

Dear Parents/Carers,

Reflecting on this Half-term

As we come to the end of this half term, there are so many positives to reflect on. The resilience our year 6 pupils have shown during their SATs weeks being a stand out for me.

The wonderful enriching experiences we have provided for the pupils at Dean Field, through extra curricular after school clubs, competitions, visitors to school and trips we have offered; all of which are show cased on our X account!

Our annual parents' week which included a fantastic variety of workshops and activities that was so well attended by parents was a huge success. We value parental engagement highly at Dean Field and love having you in school!

Preparations for 2024/2025

As usual, we like to be as organised as we can possibly be and so you will see on the next page the teaching staff and class allocation for next year.

We understand the importance of transition in supporting pupils in the move to the next year group up. This year our year 5 cohort will move up into the year 6 classroom on Monday 1st July with Miss Hussain. Miss Lopuszniak will teach in year 4 this year for the autumn term before starting her maternity leave at Christmas. All other year group teachers will be spending time with their new classes and with individual pupils to build positive relationships ready for the next academic year over the course of this half term.

As well as this, pupils will get to meet their new class teachers in their new classrooms on Friday 5th July when our official transition morning takes place. We look forward to meeting our new Reception class on this day too.

If you have any questions about this, please don't hesitate to contact me on Seesaw.

Enjoy the half term holiday!

We look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 3rd June.

Mrs Fiona Pether



Dean Field Community Primary School
Staff List 2024-25

Year Group	Teachers	Classroom	Teaching Assistant/ Support Staff
Nursery	Miss F Fitzpatrick (Senior Early Years Practitioner)	Antarctica	Mrs F Baker (Nursery Nurse AM) Mrs M Robertshaw Miss C Land
Reception	Mrs E Mason (Early Years Teacher)	Mexico	Mrs H King Miss E Kenny
Year 1	Miss S Cheetham (ECT)	China	Mrs A Fish
Year 2	Miss E Clay (SENDCo)	Australia	Mrs J Webb (HLTA) Mrs M Stephenson Miss L Brook
Year 3	Miss F Lees (The Arts)	Poland	Ms G Santopuoli Miss C Fusco
Year 4	Miss K Lopuszniak (Maths & Computing)	Kenya	Miss C Hattersley Miss D Wilkinson (Wed – Fri AM)
Year 5	Miss L Jagger (Sports & Health/Science & Technologies)	Brazil	Mrs S Smith Miss S Taylor
Year 6	Miss U Hussain (Upper School Phase Lead, Personal Development & English)	Ireland	Miss E Baker Miss D Dinsmore (AM)

SAFEGUARDING

Stay safe over half term,
get out, get involved and get active!

There are free, fun things to do in Halifax over the half term or some with a small charge.

Try these places for free! Bankfield museum, Halifax Industrial museum, The piece Hall, Ogden water & nature reserve, Halifax Minster, Halifax Central Library, Shibden Park or Shroggs Park.

All are great places to visit and see the great stuff Halifax has to offer.

Other activities going on are...

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WHATS ON!

- Amazing food
- Free kids activities
- Live bands
- Welly wanging championships
- Fun for all the family
- Cocktails and Mocktails
- Fun and Games
- Face painting
- Dog Competition
Enter your furry friend
- Giant inflatables

Watch this space more to follow...

Have a safe half term!!

Top Tips for SETTING BOUNDARIES AROUND GAMING

If your child loves video games, then you'll probably be aware that how long they spend gaming – and what they're actually playing – can occasionally become a source of concern or conflict. The UK's trade body for interactive entertainment, Ukie, has recently launched a campaign to promote safer and more responsible gaming among young people – with parents and carers helping by setting sensible and fair boundaries. Our guide has tips on key areas where you could agree some healthy ground rules for your child's gaming activity.

PROMOTE SAFER GAME CHOICES

Deciding which online games are OK – and which should be avoided – is tricky. Some titles allow children to cooperate or compete with strangers, which creates potential risks. Watching your child play online for a while could provide more insight into a particular game, while the parental controls on most consoles allow you to limit who can chat to your child or send them friend requests. Remind your child of the hazards around strangers online when you discuss this boundary with them.

