

Dear Parents / Carers,

I would just like to remind everyone that safety is of paramount importance even when arriving at or leaving the school grounds. We have had a few reports this week from parents and local residents about unsafe behavior on the school drive. A polite reminder to ensure you supervise your children when walking on the school drive. Use the pathways, the zebra cross and please do not go underneath the barrier.



This week, we were visited by Michelle Joyce, our School Improvement Partner, who spoke to some of our children about personal development. As always, the children did not fail to impress her. She also spoke to senior leaders about attendance and about how we cater for pupils that are disadvantaged. A quote from Michelle herself, "This school is always striving for excellence for all of its pupils, it goes above and beyond! "

Staff Meeting

This week, our staff were involved in workshop delivered by CAMHS Open Minds and helping children with emotional regulation. It was a very informative staff meeting which highlighted the great work we already do around this but also gave us some new ideas as we are always looking to develop and help our children in any way that we can.

Miss Brambani also delivered a science staff meeting at one of the other schools within our Trust.

YEAR 1 MAKING OWL CLOCKS

Year 1 enjoyed a Family of Learning Trust event where they created some wonderful owl clocks!



MEXICO'S PIRATE DAY!



Ahoy my pirates!!
Reception had a special visitor this morning a REAL pirate came to Dean Field. The children from Heptonstall School also joined us for a fabulous morning of fun, activities, a treasure hunt and a fabulous pirate picnic! All the children looked great in their outfits and have really enjoyed our topic this half term- 'Under the Sea.'



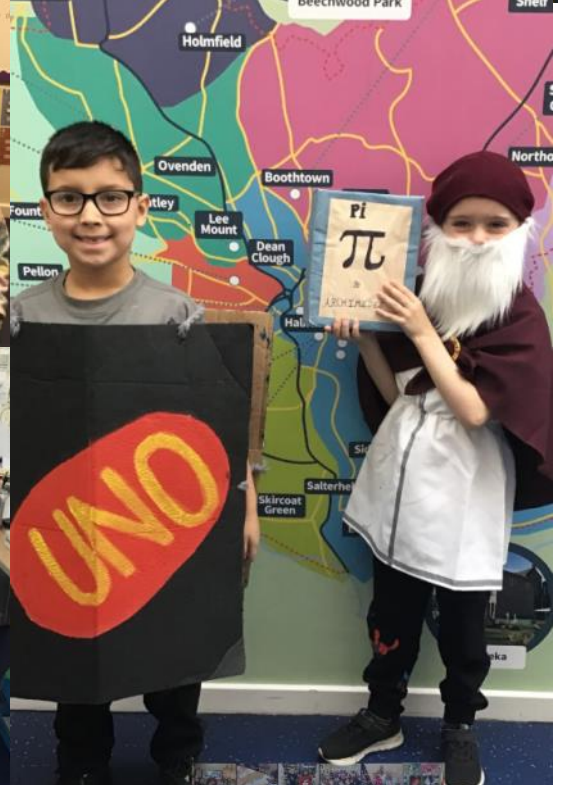
YEAR 2 BAKING CARROT CUPCAKES

On Tuesday Year 2 made some yummy carrot cupcakes which were delicious! They are going to be writing the recipe down in their English lessons to send to Little Pippa, the character from their class story who wants to see in the dark!



NSPCC NUMBER DAY

Today we celebrated NSPCC Number Day and dressed up as all things number! We were blown away by the time and effort spent on the children's fantastic costumes. Children have been involved with lots of activities involving maths and numbers and have taken part in the Timetable Rock Stars NSPCC National Competition. We are proud to say that we raised **£42.00** for NSPCC!



ONLINE SAFETY

conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and are for further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SCAMS AND FAKE NEWS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

"Fake news" refers to falsified or misleading material presented as a legitimate account of events. It's often used by malicious actors online to push an agenda, or even by criminals as a way of making scams more persuasive. Scammers can trick us into handing over personal information, security details and even our hard-earned cash.

"CLICKBAIT" PHISHING SCAMS

A message arrives saying "have you seen this video of yourself?" or you might be sent an attention-grabbing headline about a celebrity that's been shared on social media. This kind of "bait" is produced by scammers to drive us to click on an unsafe link, where malware could be downloaded to our devices. These scams rely on our curiosity and our "need-to-know" instinct.

