

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

### News



Thank you to all parents, carers, family and friends of Balby Central who attended the school picnic on Friday 7th July. The day was a huge success, with the sun shining, performances from the whole school, our after school and Rainbow Connections choirs starting the event to uplift everyone. Families enjoyed their picnics on the school field and we welcomed many different visitors which included the police and the police van, the ice cream van, Doncaster Moving Museum, With Me in Mind, Children's University, Schools Catering Team, The Youth Hub, Doncaster Council and the School Nursing Team.

It was lovely to see the residents of Gresley Road with us for the event, with feedback that they loved hearing the children sing. Thank you to all classes for their exciting enterprise projects from 'Around the World', with imaginative goods to sell linked to their chosen country. Our event this year raised a staggering **£2374.61** and Year 6 raised £377.95 for their end of year festival. **Wow!** The money raised will go towards developing a well-being garden space with trees and more seating. We will also be asking you for your ideas what you would like the money spent on. Thank you to all volunteers and stall holders for their help and contributions to make the day such a success.

A picnic is a special time to eat with friends and family, to chat together and enjoy being outside. You don't have to travel somewhere on an aeroplane or far away, it is about being together. We hope that families will have many more picnics together in the coming months. We would love to hear of the places you visit and different picnics you have over the summer months. Please send your photos to

[admin@balbycentralprimary.co.uk](mailto:admin@balbycentralprimary.co.uk)

Our trust charity for the year has been Sheffield Children's Hospital with our school donating **£891.00** in total, thank you for your support.



### Attendance

Whole school - 94.7%

Highest House - Scotsman  
Green with 95.9%



### Year 5 Create Day

Year 5 took part in a really exciting Create Day with the Royal Opera House. They creatively danced and sang along with lots of other schools across the Trust. Working with the Royal Opera House was a real pleasure and something that most children do not experience. Well done Year 5!



### 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.

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### Top tips to keep your family healthy and happy

#### 1 Sugar swaps

Swap fizzy drinks, juice drinks and flavoured milks for water, low-fat milks and no added sugar drinks.

#### 2 Me-sized meals

Remember kids are smaller than adults so give them a smaller portion to begin with. If they're still hungry they'll ask for more.

#### 3 Snack smart

Sugary snacks can all add up! When choosing packaged snacks, stick to two a day max. But remember, fruit and vegetables are always the best snack.

#### 4 Eating out

When eating out look for child-friendly options that include fruit and vegetables. Try to avoid bigger portion sizes such as "go large" or "supersize" deals.

#### 5 Get going every day

Kids need 60 active minutes each day. This can be in short 10 minute bursts throughout the day. Try scootering to school, skipping to the shops, or dancing to a song. Keep track of screen time - many parents find it helpful to set a daily limit.

Want more tips to help you stay healthy and happy? Search Change4Life

## Safeguarding

I am sure there are times when it feels like your children are always hungry and that this can become more difficult when they are at home for the summer holidays. The following information and link serve as a reminder of how to make sure your child is eating healthy foods and some fun recipes for you to try with them. Click the picture for more information. Find recipes here - <https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/collection/kids-cooking-recipes>

## Reading Books

To allow us to replenish and reorganise the books in school for your children, please ensure all reading books are in school this week and handed in to your child's class teacher.

Unfortunately, next year, there will be a small charge for books that are not returned to school due to stock dropping when they are left at home.



## Goodbye Mr. Mynett

We will be saying a sad goodbye to Mr Mynett at the end of this term as he leaves us after 6 years at Balby Central to take up an Assistant Head teacher post. Mr Mynett will be greatly missed at Balby Central as our Maths Leader and as a class teacher. He always has a joke to share, is a role model to our children for ready, respectful, safe behaviours and is very animated in his lessons. We wish Mr Mynett well for the future in his new role in September.



## Summer Reading Challenge

The Doncaster Summer Reading Adventure will begin on Saturday 1st July and will run throughout the school summer holidays. Sign your child up at your local library and they'll receive their map booklet in which they can chart their reading journey and collect reward stickers. Children who complete the Reading Adventure will receive a certificate and will also be entered into a prize draw for the chance to win a reward! Let's get reading, Doncaster.

## Congratulations!

A huge congratulations to Zara who completed the reading challenge last year and will be awarded her prize next week. You should be very proud Zara, to be the only child in school to fully complete this, well done!



## Dates for your Diary

- 19th July - Books to be sent home
- 19th July - Year 6 Leavers Concert
- 20th July - Year 6 Leavers Festival
- 21st July - School closes for summer
- 5th September - School reopens

Please remember, **in September, the school day will finish at 3.15pm.** After school clubs will run from 3.15 - 4.15pm.

For more information about term times dates and holidays please follow the link on the school website <https://www.central.doncaster.sch.uk/page/term-dates>

## To Note



The parking enforcement camera will be remaining in place outside school for the rest of the school year. The Parking Enforcement Team have installed the cameras to ensure that it promotes a safer environment around the school gates by reducing congestion, which, in turn, will also improve air quality. Thank you for your support.