

Dear parents/carers,

Parents' Evening

It was so lovely to see such a good turn out for our autumn term parents' evening. We hope you found it beneficial. Thank you to those who completed our parental survey; we will collate the information from this survey and feedback any action points in due course.

Christmas Dates

Please read the dates further on in the newsletter regarding Christmas events carefully and make a note of anything happening you wish to attend or you need to be aware of as we have lots of exciting festive things planned for the end of the term. We have tried to give parents as much notice as possible as we appreciate what a busy time of year it can be.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Tonks (formerly Miss Webb) who got married over the half term break. We wish her and Mr Tonks many happy years together.



Staff Training

Miss Clay has attend the Family of Learning Trust's half termly meeting for Special Educational Needs Coordinators (SENDCos). This is a useful and productive network where SENDCos from all trust schools get together to share good practice and expertise.

SAFEGUARDING

HOME ALONE

While every child is different, we wouldn't recommend leaving a child under 12 years old home alone, particularly for longer periods of time. Children in primary school aged 6-12 are usually too young to be left alone, babysit or cook for themselves without adult supervision.

There's no legal age limit for a child to stay home or go out alone but It's against the law to leave a child alone if it puts them at risk.

Here are a few points to think about.

Do you think they're old enough?

How long could they cope on their own?

Can they deal with risks?

Will they behave responsibly?

Will they be safe?

More Importantly.... How does your child feel about being left alone?

SAFETY STEPS FOR CHILDREN

- Never open the door to strangers. ...
- Never open the door to delivery people or service representatives. ...
- Never tell someone on social media or in person that your parents are not at home. ...
- Do not talk about being home alone to friends, they may see this as an invite to come to your house.
- Never leave the house without permission.



ONLINE SAFETY

TEACHING CYCLE SAFETY

Cycling is an amazing way to spend quality time together as a family, as well as keeping everyone healthy and active – and it's an excellent exercise, whatever the age of your children. Getting started can sometimes be daunting, and there are obvious safety concerns over youngsters who are still getting used to a bike – so follow our top tips to help you ride with confidence.

1 CONSIDER CYCLE TRAINING

Courses like Bikeability are extremely useful, and training in general has come a long way since cycling proficiency began; there are Bikeability courses for adults, too. Cycle training teaches invaluable skills (such as good road positioning, signalling and visibility), and can help both parents and children feel more at ease on busy streets.

2 USE A SUITABLE BIKE

Find a bike of an appropriate size for its rider and resist the temptation to have children 'grow into' theirs by buying one too large for them. A bigger bike will be heavier and more difficult to control, making accidents more likely and potentially putting youngsters off cycling forever. If your child has any specific physical needs, or has dyspraxia, then try out a trike, handcycle or other adaptive cycle to see what works best.

3 TRY A CARGO BIKE

Cargo bikes, particularly the box-bike style, are ideal for transporting small children around. Depending on the type of bike chosen – as well as the size and age of the children – it can be possible to transport up to four little ones in this way, with additional space for other cargo as well.

4 INSPECT YOUR CYCLE

It's a good idea to do some routine checks on any bike before going for a ride to make sure everything's working correctly. The 'M check' is particularly useful, assessing the condition and position of the bike's wheels, handlebars, brakes, pedals, chain and saddle, working from front to back. Online tutorial videos can also teach you how to carry out basic repairs if needed. For more complicated fixes, head to your local bike shop.

5 BRING SUITABLE GEAR

Ensure whatever you're wearing, and any attachments for your bike, are suitable for the ride. A waterproof jacket will let you cycle safely in almost any weather. Make sure any helmets are fitted correctly. If you're riding after dark, remember to fit your bikes with a white front light, a red rear light and a red rear reflector. These are required by law.

6 STICK TO FLAT TERRAIN

Take a smooth, flat route if possible, so it's more suitable for younger cyclists. You might be surprised by how many quiet roads or back streets there may be in your area. Don't be put off by an indirect but easier path as opposed to a shorter, busier one. Look out for the National Cycle Network, canal towpaths and even parks that you can cut through.

