

Dear parents/carers,

This week we have had some very exciting events happen in school.

SEND Panathlon

Ten children from KS1 and KS2 took part in the SEND Panathlon competition on Tuesday. The children took part in a variety of activities such as boccia blast, basketball and kurling. All the children had a fantastic time, represented Dean Field fantastically and showed outstanding team work. The best part was that we achieved 3rd place out of all of the schools that took part. All of us at Dean Field are extremely proud of them and their achievements! Well done!



World Book Day

On Thursday we celebrated World Book Day; our children and staff did a great job at dressing up as their favourite book characters!



Training

Some of our parents have completed the Sleep Tight course in conjunction with North Halifax Partnership. The course took place over 3 afternoons in school. Well done and thank you to all that attended.

SAFEGUARDING

WHAT ARE THE RISKS OF BEING ONLINE?

There are lots of fun and interesting things you can do on the internet. And it can be a great way to stay in touch with friends. But it's important to understand how to stay safe online.

Sometimes people will try to trick you into clicking dangerous links [or sharing things about yourself](#). Or something you've shared might be used to [bully or frighten you](#).

TIPS TO STAY SAFE ONLINE

There are lots of things you can do to keep yourself safe online.

Think before you post

Don't upload or share anything you wouldn't want your parents, carers, teachers or future employers seeing. Once you post something, you lose control of it, especially if someone else screenshots or shares it.

Don't share personal details

Keep things like your address, phone number, full name, school and date of birth private.

Watch out for phishing and scams

Phishing is when someone tries to trick you into giving them information, like your password. Never click links from emails or messages that ask you to log in or share your details.

Think about who you're talking to

There are lots of ways that people try to trick you into trusting them online. Even if you like and trust someone you've met online, never share personal information with them.

Keep your device secure

Make sure that you're keeping [your information and device secure](#).

Never give out your password

You should never give out your password or log-in information. Make sure you pick strong, easy to remember [passwords](#).

Cover your webcam

Some viruses will let someone access your webcam without you knowing, so make sure you cover your webcam whenever you're not using it.



Smartest Class of the Week

This week Nursery Antarctica Class are smartest class of the week!



ONLINE SAFETY

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SMART TVs

Smart TVs connect to the internet without the need for a set-top box or streaming device, letting users access a range of features through the TV set itself: from on-demand content apps like BBC iPlayer to streaming services such as Netflix, as well as connecting to smartphones and other wireless devices. Most new televisions are internet enabled – so whether you're thinking of upgrading your home viewing system or buying an additional TV for your child's room, it's now even more important to consider the online safety aspects.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

From Netflix to Disney+ to Prime Video, there is a plethora of streaming services available. While these services offer content catering for younger viewers, they also provide material for more mature audiences. If you don't have parental controls set up on your accounts, your child could find themselves being exposed to shows and movies with adult themes, strong language and violence.

UNCONVINCING SECURITY

As Internet of Things (IoT) devices, smart TVs can be uniquely vulnerable to attack. Experts warn that internet-enabled TVs tend not to support high-level security software, so you won't always be able to download strong antivirus programmes like you would on a phone or computer. Being targeted by hackers could be deeply upsetting for your child, as well as putting their personal data at risk.

INCREASED SCREEN TIME

The array of content available through smart TVs could lead to your child spending excessive amounts of time in front of the screen. Not only can prolonged screen time distract from important activities such as schoolwork or exercise, but experts have also warned that endless hours in front of the box can lead to health problems including obesity, poor sleeping patterns and depression.

A SILENT SPY?

Some smart TVs already collect data on users' viewing habits and then display targeted advertising based on that personal information – while there have also been reports of internet-enabled TVs (and the apps installed on them) being used to 'eavesdrop' on owners. In models with a built-in microphone (for voice activation), third parties could potentially listen in on someone's home life.

REMOTE-CONTROL RETAIL

Like many online devices, smart TVs facilitate digital purchases: buying a new app or the latest season of a favourite show, for example. If your child has access to a bank card and isn't restricted by spending controls on the system, they could run up a sizeable bill through a smart TV fairly quickly – especially if they're not quite old enough to fully appreciate the value of money.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

Many smart TVs can be used for web browsing, social media and live streaming – all of which could allow unknown users to contact your child (or vice versa). If your child engages with these functions of the TV, a stranger could potentially discover their contact information and potentially then use it to obtain even more sensitive personal details, such as your home address.

Advice for Parents & Carers

MAKE IT A FAMILY THING

Family TV time is a great way to model the responsible enjoyment of technology – showing your child how to use the smart TV safely for when they're old enough to watch it independently. You could also take this opportunity to establish some healthy TV boundaries, such as time limits on their daily viewing or how to make sure they're only watching content that's appropriate for their age.

