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News

We are very impressed with the children this week and thank them for adapting to the changes at lunchtime. The change in lunchtime provision has meant more children are enjoying their time on the playground and are exploring more natural activities. Football has been reintroduced this week, with new rules to ensure that all children feel they have space and freedom in the school grounds over lunch and playtime. It has been pleasing to see siblings playing together, the elder children supporting and teaching the younger how to play and most of all fun and laughter across all year groups. Next week, we will introduce a gardening group.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

We are lucky this year that our Friends of Balby Central Team are arranging a Fund Raising Coffee Morning on Friday 29th September. Tickets are on sale on the gate in a morning and afternoon - just ask the staff at the entrance to the school playground.



Uniform

The return to school this year has been incredibly positive for all children in school and children are settled in their new classrooms. We are preparing children for Secondary School and Life Long Skills by maintaining high standards in school in all areas. Therefore, can I please remind parents of the school uniform and PE kit expectations.

Should uniform expectations not be met, we will:

- 1st - Speak with you at the end of the school day
- 2nd - Make a phone call and ask you to bring in the uniform or offer support if required
- 3rd - Arrange a face-to-face meeting with you to discuss how we can help and support uniform needs.

Daily Uniform

- Red jumper / cardigan
- White shirt / Polo shirt
- Black / Grey trousers / skirt / shorts
- Black shoes
- Summer dress / pinafore
- Waterproof jackets and warm fleeces for outdoor use.



PE Kit

- Black shorts / Jogging bottoms
- White T-Shirt
- Black pumps
- Black sports jacket (optional)

Times Tables Rockstars Day



The children will be taking part in Times Tables Rock Stars day on Wednesday 11th October.

We will be doing many mathematics rock star activities and the children will be visited by a live rock band called Trigger, who will be working with the children to discuss rock music.

Your child is invited to come to school dressed as a Rock star and we cannot wait to see their faces with the real life band on the day!



Attendance

Whole School Attendance 91.9%
Highest Class – Ruby Class
with 98.6%
Number of Children with
100% this week - 349 - well
done to these children!



Don't Be Late and Miss the Gate!

This week we have started our Early Bird calls for children who arrive at school late. If your child is late, please expect a phone call from Miss Parker at 8:00am every morning. If your child continues to be late then we will provide you with an alarm clock. Don't forget the school gate closes at **8:50am**.

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Safeguarding - Online Safety

This week our safeguarding information focuses on online wellbeing. There are lots of things that can affect children's wellbeing when accessing the online world. The following link provides information to support with this



Reading Books

We are sure you will appreciate that resources in school are costly and when books are sent home for children to read, we really do rely on them being sent back to school. The books that are sent home cost the school £5.00 per book. Unfortunately, any book that is not returned to school will incur a £5.00 cost so that we can purchase another book to replace the one that has been lost. This will appear as a payment item on your ParentPay account.

If we believe a book is lost, we will:

- * Speak to you at home time
- * Send you a text as a reminder
- * After 1 week, apply a ParentPay cost, with a message home.



Health and Wellbeing

Did you know about Be Well Doncaster? It is a service for adults aged 18+ that allows you to book appointments between 9am and 7pm for a variety of different things you may need support with at a local community venue near your home. You can text 82228 as shown on the leaflet to discuss booking an appointment.

BE WELL DONCASTER

Be Well Doncaster is a free health and wellbeing service available across Doncaster to support you on your health and wellbeing journey.

To speak to a coach simply text **Bewell** (all one word) followed by your **full name** and the **area where you live** to **82228**.

Bewell Joe Bloggs, Bentley

82228 **SEND**

Your coach will be in touch within 5 working days to arrange an appointment between 9am-7pm, Monday to Friday at a community venue near you.

BE WELL DONCASTER

Our fully trained health coaches can work with you on a one to one basis to improve your quality of life by setting small but manageable goals.

Areas our coaches can support includes, but is not limited to:

- Managing a long term health condition
- Healthy eating
- Sleep issues
- Low mood
- Stress and anxiety

Making the first step on your health and wellbeing journey is as easy as that!

** Be Well Doncaster is a free service for all Doncaster residents aged 18+. Be Well Doncaster never charge to send or receive messages however standard network rates may apply

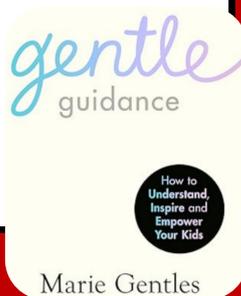
Reading this week

This week it was fantastic to see the return of Readers of the Week in the school assembly. Well done to those children receiving the yellow T-Shirt this week. In school this week we have read 329 times at home and the winning class is Ruby Class. Well done - that is attendance and readers!

Adult Reading

Our school book club has started Miss Parker, Miss Talbot and Mrs Cooke are all reading the book Gentle Guidance by Marie Gentles - an inspirational read to understand, inspire and empower children. We will be sharing more reads with you that we enjoy and also help us in our roles.

Developing a love of reading from any age is key to enjoying books, learning and sharing with others.



Parent Voice

Posed question: I find the information shared on Central News helpful and informative - 145 responses.

92% agree or strongly agree
8% disagree or strongly disagree

We aim to make sure that Central News gives you information about school each week but also community events. Should you have any further suggestions for Central News then please send them to admin@balbycentralprimary.co.uk



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Nursery/Reception Admissions Deadlines

You can now apply for Nursery 2024 places at Balby Central! Applications for Reception 2024 will be open soon, via the link below. Visit Doncaster Admissions or click on the links below for applications.

Nursery September 2024 – Closing date 2nd October 2023

<https://fis.doncaster.gov.uk/Synergy/Parents/default.aspx>

Reception September 2024 – Closing date 15th January 2024

<https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/schools/primary-year-of-entry>



Please visit our website to see what we offer in Early Years by clicking on the BCPA sign.

A screenshot of the City of Doncaster Council website. The header includes the council logo and navigation links: Home, Resident, Business, Visitors, News, Mayor & Cabinet, Council Chamber. There are also search and utility links: A-Z, Search, Listen / Translate, Sign In / Up. Below the header is a navigation bar with 'Apply for it', 'Report it', 'Pay for it', and 'Track it'. The main content area is titled 'School admissions' and includes a breadcrumb trail: Home / Children, young people & families / School admissions. A 'SHARE' button is visible. The text below the title reads: 'Information about school admissions, including applying for a nursery, primary and secondary school place.' There are six purple buttons arranged in two rows: 'Nursery admissions', 'Primary Admissions', 'Secondary Admissions', 'Admission appeals', 'School catchment areas', and 'Admission Arrangements and Policies'.

Admissions Deadlines

You are also able to apply for Secondary School September 2024!
Year 7 September 2024 – Closing date 30th October 2023

<https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/schools/secondary-year-of-entry>

Click on the pictures to find out about the
Doncaster Secondary Schools



Hall Cross
Academy

