

Dear Dean Field Community Primary,

The school councillors and head boy and head girl have been evaluating the behaviour tracker system.

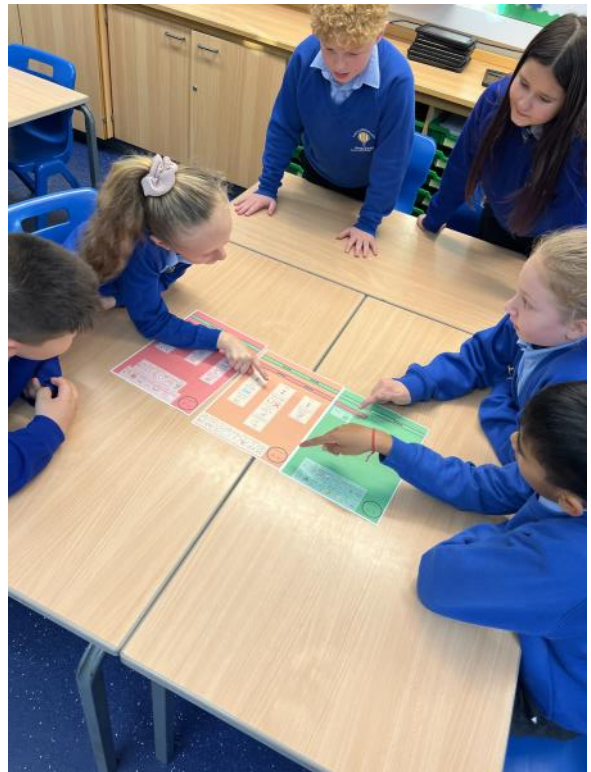
We have decided to make it easier and simpler so that it can be understood by all. The old behaviour trackers were quite hard to read and for some children to understand.

We noticed that not many people could read what the small writing said so we thought it would be a good idea to add some pictures on instead. We hope you agree with us that our new trackers can be followed by all.

We are looking forward to seeing more children being on green and above!

Thank you for understanding.

Jessica – Head girl
Vihaan – Head boy



Goodbye

Today we say goodbye to Miss Lopuszniak who starts her maternity leave. We wish her all the very best of luck for her imminent arrival and look forward to her visiting us soon with her bundle of joy!

Staff Training

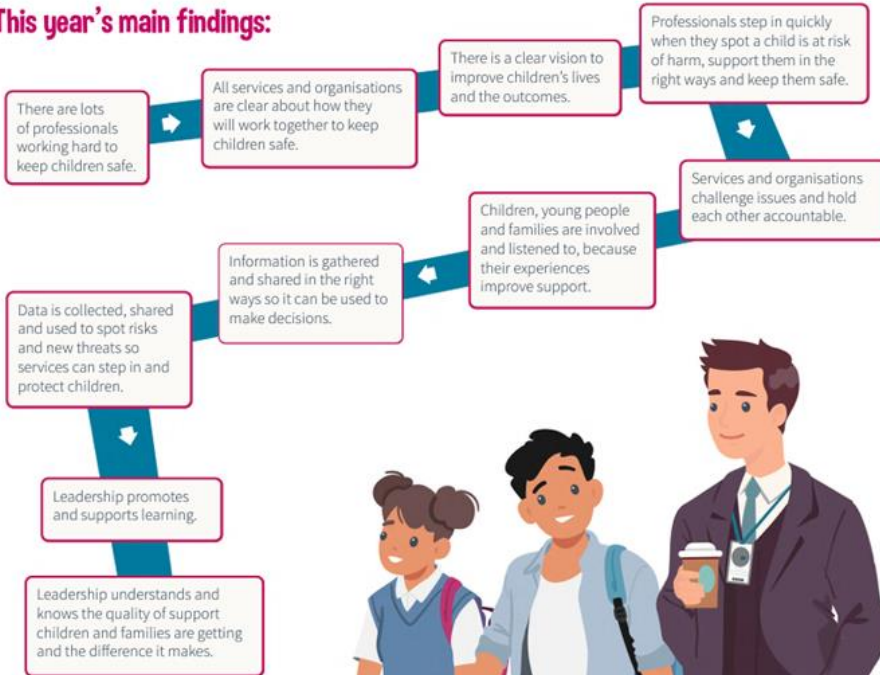
This week staff have carried out a whole school SEND curriculum showcase. Staff looked at a sample of books from every year group, in every subject. Staff paid particular attention to the different adaptations that have been made for our pupils with SEND. This has been really beneficial to all of the staff as they continue to develop their skills in order to cater for different needs within their classes. This ensures that all of our pupils continue to be suitably challenged to their own level.

