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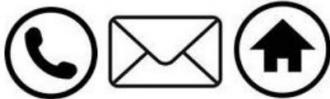
Your children have been very busy rehearsing their Christmas carols this week. They cannot wait to see you in school and perform for you! You are in for a treat.

Today we say a short goodbye to Miss Bedford who starts her maternity leave. We look forward to meeting her little boy and welcoming him to the Balby Central family when he arrives! Good Luck Miss Bedford, enjoy and cherish every moment.



This week, the Trust have completed a Teaching and Learning Review in Maths - they were pleased with what they saw, and the learning they saw from the children was purposeful and progressive. Well done to all the children for showing what they know, why they are completing a task and explaining why they are completing it - they showed great confidence. Well done to all.

This week we welcomed prison staff to school to talk to Year 5 and 6. Eden, Jill, Bev and Theresa talked to the children about their roles at the prison, what happens in prison and the work they do to support families. We were the **first school** in Doncaster to request an assembly and this was the start of them introducing it to other schools from our idea and Doncaster Safeguarding Team. We are leading the way!



Are you confident that your details are up to date with the main school office? It is important that we have the correct phone number, email address and postal address on your child's records in case of an emergency, to update you on fun things happening in school and to make you aware of any trips or visits.



Attendance

Whole School - 92.6%
Highest Class - Scarlet with 99.6%
Children with 100% - 346



Class vs Class Challenges

This week's **winners are Crimson and Green** - well done!

Next week's class challenges are:

Miss Allison - Emerald vs Ruby and Miss Parker - Sapphire vs Orange

Just a reminder that the class vs class challenge prize is juice, biscuits and time with our school dog - the children love this! We would like to say a HUGE thank you to Mae's parents who have kindly donated juice, biscuits and chocolates to help towards our incentive, it really is appreciated.

We have had a number of parents/carers stating that a GP has informed them that their child should be absent from school for a specific period of time relating to their illness. We have liaised with a number of GPs this week, who have confirmed that they would never state a time frame for a child to return to school unless their illness has a school attendance restriction such as impetigo - 48 hours from the start of antibiotics. Please bring your children to school - if they are unwell contact will be made.

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

Sometimes we all need some extra support. This week's safeguarding information provides details of the Early Help service in Doncaster and how you can access this support should you feel you need it. Remember you can always talk to us in school if you need support with anything - speak to a member of staff on the gate. Please remember you can speak to Mrs. Wiltshire and Miss Parker should you need any help.

Assemblies

Our British Values Assembly focus this week is - **Compassion** - Community centres, libraries, businesses, and churches across the UK have been set up as free warm spaces to help provide warmth and companionship during the winter months.

Question to discuss with your child: How can we show compassion to others?

On Thursdays we have our Safeguarding Assembly; here is the theme this week - **all the things that make us unique and special**. We learned that it is OK if we look different and enjoy different things as long as we respect each others' ideas and opinions.

Discuss with your child: What things make you and them special?



**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.

Dangerous Dogs



The bond between your child and dog can bring fun and happiness to family life

No one expects their dog to bite, no one expects their child to be seriously injured but children are more likely to be bitten at home, by a familiar dog.

Dogs are animals and will react in the only way they know how if they feel they have no other option.

Happy dog

A calm, happy dog is less likely to react unsafely to children's natural excitement.

Give your dog a safe space of their own where they can go if they need time out.

Close supervision

Teach your child to be calm and kind with your dog.

Avoid shouting, teasing or restrictive cuddles.

Stay close, watch and listen when your child and dog are together.

Understand your dog's body language so you can spot the signs when they start to get stressed and intervene.

Trigger times

Teach your child to leave your dog alone when they are sleeping, eating, having a treat or playing with their toys.

Adapting your family life

As your family grows and your children become older, changes in your house may need to be made.

As children become more mobile, consider stair gates to separate your dog and child.

Continue to teach your children how to act around animals.

If you're worried about your dog's behaviour, speak to your vet or a dog behaviourist - early advice and intervention could save a life.



being a responsible dog owner...

As a responsible dog owner there are a few things you must be aware of and consider for everyone's safety

- It's against the law to let a dog be dangerously out of control anywhere, including in a public place, in a private place, for example a neighbour's house or garden and in the owner's home.
- If your dog is out of control you may be prosecuted, face up to six months in prison and be given a fine of up to £5,000.
- If your dog bites somebody, in or outside of your home, you may be prosecuted and sent to prison for up to five years for causing injury and up to six months where no injury has been sustained.
- The court also has the power to order the dog to be destroyed, disqualify you from owning or keeping dogs and order you to pay substantial compensation to the victim.
- If your dog bites or injures an assistance dog (e.g. a guide dog), you can be sent to prison for up to three years or fined.
- If your dog attacks, or is deemed to be a danger to postal workers, deliveries to your address and that of your neighbours may be suspended. Postal companies treat all dog attacks on their staff very seriously and will seek to prosecute dog owners in the criminal courts when appropriate.
- If you rent your property, failure to keep your dog under control may leave you in breach of your tenancy agreement.
- You must report all dog bites to the police, regardless of how serious they are via 101 or 999 in an emergency.

Concerned about a dog in your community?

We urge you to raise concerns about a dog you believe to pose a risk to us. We can ensure that anyone living in the property, including children are safeguarded and that the owner's take responsibility for their dog.

If you believe a dog is being used to cause harm, fear, or criminality, please report it.

You can share information online, via live chat or by calling 101.

You can provide information anonymously via independent charity Crimestoppers - 0800 555 111 or crimestoppers-uk.org

Your dog is your responsibility, the safety of those around you relies on you as an owner taking action



Reading at BCPA

This week, children have read 614 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 129 reads, with Orange class following them closely with 111 reads and Green class with 98 reads.

Please return books everyday and Monday is the day for changing.



Questions you have asked...

When do books need to be in schools?

Books should be in school daily to allow the children to read the same book at home as they do at school.

When are books changed?

Books are changed on a Monday.

My child has read their book, why is it not being changed?

We encourage children to read and re-read their books to build their fluency and confidence

Do I have to send reading slips?

We use these to track reading at home and they go towards whole class numbers for the competition.

Help your child with reading



ALL THE
COOL KIDS
ARE
READING



I Spy

Play 'I Spy' games. Can you find words beginning with...? Can you find a picture of a ...? How many ... can you see?

Ask Questions

Ask questions about the story as you read it e.g. What is the story about? Why do you think they made that choice? Was it a good choice? Why did that happen? What do you think will happen next? What was your favourite part of the story? Why?

Make it Fun

Enjoy reading together. Give characters funny voices and engage with the pictures. Make a game out of finding words that rhyme or start with the same sound.

Be Seen

Make sure you are seen reading. Keep books magazines at easy reach.

Get Out

Go to your public library regularly. Find the books you loved as a kid to read together.

Create

Use reading to inspire drawings or new stories.

Go Online

Look online & in app stores for appropriate word & spelling games.

Make Space

Have a special place or a certain time when you read together.

Read everything out loud.

Books, poems, nursery rhymes, newspaper & magazine articles, food labels... anything that is close to hand!