CENTRAL NEWS

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'Shaping lives, building futures to be the best you can be.'

A message from Mrs. Cooke

We would like to wish all our families a lovely half term break, hopefully with more sunshine to follow! Our children have showed great resilience and determination this last half term, particularly in Year 2 and 6 with national tests. We are very proud of how hard our children have worked, adapted and have continued to develop their independent skills. Over the half term, take some time to talk to your children about the knowledge they have acquired through their classroom learning. It is great to see confidence grow and that the children can use a great range of vocabulary in explanations. Our children in early years are loving exploring their environment and we are pleased to share that our new parent room is decorated. We will be offering more workshops and opportunities to come into school over the next half term with sports days, our annual picnic, a book fair and other activities. We are also very excited to be taking our Year 6 children to London during the first week back to school. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 5th June. Enjoy the half term break, there is lots going on in Doncaster if you are looking for activities to keep children busy.

Attendance

This half term's attendance – 94.2% Highest class – Orange Class – 97.2% Highest house – Tornado Red – 94.7%



We have seen a fantastic improvement in this half-term's attendance – well done! Children being in school and on time every day has meant that they can access all areas of their curriculum to help them achieve academically, it has meant that children have been able to develop and sustain friendships and relationships and it has ensured that they have taken part in their bespoke group work which helps them thrive with all aspects of school and home life.

We have had so many fun and jam packed incentives this half term! Mrs Wiltshire and Mrs Leigh have delivered two forest school sessions where children got to explore the outside and make s'mores over a fire. Miss Allison and Miss Parker spent the afternoon in Nursery making spring crafts and having lots of fun with the children with help from our Early Years team! It has been lovely to see more children than ever taking part in these incentives and we feel fortunate to make memories with our children. Thank you for your ongoing support and we look forward to the final half-term of the year!

Reggie and Ronnie Diaries

The children have really enjoyed meeting Reggie and Ronnie over the past week and we have seen a calming influence for some of our children.

Therapy dogs are proven to have a positive impact on behaviour and unhappy emotions.



The staff even find them calming too.

Ready

Be ready for school, be on time and dressed appropriately with the items you need for the day.

Respectful

Listen to others, use appropriate language, look after the building and objects within. Keep hands and feet to yourself.

Safe

Follow the rules for health and safety for yourself and others.

Be in the right place at the right time.

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Safeguarding

Parenting comes with lots of challenges and these can be even more difficult if you're dealing with mental health problems. The link on the picture provides some extra support at times when you might be struggling.

Remember that you can contact our Inclusion Team if you are needing some extra help.



Over the Holidays...

It can be really hard to keep the children entertained over the holidays so here are a few ideas of events in and around



Doncaster this May half term. Click on the Mumbler logo above.

Jigsaw PSHE



As you will be aware each week your children take part in Personal, Social Education lessons. These lessons are very important for teaching your children the skills they need for social and emotional development.

You will start to see your children bring their work home each week, this is so the learning can continue with you. Ask your child what they have been learning about in their Jigsaw lessons. If you require any more information about this, please feel free to speak to your child's class teacher.

Free Craft Sessions



Would you like to meet for a chat, a cuppa - learn new & share craft skills, e.g. card/paper crafts, simple toiletries, wool/sewing crafts





Why not pop in and join us...



Monday:

19th June; 26th June; and 3rd July



at the
Linney Centre
(behind the shops)
Weston Road
Balby
01302 570608



Boggledybooks Fair

Tuesday 6th June from 3pm in the school hall.

Parents can access the hall from 3pm to browse books or speak to Mrs Leigh and Miss Parker from Inclusion about help or support they need. Refreshments will be available. Parents and children can purchase books from 3.30pm - 4pm. Children can also fetch some money into school and will be able to purchase books



Talk to your child

Word of the week - Respectful

What does it mean to be respectful?

What could you do to show respectful behaviours?

How have you been disrespectful?

What ways in the home are you all respectful to oneanother.

What do you do if you see disrespectful behaviours?

Anti Social Behaviour Police Officers

Year 5 and Year 6 children will be visited by the Anti-Social Behaviour Police Officers after half term. They are visiting to discuss safe and respectful behaviours in the community.



Parent Voice

I am aware of what happens in school and I feel this is celebrated and communicated with me weekly.

134 responses were recorded.

25% Strongly agreed / 54% Agreed / 16% Disagree / 5% Strongly disagree.

Please speak to your child's class teacher if you wish to request further information or have ideas of how you wish us to further communicate. Thank you.