

DEAN FIELD NEWS

Friday 28th March 2025



Dear parents/carers,

As we come to the end of this term, we have many things to look back on and be Incredibly proud of. This term has been full of exciting opportunities both through children's learning and extra-curricular events and activities. Pupils definitely need to rest over the Easter break after all their hard work ready for the long summer term ahead.

Parents of children in years 1, 2, 4 and 6 will be well aware that the Phonics Screening Check, year 2 Optional SATs, the Multiplication Tables Check and of course the year 6 end of KS2 SATs will be soon upon us. I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for the continued work you are doing at home to support the learning taking place in school. Many pupils in these year groups have additional interventions in place at breaktimes, lunchtimes as well as after school and so a big thank you to the staff for providing these!

We will finish the term off in the most amazing way with 'Dean Field's Got Talent'. Academic success is hugely important to us at Dean Field but allowing children to showcase their individual skills and talents is also so important. A big thank you to the staff who have mentored the acts taking part, the judges this year and a big thank you to Miss Lees our Arts Lead who has organised the event so well this year.

I wish all our Dean Field families a restful Easter.

A reminder that we return to school on Tuesday 22nd April and our Parents' Evening is on Thursday 24th April.

Mrs Pether

We would also like to thank everybody for your generous donations on our Easter raffle.

We have raised a total of £250!!

A big thank you to all those who donated the Easter eggs to ourselves being:

- Corline Systems
- RK Electricals
- Cliffe Builders
- BBR Roofing
- Morrisons
- DS Security
- Inspire Bathrooms



SAFEGUARDING

Domestic abuse support service

Calderdale Staying Safe is a domestic abuse support service provided by a well-established local charity. We have been providing free and confidential support for many years to people living in Calderdale who are experiencing domestic abuse. We believe that everyone has the right to live a life free from domestic abuse and we are working together with other services across Calderdale to build a safer community for everyone.

We are an inclusive service, working with women, men and young people. We are a very experienced and diverse staff team providing high-quality support. We can support you to be safer; help you to understand how domestic abuse has affected you (and your children) and work with you to

manage the impact of the abuse and any trauma it has caused so that you can move forward with your life.

We know that for many people, experiencing domestic abuse is very traumatising and we understand that reading some of the information on our website might be distressing or raise difficult memories. You may need to take your time and take care of yourself if you start feeling like this. Remember we are here to help if you need to talk to someone.



ONLINE SAFETY

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate 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 themes.

For further guides, hints and tips, please visit national college.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

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Snapchat is a messaging app which allows users to send images, videos and texts to others. Its best-known feature is that anything sent 'disappears' 24 hours after it's been viewed; however, users are known to take screenshots or use another device to obtain a photo of their screen. In 2023, Snapchat added a chatbot function called 'My Al'.

THE RISKS?

WHAT ARE

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

My Al is Snapchat's new chatbot, which replies to questions in a human-like manner. However, the software is still in its infancy and has significant drawbacks, such as biased, incorrect or misleading responses. There have already been numerous reports of young users turning to Al for medical help and diagnoses, which could be inaccurate and therefore potentially dangerous.

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PREDATORS AND SCAMS

Predators can exploit Snapchat's disappearing messages by, for example, teilling a user they have naked photos of them and will post them unless they're paid. Snapchat's own research found that 55% of teenagers had experienced this – on this app or others. This likely isn't helped by 'SnapMaps' – a feature which highlights your exact position in real-time. This is meant to help friends keep track of each other, but could be used for more sinister reasons.

MY EYES ONLY

Snapchat has a hidden photo vault called 'My Eyes Only'. Teens can conceal sensitive photos and videos from parents and carers in this folder, which is protected by a PIN. You can check for this by clicking on the icon which looks like two playing cards. This takes you to the 'Memories' folder which stores photos, stories and the My Eyes Only folder.

SCREEN TIME ADDICTION

Snapchat prioritises user engagement, with features like streaks (messaging the same person every day to build up a high score). The app also has sections called 'Discover' and 'Spotlight', which show tailored content to each user. However, this could also be seen as an attempt to hook users into watching videos endlessly. Furthermore, constant notifications can lure people into using the app.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat simply isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's 'disappearing messages' feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on impulse – so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

ONLINE PRESSURES

Although many of Snapchat's filters are designed to entertain or amuse, the 'boautify' effects on photos can set unrealistic body image expectations – creating feelings of inadequacy in younger users. Snapchat now also has 'priority' notifications (which still get displayed even if a device is in 'do not disturb' mode), increasing the pressure on users to log back in and interact.