CREATE CHILD PROFILES

Much like with smartphones and tablets, apps can be downloaded onto smart TVs: from free content platforms such as BBC iPlayer to paid-for services like Prime Video. Most of these apps allow you to create a separate account for your child which has different settings to your own – suggesting more child-friendly material and reducing the possibility of them viewing explicit content.

SET UP PARENTAL CONTROLS

It's likely that your smart TV has built-in parental controls, which not only let you filter out age-inappropriate shows, movies and games but can also restrict in-app purchasing, so your child can't accidentally spend money through the device. When you've enabled these safeguards, have an open conversation with your child about the reasons, helping them to understand the potential risks.

CONSIDER THE LOCATION

If you're concerned about the online safety hazards that a smart TV might pose to your child, you could consider where in your home you put the device. The safest option would be to place the smart TV in a shared family space – so that an adult is usually nearby and able to supervise while your child's watching it – rather than in the relative privacy of a bedroom.

Dean Field Values

This 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!

We will be introducing our new STOP approach to bullying this coming week. Keep an eye on Seesaw for more information.

<p>Bullying is...</p> <p>Several</p> <p>Times</p> <p>On</p> <p>Purpose</p>	<p>Learning Without Limits</p>  <p>Dean Field Community Primary School</p> <p>STOP</p> 	<p>You need to...</p> <p>Start</p> <p>Telling</p> <p>Other</p> <p>People</p>
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This half term's focus value is...



Year 2 Manor Heath Trip

This week, Year 2 went to Manor Heath Park to help with our writing about Percy the park keeper in our English lessons. We looked around to see what Percy might do if he worked here and thought about all the things this park has to offer. We even saw Manor Heath Park's real park keeper and he let us take a picture with his vehicle on both trips! It was a lovely trip, and the children really impressed all the adults by contributing knowledge from lots of different subjects as we walked around. Well done!



Stay and Read

Thank you to all the parents and carers that joined us for the stay and read sessions this week! It was lovely to see pupils across school sharing their love of reading with you all! Because they were a huge success, we are looking forward to giving you the opportunity to do this more often!



Easter Raffle

Our exciting Easter Egg Raffle is back! We have already been kindly donated some excellent Easter eggs by lots of different companies and people.

If you would like to enter the raffle and be in with a chance of winning some extravagant Easter prizes please return your letter along with your payment to school.

Raffle tickets will be sent home, please keep them safe. No ticket no prize.

The raffle will close on Wednesday 20th March.

Good luck!

*Which one will
you win??*



Charity Donation

We are so grateful to the Masonic Charity for our fantastic rain suits! We can now access our outdoor provision whatever the weather and still feel dry and comfortable! Here are some of our amazing children from Nursery and reception modelling them!



Easter Bonnet Parade

It's time for your children (and you of course) to get creative and make some Easter bonnets! Nursery and Reception will be taking part in their own Easter bonnet parades to showcase their hard work. Tickets will be released next week - 2 tickets per pupil. Have a cracking time creating your masterpieces. We can't wait to see them.

Easter Bonnet Parade

Nursery:
Tuesday 19th March
- 9-9:30am



Please sign in via the school hall door on the day of the event.

Reception:
Wednesday 20th March
- 9-9.30am



Please keep hold of your tickets and bring them with you on the day.

Limited to 2 spaces per child.

Make your Easter Bonnet as creative as possible!



If your child doesn't attend this day you are welcome to bring them to the event.

Please bring completed Easter Bonnets in to school before Friday 15th March .

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.



- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Chance to win up to £25,000
- Play weekly, or just play the Super Draw!
- Win £1,000 to spend in Sainsbury's

BUY TICKETS



GambleAware

See website for Terms & conditions. Enter by 30/03/24

EASTER CAMPS

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



MONDAY 25TH MARCH -
THURSDAY 28TH MARCH
10AM - 2PM
AGE 5 - 11



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

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:
NERF, FOOTBALL, DODGEBALL, BOXERCISE,
PLUS MANY MORE!

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

Project Sport are using our facilities again this Easter to run a holiday club.

This is free to all children who are eligible for benefited related to free school meals.

Please contact them to book on.

FREE Easter Trail at Shroggs Park

Saturday
30th
March
11am

Meet by the play area
Collect items along the Shroggs
Park Trail and exchange them
for a chocolate egg.

Booking required!

Email
Tracey.Chambers@nhpltd.org.uk



JOIN THE FUN THIS SPRING AND ENJOY A HEALTHY HOLIDAY!

