hospice with a day of fun, including beer tents, live music, jumping pillows, crazy golf, pedal cars, playgrounds, cafes, dessert parlours, miniature trains, fairground rides, face painting, garden games, and more! A percentage of ticket sales will go to the Forget Me Not Children's Hospice.

Tickets on sale now! More info: <https://whistlestopvalley.vticket.co.uk/index.php?jssCart=9d4911e4780ed17e8f46a8e26ae54c43>



**BANK HOLIDAY
FAMILY CHARITY
FUN DAY**

Supporting the Forget Me Not Children's Hospice

Monday 26th August 2024

A percentage of ticket sales will go to our chosen charity the Forget Me Not Children's Hospice.

Activities on the day include a steam train rides, jumping pillow, crazy golf, live music, beer tent, pedal cars, fairground rides, face painting, garden games, Clayton Flyer, indoor play area and lots more!

Tickets on sale now www.whistlestopvalley.co.uk

COME AND MEET

Paddington

17TH & 18TH
AUGUST
2024

**PADDINGTON™
WILL BE MAKING
APPEARANCES
AT INTERVALS
THROUGHOUT
THE DAY!**

Tickets for the event can be purchased from www.whistlestopvalley.co.uk

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Yorkshire Attractions

We're pleased to share with you this year's Summer Voucher Booker from Yorkshire Attractions.

The voucher contains discount vouchers for a variety of attractions throughout Yorkshire, for use during the Summer holidays and beyond. It also includes adverts and listings for upcoming events in the region.

The booklet can be viewed here: <https://yorkshireattractions.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/YAG-Voucher-Booklet-2024-Online.pdf>

JOIN THE **FUN** THIS **SUMMER** AND ENJOY A **HEALTHY HOLIDAY!**

Keep the kids entertained in the Summer holidays with fun activities and fed with healthy meals.



The Healthy Holidays Calderdale Programme returns this Summer with thousands of places available for young people to access during the 2024 school holidays.

A diverse programme of activities will be available with something new for all. From performing arts, wheelchair basketball, rap workshops, cook clubs, bushcraft, bikeability, canoeing and so much more, young people will be kept entertained this Summer. Everyone attending will receive a healthy and nutritious meal.

Places are free for school aged children Reception to Year 11 who are eligible for benefits related free school meals. There may also be sessions for fee-paying children who are not eligible for free school meals.

Places will be available to book from the middle of June 2024.



DIARY DATES

DATE	EVENT
Monday 22nd July	Break up for Summer Holidays
Monday 2nd September	First Day back at School

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.



Let
the new
ADVENTURES
begin

TTRS Stars of the Week

Year 2 – Drake C

Year 3— Elliot R

Year 4 – Nico G

Year 5 – Hezekiah O



This Weeks Attendance

Group	% Attendance
Mexico	94.8%
China	98.3%
Australia	95%
Poland	91.6%
Kenya	91%
Brazil	93.6%
Ireland	93.8%
Total	94.1%

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