7 STAY ALERT AND IN SAFE FORMATIONS

For maximum protection and visibility, ride in a line with children in the middle and adults at either end. If you're the only adult present, take up a position at the rear to ensure all children remain in your sight. Don't be tempted to hug the kerb if cycling on the road – riding approximately a metre out will make you more noticeable to other road users, and you'll also stay clear of any debris in the gutter.

8 AVOID PARKED CARS

When riding past parked cars, try to stay at least a metre away, just in case anyone inside opens a door unexpectedly or the vehicle itself starts to move. This precaution will also deter anyone driving behind from trying to squeeze past you when there isn't enough space, so don't be afraid to ride in a prominent position.

9 START A 'BIKE BUS'

Cycling to school with other families is a potentially fun experience – one which comes with the added benefit of safety in numbers, in case anything goes wrong along the way. Team up with other parents, carers and educators and pick a day to cycle to school together. Who knows – maybe, in time, you'll have other folks asking to join you?

10 HAVE FUN!

Keep in mind that cycling should be fun! A good bike ride can be really enjoyable for adults and children alike, while also being a superb form of exercise. Ease children into the hobby by starting them off with shorter journeys – such as a trip to the park – and build them up to longer, more complicated outings. Some children may get bored on a longer ride, so try to keep a conversation going with them.

Whole School Values

As a school, our vision is 'Learning without Limits' and being guided by our school values.



This half term's focus value is ...

Tolerance and Respect



Christmas 2024

Christmas raffle tickets are now on sale for £1 per strip. Please return the slip to school with money attached. The raffle will close at the Christmas Fair on Monday 9th December and prizes will be drawn that week. Prizes will only be given out when the winning raffle ticket is handed in at the school office. So please look after your tickets!



Christmas Events

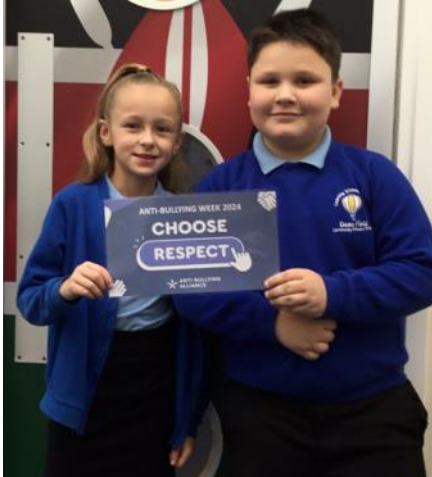


| Event | Date |
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| Chocolate Tombola - non-uniform | Friday 29 th November |
| Christmas cookie Sale | Tuesday 3 rd December |
| Christmas Fayre | Monday 9 th December |
| Christmas Dinner Day | Tuesday 10 th December |
| Reindeer Run | Thursday 12 th December |
| Christmas Jumper Day | Thursday 12 th December |
| EY Christmas Nativity | Tuesday 17 th December |
| Year 1-6 Christmas Panto Behaviour Treat | Wednesday 18 th December AM |
| EYFS Christmas Party Behaviour Treat | Wednesday 18 th December PM |
| Singing around the Christmas tree – Lower School | Thursday 19 th December 9am |
| Singing around the Christmas tree – Upper School | Thursday 19 th December 2:15pm |
| Santa Visit | Thursday 19 th December |
| Christmas Party – non-uniform | Friday 20 th December |

Anti-Bullying Week 2024

We had a fantastic week raising awareness about Anti-Bullying Week and exploring the theme of 'choose respect.' Lots of pupils showed their support by wearing odd socks on Tuesday!

Click the link to watch some of our year 6 pupils' explaining how they can 'choose respect.' https://app.seesaw.me/pages/shared_item?item_id=item.8c662151-3c29-4718-9f78-0f1b2f37659d&share_token=HEQ-9VNPQfyzpZHPoSj2uQ&mode=share





Maths Week 2024



This week for 'Maths week' we focused on money. Michelle came to visit from 'Own Futures' and delivered a money related workshop to each class.



