

Friday 6th September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a fantastic start to the school year! I have been so impressed this week with how well the children have settled back in—it's almost like they have never been away!

A special welcome to our new nursery and reception pupils and their families who joined us this week, a very warm welcome to you all and we look forward to getting to know you and sharing this special journey with your family.

This week we were visited by our Trust CEO Mrs Shameem Hussain. Mrs Hussain carried out a behaviour for leaning walk with me on Wednesday morning where we visited each classroom. Mrs Hussain was very impressed with how calm and purposeful all classrooms were with all children on task and engaged.

A reminder to parents that we are committed to lowering our carbon footprint and therefore ALL communication will come via Seesaw with the exception of the odd letter here and there. Please ensure you regularly check Seesaw for school announcements and messages, as well as to see your children's learning journeys.

Earlier in the week we sent out our annual parent communication letter along with our new Parental Expectations Policy. Please ensure you read this carefully.

Next week, I will be communicating with you our updated attendance expectations in line with new government legislation.

Have a lovely weekend—well done everyone for such a successful first week back!

Mrs F. Pether

Staff Training

This week all of our staff having been given their annual safeguarding refresher training. This involves reading our updated policies and any changes to the statutory guidance. They have also been reading the newly updated staff handbook ready for the new academic year. A reminder that we always feature a safeguarding notice each week in our newsletter and we have lots of guidance and advice in the safeguarding section on our school website.



SAFEGUARDING

Back to school

Don't put pressure on yourself. The transition to or back into school may take some time.

Lots of children will experience ups and downs. Try your best to support, reassure and comfort them, without putting pressure on yourself to make sure their homework is done or they settle into a new routine straightaway.

Think ahead. As well as reflecting on what has happened during the past few weeks, it is important to help children develop hope and a sense of excitement for the future. At a time like this, it can be hard to feel positive, especially if your child is starting school in nursery. Identifying the things that they can look forward to will help them to realise that the current situation won't last forever and their feelings will change.

Focus on connectedness when children come home from school. Try to notice what your child needs at this time. Some children will want to be close; others (usually older) might need time by themselves, 'down-time' after school.

Be available even if your child doesn't want to talk or be with you. Just knowing you are there will be helpful. Focus on play, having time together and having fun rather than homework and learning as a priority.

Seek support if you need it. Transitioning into or back to school after a long holiday is no easy task. You may find that your child struggles to get back into school or experiences difficulties while they're at school. If this is the case, reach out to your child's school as soon as you can so that you can make them aware of the challenges and work together to support your child.

If you are concerned about your child's mental health and you think they need professional support, speak to the school and your GP about the best next step. Give yourself time. After six weeks off school it may take time to get back into routines. It's ok if you have bad days.

Treat every day as a new one and try again.



ONLINE SAFETY

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about QR CODE SCAMS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

QR code scams (also known as 'quishing') involve the malicious use of Quick Response (QR) codes to deceive people into revealing personal information or downloading harmful software. These scams exploit QR codes' convenience and widespread use – for example, in adverts, restaurant menus and public notices, with criminals installing fake QR codes which direct users to bogus sites.

PAYMENT SYSTEMS

Cybercriminals may seek to change a QR code that's related to a legitimate payment service, such as in a restaurant. If a customer scans the QR code expecting to order and pay for goods or services (such as a meal in this case), they may be directed to a site controlled by the scammers. Entering their payment details would then allow the criminals to defraud them.

DISCOUNTED GOODS

A poster promises goods or services at a discounted cost, requiring people to scan a QR code to register and pay. The poster, however, is malicious, and there is no discount. Again, providing your payment details would allow the criminal to access your funds. This scam is reasonably common and is often found in car parks in major cities.

PRIZE DRAWS

A QR code is provided for a prize draw, advertised on a poster which is likely on display in a public space. Scanning the QR code will result in being asked to provide further information (such as your email address, name, address or phone number), which is then used by criminals for further social engineering attacks or even identity fraud.

WIFI CONNECTION

Scanning a QR code may be the means of connecting to the Wi-Fi network in a hotel or other public area. This is usually legitimate, but if the QR code is a fake, it could result in criminals viewing your browsing history and even your login details. These can subsequently be used for phishing attacks and identity fraud – and even financial fraud, if they're able to access your banking credentials.

FAKE EVENTS AND TICKETS

A poster highlights news regarding an upcoming event, or regarding an additional allocation of tickets for a sold-out concert or other performance. It directs the user to scan a QR code for more information, to register or possibly to pay. The QR code then leads to a fake site hosted by scammers, aiming to gather data on the user for future attacks or to exploit or defraud them immediately.

Advice for Parents & Educators

BE VIGILANT

QR codes are becoming more prevalent, and cyber criminals are increasingly seeking to use them to steal information and commit fraud. As such, it is important to remain aware of the risks. Always consider these safety concerns before scanning a QR code and avoid doing so unless you're certain it's legitimate. Be sure to keep your device's operating system updated as well, to keep you protected from known safety risks.

CHECK FOR SIGNS OF TAMPERING

Where QR codes are printed or displayed, check for any sign of tampering: as a sticker with a new QR code being placed over the top of the previous code, for instance. Where there are signs of tampering, you should consult a member of staff (if you're in a hotel or restaurant, for example) or simply avoid scanning the code altogether.

