

Friday 10th January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

On behalf of all the staff and governors, I would like to wish all the Dean Field families a Happy New Year. We do hope you all had a very merry Christmas and enjoyed the festive period.



I would like to say a very big thank you to all our parents, pupils and school staff. This week has been a very challenging week due to the adverse weather conditions we have seen. Making decisions about school closures/opening is incredibly stressful for school leaders and so I am really pleased that we managed to open for all but one day this week and that attendance has been so high. A great team effort!

As we begin a new year, with so much to look forward to, building on the successes of 2024, I would like to remind parents that we operate an open-door policy and are always here should parents need us.

Our Pastoral Manager, Mrs Stansfield, is out on the playground before and after school should parents wish to speak with her. I can be contacted via the school office, Seesaw or via my direct email: head@deanfieldschool.co.uk and if I am unavailable then Miss Brambani, Deputy Headteacher will be there for you.

Class teachers are available to message via Seesaw. Please do be mindful that we won't always be able to respond straight away, particularly class teachers, who will most likely respond after the teaching day has finished (between 3pm – 5pm). We will endeavor to get back to you as soon as we are able to and appreciate your patience at busy times.

I look forward to working together with you over the course of the coming year.

Mrs F. Pether

SAFEGUARDING

Welcome back

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

The Safeguarding Team would like to wish you all a very healthy and happy new year – 2025 already! It's been lovely to welcome the children back to school after the festive break and to hear all of their excited chatter about what they've been up to with you and their wider families.

I'm sure many of the children will have received gifts that enable them to go online so it is a good opportunity to give some thought as to how we can all support them to stay safe in the virtual world, particularly with the rise of AI technology and the associated difficulties that brings in terms of distinguishing between the fake and real world. With that in mind, we urge you to be more vigilant around what children are seeing and doing when you're not in the same room.

Please seek parental controls on all technology where children can access the Internet.



10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators SUPPORTING CHILDREN TO RETURN TO ROUTINE

Most of us look forward to the school holidays as an opportunity to slow down and relax, stay up later, sleep in and generally approach life in a more leisurely fashion. However, this does mean that returning to normal school-day routines can feel like an uphill battle. Here are some practical tips to ease that transition, reduce stress and set children up for success.

1 START SMALL AND EARLY

Begin reintroducing elements of the school routine a week before term starts. Gradually adjust bedtime, wake-up times and mealtimes to be more in line with school-day rhythms. Small changes can make a big difference in avoiding last-minute panic and helping children to readjust smoothly.

2 REVISIT THE SCHEDULE

Involve your child in mapping out their daily routine so they understand what's going to change. Visual tools like charts or calendars can help keeping to that schedule feel more engaging. When children understand and anticipate their personal timetable, they feel more secure and in control.

3 CREATE A SLEEP PLAN

Sleep can present one of the biggest challenges, as children can sometimes become night owls, prone to staying up late during the holidays. Limit screen time before bed and encourage winding-down activities like reading or listening to calming music. A restful night's sleep improves focus, mood and overall wellbeing, making mornings much smoother.

4 ENCOURAGE FRIENDSHIPS

Help your child to reconnect with school friends by organising playdates, catch-ups or arranging to go to after-school clubs. Re-establishing social bonds can make the return to school more exciting and less intimidating, allowing youngsters to focus on the positive aspects of the new term.

5 GRANT RESPONSIBILITY

Give children control over some aspects of the morning routine. Maybe they could be in charge of waking everyone up, serving breakfast or choosing the radio station that everyone listens to while getting ready. Something that gives them a sense of ownership over their morning schedule can help them view the task as one they've chosen to do, rather than being told to do it.

6 FOCUS ON NUTRITION

Make sure children are receiving balanced meals (with regular healthy snacks to boost energy and concentration), putting them in the best possible state to return to education. A nutritious breakfast is particularly crucial for a positive start to the day. Involve children in meal planning to make it enjoyable and collaborative.

7 COMMUNICATE OPENLY

Talk with your child about how they're feeling about returning to school: whether they're excited, anxious or a mix of both. Validating their emotions helps them feel supported and understood. Try asking them about the things they're looking forward to at school, such as seeing their friends again. Focusing on the positives can be useful for children struggling with change.

8 RECONNECT WITH LEARNING

Ease children back into a learning mindset by incorporating fun, educational activities into their home life. Reading a favourite book, playing games that involve maths or discussing an interesting topic can gently reawaken their focus and prime their minds to learn, which can have helpful impacts on their academic performance.

9 PREP TOGETHER

Turn preparation into a shared activity, to shoulder the responsibility together and provide support where needed. Pack school bags, lay out uniforms and plan lunch the night before. This not only reduces early morning stress but also gives children a sense of ownership over being ready for school.