Road Safety Week

Next week is National Road Safety week.

To raise awareness, we will be asking pupils to design a poster around Road Safety to educate people in the local area about road safety.

Please bring in your posters in to your class teachers by Thursday 21st November 2024.

After the crash

Every road victim counts

Road Safety Week

SIGN UP

17-23 November 2024

#RoadSafetyWeek

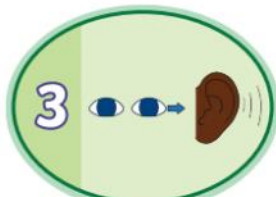
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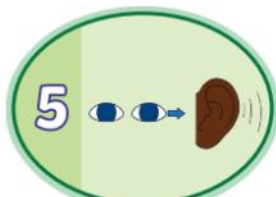
stop



look and listen



wait



look and listen again



cross safely



Starting School September 2025

How to apply for a school place

Children born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 are due to start primary school in September 2025.

To apply for a school place you must **apply online by 15 January 2025** at **www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions**

For advice and guidance regarding the application process please contact 01422 392617, option 1, and a Customer First Advisor will be able to assist you.

If you would like a leaflet about applying for a primary school place please contact your preferred school and register your child's name. The leaflet will then be distributed by the primary school at the end of November 2024.

Information relating to Admission to Primary School 2025, including oversubscription criteria, is available at **www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions**

The application process opens on 18 November 2024 and the close date is 15 January 2025

Offers of school places will be made on 16 April 2025.

JOIN THE FUN THIS WINTER AND ENJOY A HEALTHY HOLIDAY!

HEALTHY HOLIDAYS CALDERDALE WINTER PROGRAMME

21st December 2024 - 3rd January 2025

This Winter, during the school holidays, children and young people across Calderdale aged 5-16 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals are getting the chance to access free holiday club places through our 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 during the school holidays.

You can book your free place at a holiday club taking place near you this winter by visiting: **www.calderdale.gov.uk/healthyholidays**

Please book your place directly through the provider. There may also be sessions available for fee-paying children who are not eligible for free school meals.

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

Email: healthyholidays@calderdale.gov.uk



Facebook: @HealthyHolidaysCalderdale

Twitter: @HAFCalderdale

No internet? Visit a local Calderdale Library and they will support you in registering your children onto available activities.



Week commencing Monday 18th November

|  <h3>School Meals Menu - Week 2</h3>  | | | | | |
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| 2 | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| Hot Meal Option | Southern Fried Chicken Goujons 1, 5 | Homemade Beef Curry Naan Bread 5 | Battered Fish 2, 5 | Roast Chicken Dinner Yorkshire Puddings 5, 10, 12 | Pizza 5, 10 |
| | Tomato Pasta 5, 10 | Homemade Onion Bhaji Samosas 5 Savoury Rice | Homemade Cheese & Onion Pie 5, 10, 12 | Quorn Sausages 5 | Homemade Macaroni Cheese 5, 10 Garlic Bread 5, 10, 14 |
| Vegetables | Potato Puffs Spaghetti 5 Peas | Potato Wedges Broccoli Sweetcorn | Chips Mushy Peas | Roast Potatoes Broccoli Carrots | Potato Cubes 5 Beans Sweetcorn |
| Served Daily | Jacket Potatoes with various fillings Salad Bar Selection of Sandwiches Allergies for the daily items available on request | | | | |
| Dessert | Assorted Biscuits 5, 10, 12 | Iced Cake 5, 10, 12 | Cupcakes 5, 10, 12 | Jam Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 10 | Assorted Fresh Baking 5, 10, 12 |
| | Strawberry Swirls 10 | Jelly | Cornflake Buns 4, 5, 10 | Angel Delight 10 | Chocolate Ice Cream 10 |

Stay and Read

On **Tuesday 26th** and **Thursday 28th November** we are welcoming parents and carers to come and read with their children in class! Classroom doors will open from 8:30 to 9:00 and all parents, carers and grandparents are welcome!

