



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

### News

Thank you to parents and carers for your support this term., we had 76% attend our parents evenings this week across school. It is important that we share children's learning with our families to celebrate successes and look at ways each child can improve and further develop as they grow and learn. From coffee mornings, to creative events in school and phonic meetings, we are grateful for your support. Our curriculum focus has been on writing and we have been really pleased to see children across school embracing our new approaches, learning new techniques and skills to apply to different types of writing. We have been working with an English consultant to meet with Miss Talbot, our English Leader, to observe lessons and look at children's writing. We have lots more developments to come as we encourage children to work hard on their skills and develop their writing to become experts in all age groups! Children have embraced sports competitions, been part of forest schools, choir rehearsals, participated in new after school clubs, played in different ways at lunchtime and worked hard at swimming lessons. Please take some time to ask your child - what are their highlights and what have they enjoyed about this half term? Enjoy your holiday and make many memories.

Mrs Cooke

### Half-Term Challenges

This time of year there are so many beautiful colours as leaves fall to the ground, the weather becomes a little crisper and we wrap up to keep warm. Spend this half term going to explore the great outdoors, enjoy the Autumn sunshine and have a woodland walk. Collect leaves, conkers, chestnuts and twigs to create woodland art, take a photograph and send it to [admin@balbycentralprimary.co.uk](mailto:admin@balbycentralprimary.co.uk) to feature in our

Facebook and Twitter celebration of half term activities!



Do you recognise this famous clock? Can you find clocks outside in Doncaster? Look up high, on buildings and see how many different shapes and types of clock you can see. Don't forget on 29th October our **clocks go back one hour** as we move from British Summer Time to Greenwich Mean Time. Nights will get a darker a little earlier too. Can you find out why we change the clocks in the United Kingdom?



In our news assembly this week by found about this tree on Hadrian's Wall that had been deliberately felled without permission from the owners of the land. We talked about caring for our environment and how iconic the tree was to lots of people. All children were given a challenge to find out about a famous tree and its history at **Sherwood Forest**. Can you help your child find out about the tree at Sherwood Forest?



### 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.

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



## Safeguarding

This week's safeguarding information is about helping children deal with online bullying .

## ATTENDANCE



Half-Term Attendance

Whole School – 94.4%

Highest Class – Orange with 96.7%

Number of Children with 100% - 395



## Come rain, snow or shine, your child should be in school and on time.

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 had a lovely afternoon at the Nursery Teddy Bear's picnic! Children who had good attendance in September we're invited to attend with their grownups, blankets and bears.



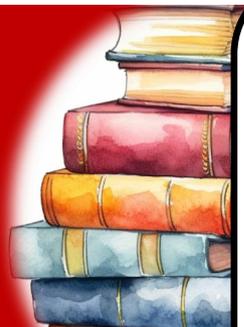
Every week we choose one child from each class to be an attendance hero! They receive a sticker, pencil, certificate, wear the attendance t-shirt and have milkshake in the staff room with Miss Allison and Miss Parker. Below are some of our attendance heroes from this half-term! Let's keep it up.



## **CHALLENGE** Class vs Class Challenges!

Let's see who can win, will it be Miss Allison's or Miss Parker's Team?

Next half-term Miss Allison and Miss Parker will be running class vs class challenges! They will each pick two random classes and whichever class wins the highest attendance for two weeks running will get to have juice, biscuits and time with our school dog, Ronnie on a Friday!



### Reading at Home

Thank you to those of you who have been reading with your child (ren) at home. It is really important for connection with your children to share the quality time that stories bring. Imagine the worlds you can visit and the people you can meet together when reading a good book.

**Don't forget the Year 6 to Year 7 Applications deadline is Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October!** If you apply late, you are less likely to be allocated the school you would like your child to attend.  
Click the image to apply.

### Year 6 Tag Rugby Competition

Our Year 6 children showed great determination and resilience in the Rose Learning Trust Tag Rugby competition. We are very proud of you all! Well done Year 6!