Advice for Parents & Educators

UTILISE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Snapchat's 'Family Centre' lets you view the details of the child's account their friends list and who they've spoken to in the last week — and report any concerns. You must invite a child to the Family Centre for them to join. To keep the child's location hidden on the app, go into settings and turn on 'Ghost Mode' and 'Hide Live Location', and ensure they know not to share their location with anyone.

BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger does connect with a child on Snapchat and begins to make them feel uncomfortable through bullying, pressure to send explicit images or by sending sexual images to them, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile and report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user – such as annoying or malicious messages, spam or masquerading as someone else.

FAMILIARISE YOURSELF

llefore you allow a child to download Snapchat, download it yourself and familiarise yourself with the app. Snapchat has produced a parents' guide to the app to help you understand how it works and any protections they have in place. A link for this can be found in the sources below.

ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you nurture an open dialogue.

For example, discuss My Al's responses to questions and how reliable they are.

Talk about scams and blackmall before letting children sign up. If they're lured into
a scam, encourage them to tell you immediately. Talk openly and non-judgementally
about sexting, emphasising its inherent risks. Furthermare, explain how popular
'challenges' on the platform can have harmful consequences.

FAMILY LEARNING CHALLENGE



Dean Field School

Easter Holidays Family Challenge



The Easter Family Challenge is here! It's the perfect way to keep the children occupied, have fun and make memories for little or no cost during the holidays. This is completely voluntary and there is no expectation to complete the challenge. However, if you choose to, we love to see and hear all about what you have been doing so please upload your challenges to Seesaw before our return to school on Tuesday 22nd April. There will be prizes for winners and runners up in EYFS, Lower School (Year 1-3) and Upper School (Year 4-6)

National Siblings Day 10th April

Spend some time with siblings, a cousin or friend that is like a sibling doing soemthing speacial. Could you go on a visit somewhere? Bake something together? Have a playdate? Create a photshoot together? Watch a movie or even have something nice to eat together? Send in your photos via Seesaw message.







Various Easter Egg Hunts and event is in Calderdale

Why not visit one of the places with your family and send us in some pictures via Seesaw Message?



Make a Den Challenge!

Can you be as imaginative as possible and make a den in your house or garden with a family member? Send us pictures of your creations through







World Art Day 15th April

Create a magnificent piece of art! Be as creative as possible Remember art comes in many forms: dance, sculpture, printing, drawing and painting, poetry. You could even research a famous artist or visit a museum. Don't forget to bring your creations in or send us a picture

through Seesaw Message!

HOUSE POINT WINNERS

This half term's house point winners are: ANNE LISTER! Children in this house team can come dressed in RED on Tuesday 8th April 2025.







Educational Trips and Visits

Mexico class had a lovely time this week on their trip to Shroggs park. We were looking for signs of Spring and the children saw lots of lovely new Daffodils growing and had some great discussion around living things. The children were all so well behaved we even had a little treat of playing on the park.







Beat the Streets



Beat the street has officially ended. The leaderboard is getting verified for final scores, Winners will be announced very soon.

A huge thank you to all our pupils, families and staff for their enthusiastic engagement. We have collected many points. Its been amazing to hear the children share their journeys to staff members when trying to find the beat boxes.

Educational Trips

Some of our pupils took part in a 6 week Youth Intervention SHOUT programme run by Illingworth Fire Fighters and Youth Intervention Team, where the focus was on developing practical firefighting skills. The programme is aimed at developing confidence, resilience, teamwork, understanding of the dangers of Anti-Social behaviours and an understanding of the world and the local community where they live.

We are looking forward to another course which is in the pipeline that the Youth Intervention team have put Dean Field forward for.



NURSERY EASTER BONNET PARADE

All of our Nursery pupils made some fantastic Easter Bonnets for their Easter Bonnet Parade! The students were extremely proud of themselves with great big beaming smiles their faces!









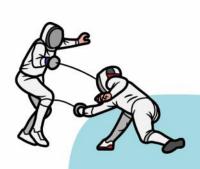
















Monday ILth April—
Thursday 17th April 2025

MAGO:01 UNTIL 2:00PM

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

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

Keighley Cl, Halifax HX2 9DG

Ages

Hot meal provided for all that attend

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





COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR CALDERDALE



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ROLLER SKATING

First Saturday of the month @ YMCA

Roll into fun at our monthly roller skating session for autistic individuals aged 8-19. Age is a guide so please ask if your child/young person is outside the age as we will try and accommodate families depending on numbers.



YOUTH GROUP

Second Friday of the month @ Forest Cottage

Join us for an inclusive and engaging Youth Group gathering! Connect with fellow autistic young minds every second Friday of the month at Forest Cottage. Enjoy a variety of activities, from card games and arts and crafts to gaming on the Nintendo Switch.