SALES, DEALS & DISCOUNTS

Some scams appear as adverts, offering a chance to buy something – such as designer products, expensive gadgets or tickets to a popular show – at a reduced price. Such plays often include a time limit or countdown, urging us to hurry so we don't miss out on the deal. This pressure encourages us to input personal details or payment information before pausing to check if it's legitimate.

YOU'RE A WINNER!

This kind of scam involves fake giveaways, opportunities or freebies. It could be a message saying we've won a prize draw or competition. Or it could be a gift, free trial, bonus credit, and suchlike. It might claim that a package or refund is waiting. All these techniques are used to prompt us to share our personal information, thinking that there's something to be gained by doing so.

FALSE FRIENDSHIPS

Scammers often pretend to be someone they're not to gain their victims' trust. They might attempt to convince any children they connect with that they're a child of similar age with shared interests. Warning signs include a high volume of messages (often with an intense tone), secrecy, inappropriate levels of intimacy, guilt tripping, emotional manipulation, threats or blackmail.

PANIC MODE

To trigger a sense of panic, scammers may claim that a child's account has been hacked, a virus has been installed on their device, or a number of other scary scenarios. They may claim to be able to fix the problem or offer a solution – if the child hands over control of the device or sensitive information. Similar scams involve impersonating a friend or relative, claiming that they're in trouble and need help.

FAKE CELEBRITY ENDORSEMENTS

Impersonating influential people online is a common tactic for scammers, who can use technology to create fake photos, audio and even videos that look authentic. These can be used to convince us, for example, to buy products, sign up for so-called "business opportunities" or invest in cryptocurrency schemes – all of which are fake or otherwise malicious. Many scams also involve the impersonation of popular companies' social media accounts, as well as those of individuals.

Advice for Parents & Educators

STAY INFORMED

Stay up to date with the latest information and best practice on cyber security. See what scam stories are reported in the news and make note of what tactics were used. Keep up with young people's digital lives: talk about what they're doing online and use properly endorsed resources to learn what risks certain sites and apps pose to their younger users.

ENCOURAGE HEALTHY SCEPTICISM

Most scams rely on emotional or psychological manipulation, tapping into our human instincts – whether that's to keep ourselves safe, help others, find answers, make friends, avoid losing out or to secure something we really want. Encourage children to recognise that pressure to act and to always consult with an adult – especially if what's on offer sounds too good to be true.

TALK TOGETHER

Chat often and openly with young people about fake news, online scams and how they both work. Encourage them to talk to you about anything they're unsure of or worried about online. If a child claims to have been scammed, don't pass judgement: blaming the victim may deter young people from asking you for help. Remember: adults are scammed just as often, if not more.

BE PROACTIVE

Children increasingly use digital devices for education, socialising, shopping and play. Don't wait for a problem to arise before you discuss the risk of scams, false information and fake news. Highlight what to look out for and clearly communicate under what circumstances the child ought to speak to an adult. Finally, ensure that they're aware of the support services that are available to them (such as Childline).

Meet Our Expert

Dr Holly Powell-Jones is the founder of Online Media Law UK and a leading expert in digital safety, media law and young people. Her PhD investigates children's understandings of risk online. She works with schools, businesses, and universities to provide award-winning education on the criminal, legal and ethical considerations for the digital age. Visit OnlineMediaLaw.co.uk for more.



Source: See full reference list on guidance page at <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/fake-news-and-scams>

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 ...

Determination and Perseverance



Dean Field Nursery

If you have applied for a September 2025 Reception place at Dean Field please speak to the office about our Nursery Provision. We have places available in Nursery that will improve your chances of a place in Reception. Please contact the school office on 01422 258258 to register.

What we offer



- ✦ Safe, secure & stimulating environment
- ✦ Fully equipped indoor and outdoor space
- ✦ Fun and sociable experiences
- ✦ Fully qualified, friendly and caring staff
- ✦ Up to date resources and equipment
- ✦ Nurturing transition to our school
- ✦ Hot meals available
- ✦ Free and daily fruit, milk and tooth brushing
- ✦ Whole school involvement to prepare for starting Reception with their class mates
- ✦ Trips and exciting opportunities including animal workshops



When to apply

Apply when your child turns 2 years old. Children start nursery the term after they turn 3 years old.



When will my child start Nursery?

