

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of this term, we have many things to look back on and be incredibly proud of. This term has been a short one so we should all take the opportunity to rest over the Easter break ready for the long summer term ahead.

Parents of children in years 1, 2, 4 and 6 will be well aware that the Phonics Screening Check, year 2 Optional SATs, the Multiplication Tables Check and of course the year 6 end of KS2 SATs will be soon upon us. I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for their support in allowing children in these year groups to attend after school clubs designed to support pupils and of course for the continued work you are doing at home to support the learning taking place in school. Many pupils in these year groups have additional support in place at breaktimes, lunchtimes as well as after school and so a big thank you to the staff for providing these!

We will finish the term off in the most amazing way with 'Dean Field's Got Talent'. Academic success is hugely important to us at Dean Field but allowing children to showcase their individual skills and talents is also so important. A big thank you to the staff who have mentored the acts taking part and the judges this year: Miss Brambani, Mrs Stansfield and Mrs Stephenson and of course Miss Clay for organising and hosting this much loved event.

Thank you also to Miss Clay for organising our Arts Parent Showcases this half term. It's been lovely to see parents in school joining in with poetry, art, music and dance sessions with their children.

I wish all our Dean Field families a restful Easter.

See you in April!

Mrs Pether



# SAFEGUARDING

## Healthy Holidays Calderdale



In school holidays, children and young people can access holiday clubs through our Healthy Holidays Calderdale programme. Please see: [Who is eligible](#).

This is provided as part of the Government's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme. The free places are funded by the Department for Education (DfE).

### **Spring programme 2024**

This will run from 25th March to 5th April.

To book a place now, please visit: [Healthy Holidays](#).

For more details, visit: [HAF 2023 Programme](#) (GOV.UK).

Also, see our video: [2021 programme](#) (YouTube).

### **Calderdale benefits**

This makes sure children have a quality experience that results in:

- ✦ getting healthy and nutritious meals;
- ✦ and being active.

Children who attend will:

- ✦ develop a greater knowledge of food, nutrition and other issues about health; and have the chance to take part in fun and activities.

Those who attend a club will also have the chance to:

- ✦ meet new friends;
- ✦ socialise;
- ✦ learn new skills;
- ✦ have new experiences;
- ✦ and gain confidence.

# ONLINE SAFETY

## LACK OF AGE VERIFICATION

Despite their age restrictions, some platforms don't require proof of age at sign up – meaning that anyone can register for an account (and potentially pretend to be older or younger than they actually are). In many cases, this means that young live streamers can never be totally certain exactly who they are broadcasting to and who is engaging with their live stream.

## DISCLOSING PERSONAL INFO

A characteristic of live streaming is the ability for videos to be instantly shared worldwide. Without the correct privacy settings enabled, a child could inadvertently reveal personal information or their location, making them vulnerable to online predators or identity theft. It's wise to regularly check the privacy settings (and what data is being shared) on any apps your child has signed up for.

## ANYTHING COULD HAPPEN

As the video streams are live, children might encounter (or inadvertently share) inappropriate content. Most live-streaming apps have rules to prevent this and monitor their services, also providing report buttons where content can be flagged for review. It may not be dealt with instantly, however, meaning that your child could be further exposed to harmful content during a live stream.

## UNAUTHORISED RECORDINGS

Each live streaming platform stores completed videos for different periods (Twitch saves broadcasts for 90 days, for example, while Facebook and YouTube remove them only at the creator's request). Deleting a video, though, doesn't always stop it from being shared: in some cases, streams have been illegally recorded (or screenshots taken) by certain viewers and redistributed on other sites.

## ROGUE CONTENT CREATORS

Children can also watch other people's live streams, which could potentially contain anything at any time (such as nudity, drug use or profanity). Most apps claim to monitor live streams and will stop any that don't adhere to their guidelines – but with millions of streams per day, it's complicated to regulate them all, so children could be exposed to inappropriate content without parents knowing.

## DANGER OF GROOMING

There are increasing reports of children being coerced into performing "suggestive acts" by strangers on some live-streaming apps. Due to the lack of verification required for certain apps, almost anyone can sign up to these services (including anonymously or under a fake identity). It's vital, therefore, to ensure the correct safety measures are in place before your child begins live streaming.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### PUT PRIVACY FIRST

Through the streaming app's settings, switch your child's account to 'private', so only their friends and followers can see their broadcasts. You could also turn off the live chat, shielding your child from any upsetting comments – although viewers' feedback is often seen as an integral part of the fun. Identify any nearby items (such as school uniforms or visible landmarks) that could give away your child's location.

### MANAGE MULTISTREAMING

Some apps and sites let users stream their content through multiple social media platforms at once. A broadcast on SteamYard, for example, can be shared on YouTube, Twitch, X and Facebook if the accounts are linked. The privacy settings can differ on each of these, so we'd suggest only streaming via one platform at a time to maintain greater control over who's watching your child's videos.

### GET INVOLVED YOURSELF

Research suggests a significant number of streams show a child on their own, often in a supposed safe space like their bedroom. If your child wants to live stream, ask if you could be present because you're interested in how it works. You could even set up your own account to gain a more detailed knowledge of what your child talks about in their live streams – and who they're broadcasting to.

### TALK ABOUT LIVE STREAMING

Try to start with positives before discussing potential risks. You could ask which live streaming apps your child likes and how they use them. Do they just watch streams or create their own? Explain why it's unwise to reveal personal information while streaming (even to friends). If you feel your child's too young for live streams, explain your reasoning to them and perhaps agree to review this decision in the future.