SAFEGUARDING

Calderdale Safeguarding Children Partnership

Yearly Report 2023-2024

This year's main findings:



Our Priorities for 2024-2025

1 To improve how we keep vulnerable young people aged 10-24 safe from risks and harm outside the home.

2 To improve how organisations support anyone (including children) who experience domestic abuse. That includes making sure they know how to spot risks, step in early and do everything they can to prevent it.

3 To make sure we check and review services in the right way using the guideline in Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023.

4 To work with the Safeguarding Adult Board to make sure children are getting the right support when they move from child services to adult services.

You can read more here



safeguarding.calderdale.gov.uk

EDUCATING CHILDREN ON SPENDING AND SAVING

Evidence shows that children's spending habits begin to form as early as seven years old. With primary schools in England not required to teach financial literacy, many young people are reaching adulthood without knowing the basics of budgeting. This guide explains how to teach young people about money in a practical way, giving them the understanding to become savvy spenders and savers.

1 PROVIDE POCKET MONEY

Giving children money – even a small amount – can help them learn to make their own budgeting decisions about how to spend or save it. Research shows that youngsters who receive pocket money are more likely to become adults with strong financial skills and significantly less debt.

2 USE A PREPAID CARD

Being able to pay by card is essential these days, with some retailers not accepting cash since the pandemic. Prepaid debit cards are available for children from the age of six, allowing them to get used to spending like they will as adults with no risk of dipping into an overdraft. Learning about money is like learning to swim – you need to get in the pool and have a go!

3 PRACTISE BORROWING

Although official borrowing is only available to over 18s, kids need to understand how debt and interest works before they become adults and are exposed to credit cards or 'buy now, pay later' schemes. For a safe means of teaching them about this, parents could offer them extra pocket money but explain that it needs to be paid back by a certain date, plus an extra couple of pounds as interest.

4 ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATION

Chatting about money and how much things cost will teach children that finance is a part of everyday life and not some "scary adult thing". Parents can involve them in budgeting for the weekly shop, for example, working together to get everything on the list while keeping the total below a certain number. Letting young ones make spending decisions in a safe space can build up their confidence regarding money.

5 DISCUSS THE PRESSURE TO SPEND

Whether it's YouTube ads or a hint of envy at a friend's recent purchase, spending triggers are everywhere. Encourage children to notice how clever shop design (like placing sweets at the checkout) and offers such as '2 for 1' deals entice us to spend more. Challenge them to resist impulse buys by getting them to sleep on it before deciding to spend.

6 TELLING 'NEED' FROM 'WANT'

Learning how to prioritise spending is an important life skill: the difference between life's essentials and "nice to haves" is key to budgeting. If children pester you for treats while shopping, it's the perfect time to say "That's a want. We're getting our needs first." You could show how you budget for food, electricity and so on before buying fun things.

7 ENCOURAGE SAVING

Getting children saving early can set them up with a useful habit for their adult life. Suggest that they set something aside every time they receive money and help them set a target for how much to put away, so they feel motivated to continue. For example, encouraging them to save for a friend's birthday gift can get children much more invested in what they buy.

8 SPARK INTEREST IN INTEREST

Motivate children by telling them about interest; you can describe it as a reward for saving money. Explain how everything they put away will grow over time. As an exciting example, explain that 1p doubled every day for a month would amount to approximately £10 million. Some prepaid cards for young people also offer interest; parents and carers could also add a little to supplement what their child saves and show how it works.