10 BE PATIENT AND FLEXIBLE

Transitions take time, and every child adjusts differently; so, it's important to stay calm and supportive, especially if they're reacting adversely to the change in their daily life. Be ready to tweak routines as needed, and work with the child to make the return to education easier possible for them. Patience can go a long way to setting a positive tone for the new school year.

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



CAMHs Workshop

On Tuesday this week year 3 and year 5 had a workshop from Calderdale CAMHs about dealing with anger.

It taught them that it's completely natural to feel anger and some really good ways to deal with these emotions when they do arise!



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**





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 £1,000 Aldi Gift Card
OR £1,000 CASH PRIZE

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YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

Learning Without Limits

Dean Field
Community Primary School

Week commencing Monday 13th January

 School Meals Menu - Week 2 					
2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Meal Option	Southern Fried Chicken Goujons 1, 5	Sausages 5 Gravy	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

**FOR
ADULTS 18
YEARS AND
OVER**



Better Lives in 2025

**Are you looking for new opportunities
in 2025?**

**Did 2024 become a little more difficult
for you?**

**We would like to invite you to come along and
connect with your local services and groups**

At the Elland Community Hub (Lower Hall)
 Huddersfield Road, HX5 9DL
Tuesday 21st January 2025
 10am – 1pm

- Benefits advice services
- Women's Centre
- Age UK
- Aids and adaptations
- Andysmanclub
- Social prescribers

- Gateway to Care
- Citizens advice bureau
- Staying Well
- Age UK
- And more!

Warm welcome & free cuppa and sweet things

DIARY DATES

DATE	EVENT
Tuesday 21st January	Year 5 Headingley Water Trip
Tuesday 21st January	Family Learning Year 1
Wednesday 29th January	Reception Sea Life Centre Trip

REMINDER: All school fees, dinner money, extended provision and Nursery fees need to be paid in advance.

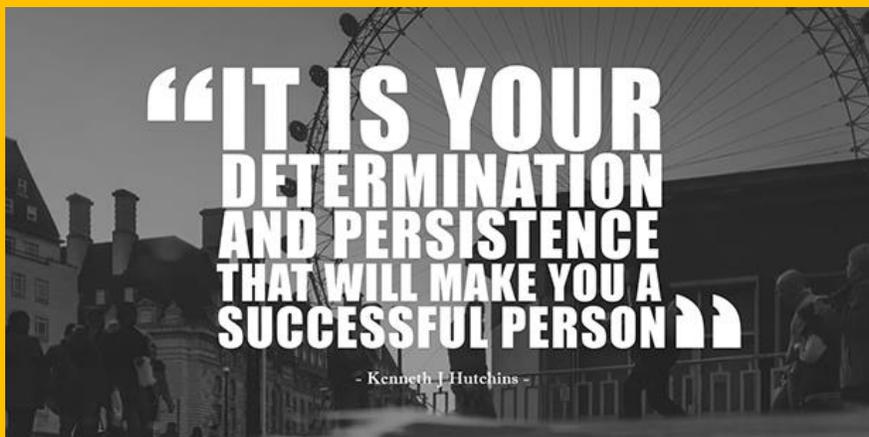
We do not offer any credit and there are no exceptions.

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	70%
Poland	74%
Kenya	100%
Brazil	100%
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!

This Weeks Attendance

Group	% Attendance
Mexico	85%
China	86.9%
Australia	76.1%
Poland	87.8%
Kenya	82.7%
Brazil	82.8%
Ireland	90.9%
Total	84.4%

Congratulations to Ireland 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



GOLD BOOK



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Mexico Reception	Tobias C	For fabulous writing and trying hard.
	Ellis O	For coming back to school so settled after the holidays.
China Year 1	Lenny H	For a fantastic first week back—an amazing effort in every single lesson.
	Isabella N	For superb handwriting. Isabella works extremely hard to hit her English targets.
Australia Year 2	Kaleesi F	For blowing me away in writing and maths this week.
	Franklin L	For impressive knowledge and effort in History.
Poland Year 3	Sarah Mc	For always being positive, kind and helpful.
	Alexander Z	For your effort and determination in all lessons.
Kenya Year 4	Mia E	For excellent English work this week and always upholding the school values.
	Melissa Mc	For fantastic participation—using her geography knowledge for our new English book.
Brazil Year 5	CJ C	For your improved behaviour and attitude to learning.
	Alyssa G	For an excellent attitude to learning this week.
Ireland Year 6	Theo G	For having a fantastic first week back!
	Alex H	For excellent contributions in all lessons.