### CONSIDER THEIR ONLINE REPUTATION

As the broadcasts are live, it often causes the misconception among young people that whatever happens in their video simply 'vanishes' once the stream ends. However, videos can stay online indefinitely or be recorded by other users. It's important that your child understands what they do and say in a live stream could potentially damage their online reputation and, quite possibly, be seen by prospective future employers, colleges or universities.

## Dean Field Values

Next half term our focus value will be friendship!

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

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.

Bullying is...		You need to...
Several	<b>STOP</b>	Start
Times		Telling
On		Other
Purpose		People

Next half term's focus value is...







## Dean Field School Family Challenge



Every half term, we will be sending out a Family Challenge for you to complete together.

This is entirely optional, but we would love to see pictures of you enjoying yourselves and pictures of your creations. If you do find the time to complete any of these, please send in pictures via class Seesaw or Seesaw message via the teacher.

### Easter Holidays Family Challenge

The Easter Family Challenge is here! 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 on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April.**

#### National Unicorn Day - 9<sup>th</sup> April

Do something that reminds you of unicorns! This could be some tasty baking, glittery artwork or simply watch a unicorn programme or film.



Easter Trail - Shroggs Park - Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March 11am

**YOU MUST BOOK A PLACE**

Email [tracey.chambers@nhpltd.org.uk](mailto:tracey.chambers@nhpltd.org.uk) or call 07912891207.

MEET BY THE PLAY AREA

Get ready for an egg-citing adventure this Easter!



Join us for our Easter Trail events, offering fun for the whole family.

Collect items along the park trail and exchange them for a chocolate egg 🍫



#### Write an Autobiography

Using your knowledge of biographies about other people, create an autobiography all about you and your life so far!

##### My Autobiography

- things I like to do
- personal information: age, appearance
- all about my family
- where I live
- what I like to read and write about
- favorite things: food, music, hobbies
- picture or photograph
- I like to write because ...

##### AUTOBIOGRAPHY

a book about the life of a person, written by that person

#### Create a Musical Instrument

Using recycled materials, create a musical instrument!



## Easter Raffle

A huge thank you to everyone including, Compass Schools, Morrisons, Tesco, Chelsey's Bakes, Robertshaw's Farm Shop that donated to our Easter Raffle; we raised a massive £225 for our school! Thank you to all parents/carers that bought raffle tickets too.



## British Science Week Poster competition

This year, we are asking students to create a poster showing how a certain type of technology has changed over time, or even the advancement of time-telling technology itself.

Students could also go futuristic by showing us how they think the world might look in years to come, or perhaps look at nature – lifecycles, lifespans, evolution and hibernation – nature is full of timely topics.

British Science Week 2024 marks the Week's 30th anniversary, with the inaugural celebration happening in 1994. Students could think about scientific innovations since then, or explore 1994 itself – what was life like 30 years ago?

Submit to <https://www.tfaforms.com/5100112>

The deadline for filling in this form is 6pm on Thursday 28th March 2024.

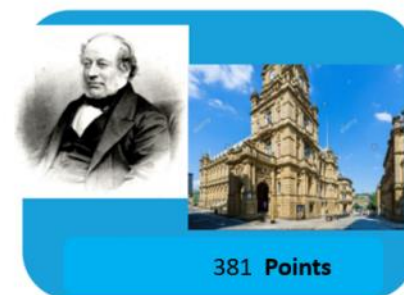


## House Team Winners

Well done to all of the children who are in the Anne Lister house point team. You have won twice this year gaining 408 points this half term!

Keep earning those house points!

### House Team Winners:



Well done to all of the children who gained a value award for showing the value of caring.





## 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

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.

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

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

**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](mailto:Tracey.Chambers@nhpltd.org.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

## Forest Cottage Messy Play

*Little Hands are here to create big, creative minds. Using messy play, singing, dancing and instruments, we can help children express themselves, develop language, communication, fine motor and hand-eye coordination.*



Little Hands provides an opportunity for parents/carers to meet for a chat and a cuppa.

A leader with over 20 years experience in the education sector!

**Age 0-4**

Every Thursday 9.30am-10.30am  
Admission fee £4 per child



## DIARY DATES

DATE	EVENT
Monday 8th April	School reopens
Wednesday 10th April	Year 1 Manor Heath Park Trip
Thursday 11th April	Year 6 Trinity Transition Visit

**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	81%
Australia	93%
Poland	86%
Kenya	70%
Brazil	74%
Ireland	85%

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 – Noah G

Year 3— Lillie-Paige K

Year 4 – Kayson T

Year 5 – Kyia R

Year 6 – Kaitlyn



### This Weeks Attendance

Group	% Attendance
Mexico	97.6%
China	96.3%
Australia	94.1%
Poland	90.8%
Kenya	93.3%
Brazil	95.6%
Ireland	96.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>95%</b>

Congratulations to Mexico class who had the highest attendance in the school this week. Well done to Ireland 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



# SCHOOL VALUES



## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Mexico Reception	Daisy L	For always looking after her friends and being kind.
	Freddie O	For always showing care and concern for his class mates and teachers.
China Year 1	Kaira-Jade L	For always looking after her teachers and her classmates.
	Isabella G	For caring for her classmate, Hollie.
Australia Year 2	Dayton-Jay GH	For caring for and helping others in her group.
	Sarah Mc	For looking out for others and checking on the adults too.
Poland Year 3	Phoebe C	For always being quick to help others in class when they are struggling.
	Amelia-Violet O	If anyone is upset, she is always one of the first to offer comfort and try to help them feel better.
Kenya Year 4	Ava O	For always supporting and helping her classmates.
	Kadie-Mai G	For always being a caring friend to all.
Brazil Year 5	Kyia R	For always looking out for others.
	Jessica S	For always being a caring, mature friend.
Ireland Year 6	Leo O	For always caring for others.
	Gracie-Mai FO	For being a caring friend to others.