



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

News

We have had a busy week with pantomime visits, preparation for Christmas Concerts, a taste tingling Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day - there has been a great feeling in school amongst all children and adults.

Our children enjoyed a wonderful Christmas dinner on Thursday. The hall was filled with the sounds of Christmas songs and lots of chatter as staff ate their dinner with the children. Staff sang for their Christmas lunch to entertain the children.

We are certainly in the Christmas spirit!



Attendance



Whole School Attendance - 93.8%
Highest Class - Indigo with 98.6%
Children with 100% Attendance - 353



Attendance Incentive

Final Class vs Class Challenge from next week
Miss Parker - Sapphire vs Blue
Miss Allison - Rainbow vs Yellow

Let's have a big push on attendance for the last two weeks of school. We have so many events taking place in school and our first term's attendance draw will be soon for excellent attendance with a chance to win vouchers!

Reading at BCPA

This week, children have read 344 times at home and returned their slips to school.

Please remember the importance of reading with your child at home.

The winning class this week is: Red class with 81 reads. Ruby class following them with 56 reads and Purple class are third again with 50 reads.



Balby Central Voices

Well done all of Choir who attended the Dome on Monday - here is a message from Mrs Harrison;

'I just wanted to say a huge well done to all the children who performed last night at the Dome. They were absolutely brilliant, and I was proud of each and every one of them. I am sure you were too! A big thank you to all the staff and parents that attended too; we could not have done it without the collective commitment of everyone. Please pass on my thanks.'

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.

Safeguarding



SAFEGUARDING FOR PARENTS

What is safeguarding?

Ensures that every child, regardless of their age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation, has a right to equal protection from harm.

Safeguarding is the steps that people take to protect children and vulnerable people from harm.

Examples of safeguarding concerns to look out for:



Physical

A group of children start pushing or hitting a smaller child when an adult is not looking



Emotional

You see a crying child run towards their parent who responds in a harsh manner using inappropriate language



Sexual

A teenage girl walking home is catcalled and harassed, or being touched without consent



Neglect

You see a child wearing the same dirty clothes everyday and who steals food from other children



How can you help?

If you ever see anything happen to a child that makes you feel uncomfortable, please let your safeguarding lead / person know. You are not causing problems but it could save a child from unnecessary harm.

Any one of these things might not mean anything, but if your safeguarding lead / person isn't told, then they can't help.

Speak to me to find out more

Speak to:

Mrs Lakin, Mrs Wiltshire or Mrs Cooke

Balby Central Safety Squad

Next Week

Tuesday - 1.30pm Choir will perform for the Gresley Road residents and will need to be in Christmas jumpers please.

Wednesday - 9.30am Year 3 and 4 Christmas Carols Performance.

Year 2 children will visit CAST for The Snowmen Performance.

11.15 EYFS Christmas Carols Performance

2.30pm EYFS Christmas Carols Performance

2.30pm Year 3 and 4 Christmas Carols Performance

Thursday 9.30am Year 5 and 6 Christmas Carols Performance

Year 1 children will visit CAST for the Snowmen Performance

2.30pm Year 5 and 6 Christmas Carols Performance

Friday 2.00pm Year 3 — Year 6 Choir will perform for the Ivy Court Residents and will need to be in Christmas jumpers please.

9.30am Year 1 and 2 Nativity

On Monday we launched **Balby Central Safety Squad**, asking children to apply to become a support to others by supporting safeguarding children for children.

Children are applying to

- meet every half term to talk about safety online and out of school.

- Help to teach younger children about how they can be safe, at home, in school and in the local area.

- Help lead assemblies sharing with other students their ideas about safety.

- Meet with police and Community workers to learn more about safety in Balby.

- Be a role model on the playground helping children to feel safe and happy.

- Share ideas with the Head and Governors.



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Communication with school

We have three emails you can use to correspond with school and to direct your queries to the right person. Each email box is monitored by different members of the team to support you with any questions or queries that you may have.

safeguarding@balbycentralprimary.co.uk is for any safeguarding queries and will be checked by the safeguarding team.

admin@balbycentralprimary.co.uk is checked by the team in the office for any general questions or queries.

confidential@balbycentralprimary.co.uk is for any confidential information that you need to share and will be monitored by the Leadership Team in school.

Please choose which email is most appropriate based on the nature of your query. This information can also be found on the school website.

Assemblies

Our British Values Assembly focus this week is - The Fagradalsfjall volcano is thought to be the cause of a series of recent earthquakes and Iceland has declared a state of emergency as inhabitants from the nearby town of Grindavik are evacuated.

Question: What is it like to live through an uncertain time?

Christmas Jokes

Why did no-one bid for Rudolph and Blitzen on eBay?

Because they were two deer.

Why are Christmas trees so bad at sewing?

They're always dropping their needles.

What do you call a blind reindeer?



Special Educational Needs

Does your child or young person have Special Needs or need some form of additional support in school/college or in their daily lives.

If so, DMBC would love for you to help by sharing your experiences through a parent/carer survey here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/idKZiCZj1?origin=lprLink>

As part of their work to improve the SEND offer in Doncaster, DMBC want to better understand the support your young person receives through their education, health, social care and social lives in their transitions from school or into adulthood.

You can also access the survey and find out more about the work we are doing to improve Doncaster's SEND offer by visiting

<https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/send-transformation-updates>



BELLES WILDCATS

BE A PART OF THE FUTURE OF WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

The Belles Wildcats football training sessions for girls under 7s to under 11s
(School years two to six from September 2023)

WHO Girls U7s - U11s

WHAT Football training sessions with UEFA and FA qualified coaching staff

WHEN Mondays, 5pm to 6pm

WHERE Eco-Power Stadium, Doncaster, DN4 5JW



For further information please email em@clubdoncaster.co.uk



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