JUNIOR LEGO CLUB

@ St Peter's Community Centre, Sowerby

Join our Junior LEGO Club, a creative and inclusive space designed for children to explore, build, and connect with others! Our club provides a supportive environment where kids can enhance their social skills, boost their creativity, and have fun through the imaginative world of LEGO.



ADULT BOWLING

@ Electric Bowl

Attention autistic adults! Come join us at Electric Bowl for an evening of bowling, laughter, and great times. Whether you're aiming for strikes or just here to enjoy the social atmosphere, this is the perfect opportunity to connect, unwind, and have fun in a welcoming, supportive community.



TEEN BOWLING

Third Friday of the month @ Electric Bowl

Calling all autistic teens! Join us for Teen Bowling on the third Friday of every month Gather at Electric Bowl for a fun-filled evening of strikes, spares, and great company. Embrace the joy of friendly competition, make new friends, and create unforgettable memories.



JUNIOR BOWLING

Last Tuesday/Wednesday of the month @ Electric Bowl Join us for Junior Bowling on the third Friday of every month! Head to Electric Bowl for a fun evening filled with laughter, bowling, and new friends. This is a great chance to learn the game, celebrate every roll, and enjoy time with others in a friendly, welcoming space!



SOFT PLAY GROUP

During the school holidays @ Play Palace

Dive into the NAS Soft Play Group at Play Palace in Halifax! During school holiday periods, our sessions are the ultimate haven for children aged 0 to 11 years. Let your little ones explore and play in a safe, inclusive environment that celebrates every child's unique journey.



If you would like to contribute to our autistic community and are interested in volunteering at any of our activity groups or wish to lead one of your own, take the first step by applying to become a NAS volunteer. Simply scan the QR code to embark on a fulfilling journey of making a positive impact in the lives of others.











WEST YORKSHIRE'S CHILDRENS AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S MENTAL HEALTH CHARITY FUNDRAISER!





Heath RUFC North Dean, Stainland Rd, Greetland, Halifax HX4 8LS

SUNDAY25TH MAY 1PM TIL LATE!

IS OUR TH Birthday!

LIVE MUSIC, GOOD FOOD, FREE KIDS' ACTIVITIES AND MUCH MORE.

ADULT - £10 STUDENT - £5 CHILD 12-15 - £5 UNDER 12'S - FREE



Early bird 20% discount code: BIRTHDAY



Would you and your family like to participate in our Invictus Inflatable fun run to help raise vital funds for our charity? Would you be able to raise £150 per person? This would also mean you would be able to race for free. This a fun event with many inflatable obstacles to go at. Suitable for children aged 5+



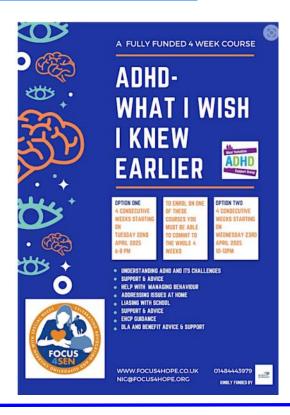
PLEASE USE THINK LINK BELOW TO BOOK A PLACE

https://form.jotform.com/243053813602044

Another opportunity to take part in their fantastic course. Run in collaboration with ADHD West Yorkshire. Please follow the links below for booking. This is a fully funded course but really important you can commit to the 4 weeks to get the full benefits. Both courses are run in person from our community hub within Brighouse town centre.

June 3rd 6-8pm https://www.eventbrite.com/e/copy-of-adhd-what-i-wish-i-knew-earlier-tickets-

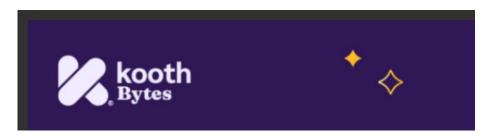
June 4th 10am-12 midday https://www.eventbrite.com/e/copy-of-co



How Kooth and Qwell meets the needs of SEND & neurodivergent young people

Join us on this 30-minute webinar designed for families, exploring how Kooth - with its 'out of hours' availability, anonymous digital chat support and asynchronous messaging - is well placed to meet the specific needs of neurodivergent young people.

connect.kooth.com



COURSES & WORKSHOPS



SEND SUPPORT

4 WEEK COURSE! Refreshments and biscuits provided!

"I just wanted to say thank you for running the course 'SEND support in Education. I have just heard that my parental request for an EHCP has been approved."



A course to help empower Parent Carers to secure the education their child is legally entitled to.

The course will be delivered by a Parent Carer who is also trained specifically in SEND.



This course will increase Parent Carers knowledge and understanding of the SEN Legal Framework. The course will cover:-

- Reasonable adjustments in school.
- What is an Individual Education Plan (IEP)?
- What is an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP)?
- How do I get an EHCP?.
- What if they say no ?.