HEALTHY HOLIDAYS CALDERDALE SPRING PROGRAMME

This Spring, during the Easter school holidays, children and young people aged 5-16 eligible for benefits-related free school meals are invited to take part in a range of exciting and fun activities through the 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.



To book scan the QR code or visit healthyholidays.calderdale.gov.uk/

You will need to register your child on the booking system before booking your place directly through the provider. There may also be sessions available for fee-paying children who are not eligible for free school meals.



Book your place now to join the Healthy Holidays Calderdale fun, taking place this Spring across Calderdale.

To book scan the QR code or visit: healthyholidays.calderdale.gov.uk/

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

Facebook: @HealthyHolidaysCalderdale

Twitter: @HAFCalderdale

Website: www.calderdale.gov.uk/healthyholidays

Email: healthyholidays@calderdale.gov.uk



Youth Club—Forest Cottage

Newground Together Youth Team had their open day last Friday which was a real success and they would like to build on this and provide as many young people in the north Halifax area a safe space to attend and enjoy the set activities and make new friends.

The youth club is totally free and they also provide a warm meal. They are open every Friday 15:30-17:30. The age ranges is for Year 4 – Year 7.

YOUTH CLUB

Ovenden Juniors @Forest Cottage

EVERY FRIDAY

3.30PM - 5.30PM

Cousin Ln, Halifax HX2 8AD

A safe space for school years 4 - 7
to meet friends and access help
and support from trained Youth Workers

newground together
YOUTH TEAM

NT Youth Team Calderdale

DIARY DATES

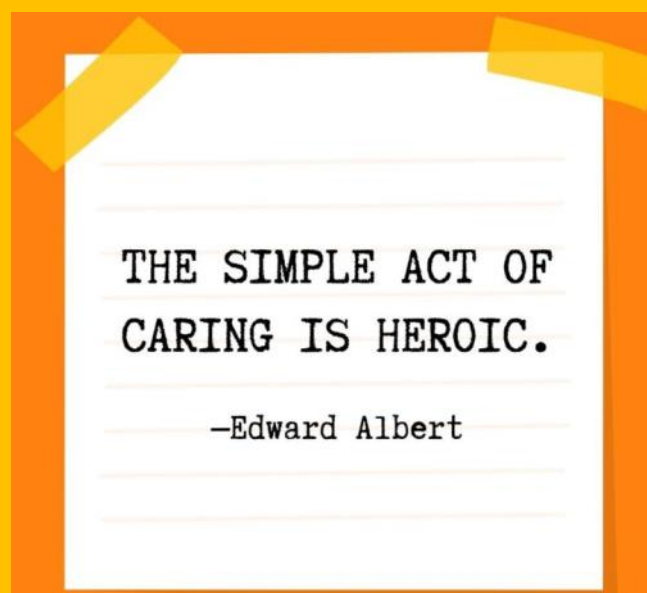
DATE	EVENT
Monday 11th March	Year 6 SATS Practice Week
Friday 15th March	Dance Performance—Friday Club Parents
Tuesday 19th March	Year 1 Music Parent Workshop
Thursday 21st March	Reception Shroggs Park Trip
Friday 22nd March	School closes for Easter at 1:10pm

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



China	90%
Australia	96%
Poland	78%
Kenya	63%
Brazil	76%
Ireland	60%

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!

TTRS Stars of the Week

Year 2 – Drake C

Year 3— Lillie-Paige K

Year 4 – Kayson T

Year 5 – Jacob Bo

Year 6 – Kylan T



Group	% Attendance
Mexico	97.9%
China	93%
Australia	96.6%
Poland	95%
Kenya	96.7%
Brazil	93.2%
Ireland	97.9%
Total	95.8%

This Weeks Attendance

Congratulations to Mexico and Ireland class who had the highest attendance in the school this week. Well done to Kenya 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	Lenny H	For being a superb role model—always putting his hand up and being ready to learn.
	Olivia W	For contributing in all lessons and being passionate about learning.
China Year 1	Isabella G	For making an excellent start on her diary in role as mouse.
	Frankie R	For an excellent attitude, especially in writing.
Australia Year 2	Drake C	For your efforts at the panathlon event.
	Rio H	For demonstrating amazing food tech skills in MasterChef.
Poland Year 3	Joshua S	For a huge improvement in his English written work.
	Phoebe C	For being an excellent example for the class.
Kenya Year 4	Nico G	For his fantastic effort during English.
	Pippa BH	For their fantastic contribution to ALL lessons.
Brazil Year 5	Abigail C	For always putting 100% in her reading fluency lessons.
	Lucas W	For his enthusiasm in Geography lessons.
Ireland Year 6	Kaitlyn S	For a superb twisted ending narrative in English.
	Lacey N	For a super week! Trying hard in all lessons and getting onto bronze.