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Balby Central Primary Academy



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

News

This week we have welcomed many visitors to school to both look at what we do well and to look at how we can improve further. We are always working to improve procedures in school to enhance your child's education.

We ask at home you work with us to do the same. Please ask your child(ren) to read to you daily and return slips. Can they add up your shopping as you complete it? Can they measure your ingredients when you are cooking? Can you challenge them with their times tables? Can you ask them for 3 facts that they have learned in school today?

Reading at BCPA

This week, children have read 559 times at home and returned their slips to school.

Well done to those of you that have read at home. **The winning class this week is:** Ruby class with

123 reads, with Violet class following them with 88 reads and

Purple class with 69 reads.



Parent Voice

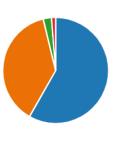
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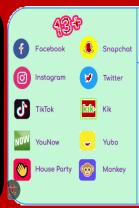
and monitor my child's social media use
Your answers: 79 of you responded
96% of you agree and strongly agree.

4% of you disagree or strongly disagree.

Our response: We regularly add information about

age restrictions on Central News. Should you wish to check the age restrictions, please see the photo next to this information.









Attendance

Whole School - 91.9%
Let's see if we can get over 93% next week
Highest Class - Indigo with 96.7%
Children with 100% - 332



Attendance Incentive

From Monday, our Year 1 children who achieve over 94% attendance in December will be invited to take part in a crafts afternoon with Miss Allison and Miss Parker! Let's make sure we're Here Everyday Ready and On time.

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

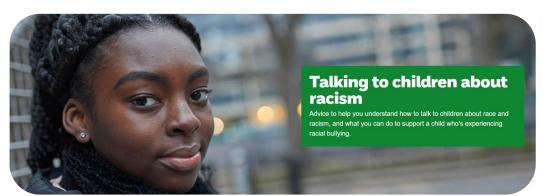
Follow the rules for health and safety for yourself and others.

Be in the right place at the right time.

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Safeguarding

This week's safeguarding policy will help you if you need to talk to your children about racism. It is important that they understand the importance of appropriate language and to develop their understanding of different cultures and beliefs.



In school

Last week, nurses from the Rotherham, Doncaster and South Humber NHS foundation trust came into talk to year 1 children about keeping their bodies safe. Please spend a little time talking to your children about what they learnt to reinforce the message. The children also enjoyed joining in with this catchy little song to help them remember what they can do to keep their bodies safe. Click on the picture to link you to the song.





OFFICIAL DROP OFF POINT

Please hand presents in by **MONDAY 11TH DECEMBER**

Balby Central Primary
Academy is now a drop
off point for the
Doncaster Toy Appeal.
Please drop off new and
unwrapped toys to the
main office up to 11th
December.
All donations will then
be delivered to the
Salvation Army.
Thank you in advance for
your support.

Assemblies

Our British Values Assembly focus this week is - **Individual Liberty**

Scientists have found more flowering plants, moss, and algae in Antarctica in the last 10 years than usually grow in 50 years, and the extent of floating sea ice there has hit record lows.

Question: Ask your child to tell you who is responsible for Antarctica?

On Thursdays we have our Safeguarding Assembly; This week we all read the book Mindhug. This story looks at what we can do when our mind is full of thoughts and feelings and feels like it needs a hug. We listened to the story and thought about ways we can look after our mental health.

Next Week

Monday - Choir will perform at Doncaster Dome for A Choral Christmas Performance. We will leave school at 2pm and will be back at 9pm-9.15pm in the evening.

Wednesday - Year 3 and Year 4 will be visiting the CAST for the pantomime . They will leave school at 12.30pm and should be back at school for approximately 4.30pm.