9 PAYING FOR CHORES

This is a complex debate with no right or wrong answer: it depends on what works for each individual family. However, it can be one of the best ways to teach children that money needs to be earned and helps to create more mindful spenders. If parents aren't keen on paying for everyday chores, they could ask the children to suggest their own ideas for earning a little extra.

10 PROTECT CHILDREN FROM SCAMS

Scams are a terrifyingly easy way to lose money, and children are generally more likely to be taken in due to a lack of experience with these financial criminals. As a minimum, make sure they're aware of the most common scams they could be exposed to – by text, email and phone, for instance. Young people should tell a trusted adult about any unexpected message or call and never give out their personal information.

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



New First Aid System

After Christmas we will be implementing a new first aid system in school; this will hopefully create more efficient communication between school and parents when a pupil has an accident. Once the system is in place you will receive an email instead of a text message if your child has had a bump above the shoulders.

For this system to work and be put in place we require up to date email addresses for each pupil. You will receive a form on the online system Friday afternoon to confirm and update your email address. It is vital we have correct email addresses so we can contact you with the information.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Year 3 Roman Excellence and Enjoyment Day

On Monday, year 3 enjoyed a full day of Roman themed activities! They worked as a class to cook pizzas (which were delicious), had a go at making 3D Roman soldiers, designed their own shields and created their very own mosaics from dried beans.



Stars in our School

On Friday, we held our annual Unison Stars in our School celebration! We held a special ceremony for all the staff in the school who are not teachers to celebrate the hard work they do on a daily basis. The children thanked them for everything they do to make Dean Field the amazing school it is. To show their appreciation, the children put together some personalised certificates for all the staff. Our Dean Field Stars were also invited to a special afternoon tea to celebrate the occasion!



Year 2 Owl Experience

On Wednesday this week, the children from year 2 went to Beech Hill School where they were lucky enough to have an owl experience from the Wise Owl Bird of Prey Sanctuary. They saw lots of different types of owl and got to see some of them flying!

They learnt lots of facts which will support them with their English writing in the coming weeks. For example, did you know a Eurasian Eagle Owl has a wing span of up to 6 foot? Wow!



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
Christmas cookie Sale	Tuesday 3rd 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
School closes 1:10pm No Dean Field Den	Friday 20 th December



EYFS Christmas Raffle

Dear parents/carers

We are excited to launch our EYFS Christmas raffle to win this fantastic Santa Cake, just in time for Christmas!

**Ticket
price:
£1 a
strip**



To be in with a chance of winning this festive cake please return the slip to your class teacher with the money by Monday 16th December, to be drawn on Wednesday 18th December.

GOOD LUCK!



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.

School Lottery

So far we have raised a huge £3000 through the School Lottery. If you would like to support our school and help us raise funds to provide extra resources for the children, improve the school environment and organise extracurricular activities such as music, art and sport please sign up and be in with a chance of winning the super draw or £1000 cash!

Cash prizes are guaranteed weekly for one player locally plus money for school. You can also win up to £25,000!

Follow the link to sign up— <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/play>.

**Enter our
Super Draw**

Win a PS5 Pro bundle!

OR £1,000 CASH PRIZE

TOSHIBA | 50" 4K TV

YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

Learning Without Limits

Dean Field
Community Primary School

PS5
ASTRO BOT
HORIZON FORBIDDEN WEST
FIFA 25

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.



FREE CHRISTMAS EVENT!

NORTH HALIFAX CHRISTMAS DRIVE-THRU
18TH DECEMBER 2024

ROUTE AND ESTIMATED TIMES

PLEASE JOIN US FOR SOME FESTIVE FUN!

SANTA WILL BE RIDING AROUND ON
SANTAS SLEIGH WITH A SPECIAL
SURPRISE GUEST!

SANTA WILL HAVE SOME SWEETS TO
HAND OUT TO THE CHILDREN!