Unique Ways Hanson Lane Enterprise Centre, Hanson Lane, Halifax, HX1 5PG



Tuesdays 10am until 1pm

Starting Tuesday 22nd April 2025 for 4 consecutive weeks: 22nd, 29th April 6th, 13th May 2025.



Because we know that the world of SEN support in schools is confusing and can be very different from area to area and school to school. Parent Carers need to feel empowered to have what they might think are difficult conversations relating to what education their child is legally entitled to.

BOOK ONLINE: https://Send22042025.eventbrite.co.uk

COURSE BOOKING WILL OPEN 8 WEEKS PRIOR TO THE COURSE START DATE

Whole School Values

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

Our School Values

Tolerance

Honesty

Respect
Caring



Dean Field

Community Primary School

Perseverance Kindness

Friendship

Determination

Next half term's value is





School Lottery

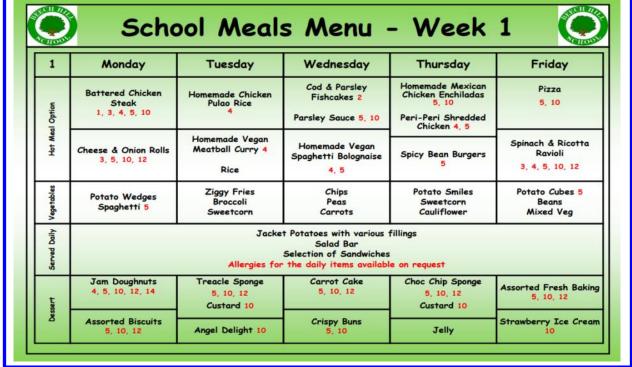
So far we have raised a huge £3000 through the School Lottery. If you would like to support our school and help us raise funds to provide extra resources for the children, improve the school environment and organise extracurricular activities such as music, art and sport please sign up and be in with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



Week commencing Monday 7th April



A few reminders of the Apps we use in school which can also be accessed at home to enhance your child's learning.

EYFS-Nursery and Reception



https://tentown.co.uk/login-page-class

Please ask your class teacher for a login

Year 1 and 2



https://numbots.com/#

Please ask your class teacher for a log in

Year 1 to 6



https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student

Please ask your class teacher for a log in



Year 2 to 6

https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb/

Please ask your class teacher for a log in

DIARY DATES		
DATE	EVENT	
TUESDAY 8TH APRIL	SCHOOL CLOSES FOR THE EASTER HOLI- DAYS	
TUESDAY 22ND APRIL	SCHOOL RE-OPENS.	
TUESDAY 22ND APRIL	YEAR 3 TRIP TO MURTON PARK	
THURSDAY 24TH APRIL	PARENTS EVENING FOR RECPTION-YEAR 6	

NOTICE: There are no after school clubs on Monday 7h April or Tuesday 8th April however Dean Field den will continue as normal.

REMINDER: All school fees, dinner money, extended provision

REMINDER: We are a nut free school and we would appreciate



REMINDER: If your child has asthma please ensure they have an inhaler in school and you have filled out a medical



Accelerated Reader – Reading Achievements this week



Australia 83% Poland: 78% Kenya: 85% Brazil: 86% Ireland: 85%

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.

EVOLVE*accidentbook*

Group	% Attendance
Mexico	94%
China	95.5%
Australia	86.7%
Poland	91.3%
Kenya	87.4%
Brazil	92.7%
Ireland	91.8%
Total	91.4%

This Weeks Attendance

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



VALUE AWARDS



Dean Field CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY Dean Field Correctly Fitners School

Mexico Reception	Romeo S	For always checking people are OK. For caring about toys and friends.
	Paige W	For demonstrating care for living things at the park and our caterpillars.
China Year 1	Autumn S	For always showing care towards her peers and the staff members.
	Mason W	For taking care of the classroom environment and the equipment.
Australia Year 2	Bella W	For always caring about her peers and teachers.
	Posy B	For being 'motherly' towards her peers and making sure everyone is OK.
Poland Year 3	Alexander Z	For always taking care of his belongings and the classroom equipment.
	Elijah P	For caring for others and helping them in their work.
Kenya Year 4	Harlen M	For caring for and helping younger children in sensory circuits.
	Millie-Lou A	For taking care of the classroom equipment and for always being willing to help.
Brazil Year 5	Рірра В-Н	For always caring and supporting the feelings of others.
	Kadie-Mae G	For always caring for others and trying to cheer them up.
Ireland Year 6	Alex H	For always taking care of his roles and responsibilities as a year 6.
	Ollie C	For always being considerate and caring.