Tuesday 26th November - Reception, year 2, 4 and 6
 Thursday 28th November - Nursery, year 1, 3 and 5

All parents can enter classroom doors via the playground. If you wish to visit more than one class, please use the same doors to enter and exit classrooms as you wish.

We look forward to seeing you!

See what we've been up to and what's coming up at Calderdale Music!

Christmas Performances

As the festive season approaches, our bands and ensembles are busy preparing for performances around Calderdale. Please do come along and show your support for our musicians. From festive favourites to pop hits, there'll be something for everyone to enjoy!

Dates For Your Diary:

Saturday 23rd November – Piece Hall Christmas Market

Funk & Soul Band and Saturday Rocks will be performing from 10:00am on the bandstand, followed by some soloists.

Thursday 28th November – Hebden Bridge Christmas Light Switch On

Valley Strings will be performing in the town hall at around 5:15pm near Santa's Grotto

Saturday 30th November – Halifax Minster Christmas Tree Festival

Join Debut Winds, Saturday Winds and Debut Strings for some carols from 11:30am

Saturday 14th December – Halifax Borough Market

If you're out shopping in town, pop in around 12pm to see Debut Winds, Saturday Winds, Debut Strings and Valley Strings performing in the market

Monday 16th December – Performance at The Old Courthouse

Debut Keys, Saturday Rocks, Funk & Soul Band plus soloists in a concert for parents, family and friends. Details will be emailed out to performers.

Tuesday 17th December – Holy Trinity & St Jude's Church

Our Senior Citizens' Orchestra will be performing some festive favourites in the church at 7:15pm.



DIARY DATES

| DATE | EVENT |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Tuesday 19th—Wednesday 20th November | Year 2 Residential Trip |
| Thursday 21st November | Year 4 Cliffe Castle Trip |
| Wednesday 27th November | Immunisations Rec—Y6 |

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.



Tolerance is the **positive**
and cordial effort to
understand another's
beliefs, practices
and habits **without**
necessarily sharing or
accepting them.

Joseph E. Osborné

Accelerated Reader – Reading Achievements this week



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| Australia | 85% |
| Poland | 94% |
| Kenya | 85% |
| Brazil | 75% |
| Ireland | 87% |

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— Kaira-Jade L

Year 3— Drake C

Year 4 – Alex W

Year 5 – Isaac P

Year 6 – Hezekiah O



This Weeks Attendance

| Group | % Attendance |
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| Mexico | 91.9% |
| China | 97.1% |
| Australia | 90.6% |
| Poland | 88% |
| Kenya | 90.4% |
| Brazil | 94% |
| Ireland | 93.2% |
| Total | 92.1% |

Congratulations to China class who had the highest attendance in the school this week. Well done to Brazil 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

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| Mexico Reception | Renley A | For fabulous writing and moving up in the RWI group. |
| | Willow B | For a lovely first week at Dean Field and settling so well. |
| China Year 1 | Rosie H | For a vast improvement in her listening and concentration skills resulting in some excellent English work. |
| | Mason W | For trying his best in all lessons and ALWAYS making good choices. |
| Australia Year 2 | Kaleesi F | For fantastic engagement and work in maths. |
| | Joey C | For impressive English work this week. |
| Poland Year 3 | Lilly-Jo F | For always being an outstanding role model. |
| | Esmee W | For your perseverance in maths and English this week. |
| Kenya Year 4 | Charlotte H | For always trying hard and being an amazing role model. |
| | Lennon W | For a superb art lesson. |
| Brazil Year 5 | Summer-Rae B | For always being a ball of positivity. |
| | Conor M | For his improved efforts in English. |
| Ireland Year 6 | Asmaria B | For always being a responsible role model pupil. |
| | Lucas W | For always being a responsible role model pupil. |