ENCOURAGE REGULAR BREAKS

Help your child understand the need to take regular breaks, playing in shorter bursts rather than marathon sessions. Bear in mind that some games (such as role-playing games) require time investment from the player, while others (online team games, for example) can't be stopped or paused at a moment's notice. A quick break every hour or so is good practice, and you could suggest some things to do in these breaks, such as having a drink of water or getting some fresh air.

AGREE SPENDING LIMITS

There's no doubt that gaming can be expensive, and younger players often don't realise how much paying for digital items and subscriptions can add up to. Many young gamers love to buy new skins or upgrades for their character, so you could settle on a fixed amount that your child is allowed to spend on in-game items each week or month. This sort of boundary will not only help your child to manage their expectations but will also make you more aware of the price of these items.

DISCUSS AGE RATINGS

Children often ignore the age ratings on games – or are unaware they even exist. If you're happy with your child playing a particular game even though it's rated above their age, then establish that as a boundary; emphasise that you've made an exception, and talk about what age ratings mean and why they're important. You could add context to this boundary by browsing games' boxes together while shopping, discussing why some games might have earned certain age ratings.



FACTOR IN FRIENDS

If your child is a keen video gamer, the chances are that they'll have other gamers among their social circle. Do. When friends visit, do they instantly dash to their console or computer? You could put boundaries in place before their guests arrive by agreeing on a length of gaming time. Bear in mind, though, that they may try to extend this once they're together. Try coming up with activities or challenges for them during screen breaks – if they join in, they earn a little extra time on their game.

ENJOY GAMING TOGETHER

Setting time aside to play video games together can be an enjoyable bonding exercise. Undeniably, some young gamers may be less enthusiastic about a parent or carer joining in, but it can be a productive way of encouraging them to share their hobby with you. Setting goals or tasks might be useful if they lose Minecraft, choose something to build together, if Fortnite's their favourite, ask to try out some of the fun game modes, like Prop Hunt, which don't require high skill levels.

TALK ABOUT EMOTIONS

Help your child to monitor their emotions as they play. Discuss what is (and isn't) an acceptable level of competitiveness to show while gaming. Are they allowed to trash talk other players, for example? Can they notice when they get angry if they lose? Do they think these emotions are healthy? Some games can provoke anger, but others can bring joy, humour and the thrill of overcoming a challenge. Try to steer your child towards games that tend to produce these more positive feelings.

BE PREPARED FOR TROLLS

A frequent problem when gaming online is other players who are deliberately troublesome. Make sure your child knows how to report and block someone who makes their experience a negative one. Between you, decide if or how they should deal with these online trolls. Talk about where your child's boundaries are in terms of what they think is acceptable: what behaviour by other users is merely frustrating, and what crosses the line to become upsetting or abusive.



Dean Field Values

Well done to all of the children who earned a half termly value award for showing the value of friendship.



We will be continuing our STOP approach to bullying. Keep an eye on Seesaw for more information.

Bullying is...		You need to...
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Times		Telling
On		Other
Purpose		People

Next half term's focus value is...

Kindness

Summer Term Key Event Dates 2024

Sports Days	<p>KS2 (Year 4, 5 and 6) Wednesday 19th June 1:30pm-2:45pm</p> <p>KS1 (Year 1, 2 and 3) Tuesday 25th June 1.30pm – 2.45pm</p> <p>Reception Friday 21st June 9.30-10.30am</p>
Year 6 Transition Football Match v Moorside	Tuesday 18 th June 1.30-2.30pm
Year 6 Prom	Thursday 20 th June 5-6.30pm
Non-Uniform for chocolate tombola at Summer Fayre	Friday 21 st June
Year 5 London Trip	Wednesday 26 th June
Year 6 Leavers assembly for Year 6 Parents	Friday 28 th June 9am
Summer Fayre	Monday 1 st July 3pm – 4.30pm
Transition Morning	Friday 5 th July
End of year reports go home to parents	Friday 5 th July
Nursery Graduation	Wednesday 10 th July 2pm
Reception Graduation	Thursday 11 ^h July 9pm
Family of Learning Trust Training Event – no Friday after school clubs	Friday 12 th July PM
Year 1 Awards Assembly	Monday 15 th July 9am
Year 2 Awards Assembly	Monday 15 th July 2.15pm
Year 3 Awards Assembly	Tuesday 16 th July 9am
Year 4 Awards Assembly	Tuesday 16 th July 2.15pm
Year 5 Awards Assembly	Thursday 18 th July 9am
End of term behaviour treat	Friday 19 th July
Family of Learning Trust Training Event – no Friday after school clubs	Friday 19 th July PM
Break up for summer	Monday 22 nd July 3pm

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.



