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News

A warm welcome back to you all. We hope that you have had a lovely summer and that you spent much time making memories as a family and friends. It has been a fantastic first week in school with children returning to school with smiles on their faces ready to learn.

Welcome also to our youngest children starting in Early Years and new children joining us across school. They have had a really settled start. Look out for photos on Facebook and Twitter sharing our week!

We have building changes in school with new toilets in Year 1 and Year 3 and lockers for the children to use - please remember that your child does not need a bag, just a coat and a small book bag. Our Early Years area has been extended and the children have enjoyed the shade of the trees this week.

We welcome new staff to join our team - Miss Henry (Year 6 Teacher), Miss Batten (SENCo), Mr Turvey (HLTA), Mrs Warwick (HLTA), Mrs Azam and Mrs Lewin (Teaching Assistant).

We have also welcomed two mini members of the team! Congratulations to Mrs Hildebrand who has had a baby boy called Sidney and Mrs Drake, a baby girl called Evie - all are well and very happy.

This week we introduced lunchtime routines with all children on the playground at the back of school. Children have enjoyed playing with their siblings, making new friends, showing each other new games and they have been collecting natural objects to use in play. We have seen some lovely food in packed lunches and children have enjoyed the shelter of the trees for their picnics.

Please remember there is a change to the school day and school will end at 3.15pm



Attendance

Whole School Attendance—93.3%

Highest Class Attendance— Purple Class with 99.4% - Wow!



This year, one year group each month will have an exciting attendance incentive and each term we will randomly choose one child from each Key Stage to win a £20 voucher for excellent attendance.

September is for our Nursery children and if they achieve over 93% they can take part in a Teddy Bear's Picnic!



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 half term is all about online safety. The following picture link provides information about ways you can talk to your child about online safety



Reading this year

Reading is so important for your children to enhance all of their education. We ask that you read with your child at least 3 times per week and send the reading strips back in to school.

All teachers will be promoting reading at home this half term as we have seen that children who read at home enhance their academic outcomes.

Parent Communication



Please note that we will be increasing our communications to parents on Facebook - please follow us using the following page: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063983681610>

You can also follow us on X (old Twitter) using the following page: <https://x.com/balbycentral?s=11&t=TAiarX7P7Hg2RqeRhDkiuw>



Visit our Website for important information about school.

<https://www.central.doncaster.sch.uk/>

Uniform

It is important, to help maintain standards, that children attend school in their uniform. We will be maintaining standards regarding uniform and ask that you support us with this. If children are not in school uniform, we will phone you and ask you to bring some into school. Uniform will be provided from the school swap shop if required.

Please note: Trainers can be worn but they must be all black.

Red jumper / cardigan White polo shirt / Shirt Black / Grey trousers / skirt / shorts Full black shoes – no sandals or cros.	
Summer dress / pinafore Waterproof jackets / warm fleeces for outdoor use.	
Black shorts / Jogging bottoms White T-Shirt Black jacket	

If you need any support or guidance about uniform please speak to Mrs Wiltshire or Miss Parker on the gate.

Sad Goodbye

Mr Rushton, our Site Manager, leaves us today to spend quality time with his family.

Mr Rushton has worked at Balby Central Primary for 18 months and will be a familiar face to you at the gate on Stevens Road each day. His smile and humorous nature will be missed by all.

We wish to thank Mr Rushton for all that he has done for the school and wish him good luck in his future.



Would you like to be a Parent Governor?

What it involves:

- Attending a couple of meetings, a month (all during the school day)
- Bringing ideas and questions to support school leaders and most importantly your experiences as a parent
- In time, leading meetings on one or more area depending on your strengths/experience (for example on health and safety)
- Helping interpret the views of other parents (for example the votes given in the Towers each week)
- Helping our understanding of the Balby community outside of school

If you would like to know more about what being a parent governor is like or would like to observe a meeting, please email admin@balbycentralprimary.co.uk or contact the school office.

As well as all that it is also an opportunity to:

- Develop work relevant skills (meetings, writing, working with budgets)
- Work with a friendly and diverse group of other governors and teachers

If you are interested, please get in contact with Stephanie Bradley in the Main Office. The application is simple – you set out why you are interested, and we consider your suitability.

Language

We have noticed a few instances where children are using inappropriate language when talking with their peers and on the playground. Please talk to your child about appropriate words and why it is important to be respectful to each other and to follow the expectations of the school.

Please speak to your child's class teacher or a member of the team on the gates if you require support with your child's behaviour and words that they use.

Doncaster Knights

Thank you to Doncaster Knights for our free family tickets for the game this evening. We look forward to seeing our families who requested tickets enjoying the game and evening sunshine. Kick off against Cambridge is at 19:30



Policies

Our school website has been updated with policies and information for this academic year. Please be aware of updates to our Safeguarding and Behaviour Policies. These can be found at [Balby Central policies](#) for you to read. You can also find out how we work with other schools in our trust at [Rose Learning Trust](#)



Dates for your Diary

09.10.2023 This week flu vaccines will be administered.

17.10.2023 and 19.10.2023 - Parents Evening - look out for your class date which will come via email soon.

20.10.2023 Children finish school for half term and return to school on 30.10.2023