CHECK THE URL

Most phones now show the web address or URL which a QR code connects to, and they typically require users to accept being taken to this address before progressing. Check that the web address matches that of the site or service you're expecting to access via the QR code you've scanned. If it seems dubious in any way, don't click on it.

USE TRUSTWORTHY SOURCES

Consider the source of the QR code and its trustworthiness. A QR code for payment in a restaurant, for example, is likely to be legitimate if you can see it printed on every menu; a random poster pinned up in the street or in a building's corridor is more likely to be fraudulent. If you're unsure, err on the side of caution and don't scan the code.

USE THE DEFAULT QR CODE SCANNER

Most mobile devices come with the ability to scan QR codes built into the camera app. Where possible, you should seek to use this default functionality and avoid the use of third-party QR scanning apps which may have themselves been tampered with or compromised. Stick to reputable methods.

Health and Safety Reminder

To ensure that we are upholding health and safety standards, we ask that parents and carers supervise children at all times before and after school and make sure that children stay off the play equipment in the EYFS playground and in the main playground. Thank you for your support.

A reminder of our 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 ...



honesty

WELCOME TO DEAN FIELD

A huge well done to our new Nursery children. We are incredibly proud of how well they have settled in and would like to welcome you all to Dean Field.



Week commencing Monday 9th September

		 School Meals Menu - Week 2 				
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	



Music Lesson Slots Available at The Old Courthouse



Looking to try something new?

September is the perfect time to take up a musical instrument with Calderdale Music! With a new term coming up we have availability for lessons on the following days:

Drums	Mondays, Tuesdays
Piano	Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Saturday mornings
Saxophone	Tuesdays
Clarinet	Tuesdays
Flute	Thursdays
Singing	Thursdays, Saturday mornings
Guitar	Mondays, Wednesdays
Ukulele	Mondays

No instrument? No worries! You can hire one from us.

Register online: <https://ukcalderdale.speedadmin.dk/registration#/>



Whitehill House Dental Practice



We are currently taking on Children aged between **0-10** under the NHS at Whitehill House Dental Practice.

If you would like to register your child/children aged between 0-10, please email **admin@whdp.co.uk** with

- *Full name*
- *DOB*
- *Contact Number*

We will then be in touch to arrange an appointment.

Practice address:

Whitehill House Dental Practice
Whitehill Road
Illingworth
Halifax
HX2 9HD



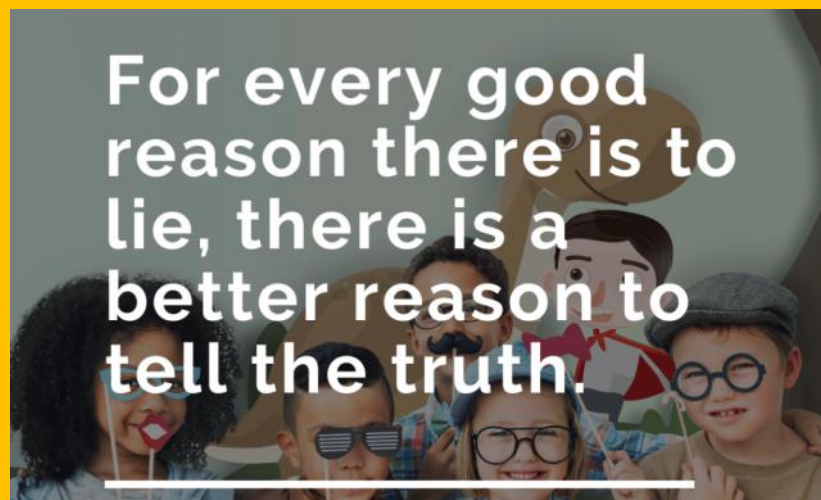
REMINDER: Please ensure all children have a PE kit in school. The PE kit should be as follows; blue shorts, white T-Shirt, black trainers or pumps. All jewelry should be removed and earrings will be taped if they cannot be taken out.

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.



TTRS Stars of the Week

Year 3— Drake C

Year 4 – Mia E

Year 5 – Blakley R

Year 6—Asmaria B



This Weeks Attendance

Group	% Attendance
Mexico	100%
China	99.6%
Australia	97.9%
Poland	98.3%
Kenya	95.2%
Brazil	93.8%
Ireland	92.7%
Total	96.8%

Congratulations to Mexico class who had the highest attendance in the school this week. Well done to China 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	Charlie M	For settling so well and making good choices.
	Aria F	For independently writing 'mummy', 'Ada', 'Aria' and 'Leo'! Amazing!
China Year 1	Autumn S	For a great start to Year 1 and trying her very best in all lessons.
	Daisy L	For making fantastic choices all week and being a super role model.
Australia Year 2	Isaac M	For engagement with learning and super instruction following!
	Nilaani S	For impressing me with her maths challenges this week.
Poland Year 3	Kairi IS	For an amazing first week back!
	Elijah P	For being a fantastic role mode.
Kenya Year 4	Max H	For an amazing first week in Year 4.
	Jeziora O	For a fantastic first week at Dean Field.
Brazil Year 5	Rory C	For his enthusiasm and knowledge of our new topic space.
	Libby S	For her participation in ALL lessons this week.
Ireland Year 6	All of Year 6	For excellent behaviour, great teamwork and leadership skills on the Residential Trip.