May Half Term Family Challenge



The May half term Family Challenge is here! It is 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 3rd June.**

<p>Walk a Mile</p> <p>Walk a mile with your family or friends starting from your house. Before you set off you may want to plan a route and create a map. You could even keep track of your step count!</p> 	<p>Create a Song, Poem or Poster</p> <p>Get creative and make a song, poem or poster to inspire children at Dean Field to get walking. You could include the benefits of walking such as it is better for the environment, keeps you healthy and is a fun way to explore the outdoors.</p> 
<p>Ride a Bike or Scooter</p> <p>Spend 30 minutes or more riding a bike, scooter or skateboard with friends and family.</p> 	<p>Woodland Art</p> <p>Plan to walk to a local woodland area and collect sticks and leaves along the way. Arrange your woodland treasure into a beautiful piece of art and photograph for seesaw!</p> 



Dean Field House Team Winners!




Percy Shaw




517 Points

Anne Lister




312 Points

Charlotte Bronte



327 Points

Sir Charles Barry



323 Points

Congratulations Percy Shaw House team!



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 GETAWAY
OR £1,000 CASH PRIZE

YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

Dean Field
Community Primary School

- 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

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Armed Forces Event



Saturday 29 June, 9am-5pm
Southgate, Halifax Town Centre

Free

Stalls, military vehicles, equipment, a medical tent and full field kitchen, plus much more. Representatives from the armed forces will be there, so come along and find out more about military life past and present.

A fun day out for all the family.

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DIARY DATES

DATE	EVENT
Friday 24th May	School closes
Monday 3rd June	School reopens
Tuesday 4th June	Year 6 Enterprise Day

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.

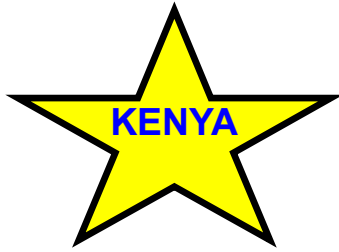


REMINDER: If your child has asthma please ensure they have an inhaler in school and you have filled out a medical form at the school office. Thank you.



Friends
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WORLD
Beautiful

Accelerated Reader – Reading Achievements this week



China	70%
Australia	83%
Poland	82%
Kenya	92%
Brazil	72%
Ireland	88%

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 – Zoraiz B

Year 3— Mia E

Year 4 – Isaac P

Year 5 – Asmaria B

Year 6 – Poppy B



This Weeks Attendance

Group	% Attendance
Mexico	91%
China	90.7%
Australia	95%
Poland	87.3%
Kenya	82.8%
Brazil	89.1%
Ireland	97.9%
Total	90.6%

Congratulations to Ireland 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



SCHOOL VALUES



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Mexico Reception	Luna S	For always ensuring no one is left out and always being a good friend to all.
	Lenny H	For being a good role model to others, being kind, well mannered and respectful.
China Year 1	Joey C	For showing the true value of friendship to a special class mate.
	Posy B	For showing friendship values to all of her classmates.
Australia Year 2	Eleanor H	For checking in on others and offering to help.
	Kaya Mc	For including everyone and being a kind friend.
Poland Year 3	Phoebe C	For being kind and supportive to others.
	Penelope C	For being a caring, kind friend.
Kenya Year 4	Vanessa G	For always making sure everyone is happy and included.
	Joshua G	For always being supportive and respectful to others.
Brazil Year 5	Abigail C	For being a fantastic friend and always showing kindness.
	Sarah A	For always being a thoughtful and considerate friend.
Ireland Year 6	Gracie-Mai FO	For being a wonderful caring friend to ALL children in class. She is very thoughtful and helpful to everyone.
	Lexi O	Lexi is very quiet but she is very kind to everyone. She will always look for children on their own and make sure they're ok.