LETS ALL HAVE A MAGICAL EVENING
TOGETHER!

PLEASE SHARE AND SPREAD THE WORD ❤️

SANTA IS COMING TO TOWN!!!
HO,HO,HO 🎅

NORTH HALIFAX CHRISTMAS DRIVE-THRU
18.12.24

FREE CHRISTMAS EVENT!

MIXENDEN ASH GREEN SCHOOL CARPARKS
LOWER SITE - 4PM
UPPER SITE - 4:25PM
ILLINGWORTH MOOR METHODIST CHURCH CARPARK 4:50PM
MORRISON'S CARPARK 5:20PM
FOREST COTTAGE CARPARK 5:45PM
LEE MOUNT SHOP 6:10PM
DRIVE-THRU WHEATLEY
BURWOOD GARAGE 6:40PM
THE SPRING HEAD 7:10PM

**SANTA!!!
SANTAS SLEIGH!!!
SURPRISE GUEST!!!
SWEETS!!!**

Week commencing Monday 2nd December

School Meals Menu - Week 1					
1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Meal Option	Battered Chicken Steak 1, 3, 4, 5, 10	Homemade Chicken Pulao Rice 4	Cod & Parsley Fishcakes 2 Parsley Sauce 5, 10	Homemade Mexican Chicken Enchiladas 5, 10 Peri-Peri Shredded Chicken 4, 5	Pizza 5, 10
	Cheese & Onion Rolls 3, 5, 10, 12	Homemade Vegan Meatball Curry 4 Rice	Homemade Vegan Spaghetti Bolognese 4, 5	Spicy Bean Burgers 5	Spinach & Ricotta Ravioli 3, 4, 5, 10, 12
Vegetables	Potato Wedges Spaghetti 5	Ziggy Fries Broccoli Sweetcorn	Chips Peas Carrots	Potato Smiles Sweetcorn Cauliflower	Potato Cubes 5 Beans Mixed Veg
Served Daily	Jacket Potatoes with various fillings Salad Bar Selection of Sandwiches Allergies for the daily items available on request				
Dessert	Jam Doughnuts 4, 5, 10, 12, 14	Treacle Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 10	Carrot Cake 5, 10, 12	Choc Chip Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 10	Assorted Fresh Baking 5, 10, 12
	Assorted Biscuits 5, 10, 12	Angel Delight 10	Crispy Buns 5, 10	Jelly	Strawberry Ice Cream 10



PROJECT COMMUNITIES CIC

WINTER HAF Camp

Forest Cottage Community Centre

Thursday 2nd January - Friday 3rd January 2025

Multi-sports including football, cricket, dodgeball, archery and many more!

Free to children who are eligible for benefit-related free school meals

Ages 5 - 11

Cousin Ln, Halifax HX2 8AD

Hot meal provided for all that attend

Scan QR or visit <https://healthyholidays.calderdale.gov.uk>






DIARY DATES

DATE	EVENT
Tuesday 3rd December	Cookie Sale
Monday 9th December	Christmas Fair 3-4:15pm
Tuesday 10th December	Christmas Dinner Day
Wednesday 11th December	Family Learning Event 1:15-2:45pm

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.

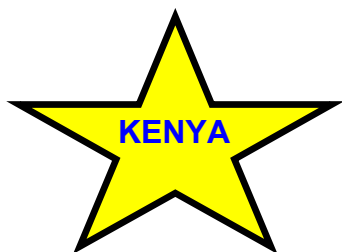
REMINDER: We are a nut free school and we would appreciate that any lunchboxes do not include nut products to protect the children in school with nut allergies.



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



Australia	84%
Poland	75%
Kenya	85%
Brazil	77%
Ireland	73%

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— Blakley R

Year 4 – Amelia-Violet O

Year 5 – Joshua G

Year 6 – Theo G



This Weeks Attendance

Group	% Attendance
Mexico	87.7%
China	96.1%
Australia	92.7%
Poland	93.7%
Kenya	90.8%
Brazil	90.3%
Ireland	90.9%
Total	91.7%

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