- If your child turns 3 between 1 September and 31 December – **Term starting on or after 1 January**
- If your child turns 3 between 1 January and 31 March – **Term starting on or after 1 April**
- If your child turns 3 between 1 April and 31 August – **Term starting on or after 1 September**



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>.

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YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

Learning Without Limits

Dean Field
Community Primary School

Week commencing Monday 10th February



School Meals Menu - Week 3



3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Meal Option	Chicken Nuggets 5	Sausage 5	Fish Fingers 2, 5	Homemade Chicken Pie 5, 10, 12 Chicken Sausages 5	Pizza 5, 10
	Vegetable Pasta Bake 5, 10	Quorn Nuggets 5	Homemade Vegetable Curry Rice	Vegan Rolls 4, 5	Homemade Creamy Broccoli Pasta 5, 10
Vegetables	Ziggy Fries Beans Sweetcorn	Mashed Potato 8, 10 Spaghetti 5 Mixed Veg	Potato Puffs Sweetcorn Broccoli	Roast Potatoes Carrots Cauliflower	Potato Cubes 5 Beans Peas
Served Daily	Jacket Potatoes with various fillings Salad Bar Selection of Sandwiches Allergies for the daily items available on request				
Dessert	Sweet Waffles 4, 5, 10, 12	Treacle Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 10	Parkin 5, 10, 12	Chocolate Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 10	Assorted Fresh Baking 5, 10, 12
	Chocolate Swirls 10	Assorted Biscuits 5, 10, 12	Cheesecake 5, 10	Jelly	Vanilla Ice Cream 10

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Calling all young people

Free holiday activities and food sessions

HALF TERM FUN

17th February - 21st February 2025

Join #HealthyHolidaysCalderdale for a variety of activities during February Half Term!

HEALTHY HOLIDAYS CALDERDALE

Calderdale Council

ACTIVE CALDERDALE

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR CALDERDALE



HALF TERM FUN

This is your chance to take part in **free, fun** activities during the half term holidays! Scan the QR code to find out what activities are available to book.

Find out what's on and book your place at...www.calderdale.gov.uk/healthyholidays

Whether it's abseiling or caving, drama or dance there is something for everyone.

Calderdale Council are providing free activities for young people eligible for free school meals aged 5-16.

Calderdale's Healthy Holidays Half Terms provides enriching activities, delicious nutritious meals, and a chance for young people to meet new friends in a safe & fun environment, during the school holidays.

Calling all 5-16s on Free School Meals - Book your place now!



DIARY DATES

DATE	EVENT
Wednesday 12th/13th February	Year 5 Bikeability
Thursday 13th February	School Photography—Class Photos
Tuesday 25th February	Year 1 trip to Manor Heath Park

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



AR Results:

Australia 96%
Poland: 79%
Kenya: 86%
Brazil: 73%
Ireland: 78%

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!

Evolve First Aid System

The new first aid system is now live so please check your junk email and update us if you change your email address.

Bumped head texts will no longer be sent as every incident will be emailed to parents and no paper slips will be sent home.

School will continue to ring parents if we feel further information needs passing on or in the event of further medical treatment needed.

Thank you for your cooperation.

EVOLVEaccidentbook

Group	% Attendance
Mexico	90%
China	95.9%
Australia	97%
Poland	92.3%
Kenya	92.6%
Brazil	93.4%
Ireland	94.1%
Total	94.3%

This Weeks Attendance

Congratulations to Australia 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



GOLD BOOK



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Mexico Reception	Renley A	AMAZING writing! Well done, we are blown away!
	Reggie W	Improved attitude, behaviour and learning. Really trying hard!
China Year 1	Caitlin P	For having beautiful manners and always giving the best compliments.
	Reuben G	For a brilliant attitude towards writing. A huge Improvement can be seen!
Australia Year 2	Poppy D	For being helpful and a kind member of class.
	Posy B	Fantastic shape work in Maths.
Poland Year 3	Ellie H	For your outstanding effort in reading and quiz taking.
	Kairi IS	For always being positive and making us smile.
Kenya Year 4	Kaiden N	For his handwriting and improved confidence in all areas.
	Amelia V-O	For excellent participation in Geography and an amazing knowledge of Antarctica.
Brazil Year 5	Pippa B-H	For a HUGE improvement in handwriting!
	Harper C	For a HUGE improvement in handwriting!
Ireland Year 6	Anthony-James H	For an outstanding improvement in handwriting and presentation.
	Sydney A	For excellent team work in Geography.