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News

What a fantastic week we have had this week. Thank you to all parents for their cooperation and patience with the fire alarm on Tuesday morning at drop off to school. All children, staff and visitors were out of the building in just over 1 minute. Parents waited for further instruction in the designated area on the playground and children lined up and listened to their adults really well. This is the second fire alarm in two days, practising at different times and checking our systems and procedures. Children were very aware and understood the importance of a fire alarm and how to keep safe.

On Tuesday, the entire staff were trained in Trauma informed practice. It was fantastic, informative training and allowed all staff to reflect on current procedures and how we can improve to ensure that we are always improving for your children.

We have been visited by Reverend Ian Smith, from St John's the Evangelist, who delivered an assembly to all KS1 and KS2 children. It was lovely to make links with the church again and we are pleased to announce there are more visits booked.

Today we held a special remembrance assembly and remain forever grateful to those who died in the line of duty. Thank you all for raising money for the Poppy Appeal.

We also had a visit from Resident Author Phil Shepherd and Caryl Hart to work with Year 3 - what a treat the visit was.



Attendance

Whole School – 95.4%
Highest Class – Violet with 97.7%
Children with 100% - 382



Our Reception children had so much fun playing pass the parcel, musical statues, musical corners and winning prizes for the best dancing! It was lovely to see the children having a great time as a reward for their good attendance! Remember there are more attendance incentives throughout the year!

Class Challenges

The class challenges winners are:

Miss Allison – Blue Class
Miss Parker – White Class



Reading at BCPA

Children this week have read 590 times over the week at home, returning their slips.

Well done to those of you that have read at home.

The winning class this week is: Ruby class with 140 reads with Yellow class following them closely with 126 reads and blue with 89 reads.



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

As food is becoming more expensive it can be increasingly difficult to provide a healthy meal for your children. This week's safeguarding information provides links and ideas to support you in creating cheap, healthy and delicious food for the whole family.

Assemblies

On Mondays we have our British Values Assembly; here is our theme this week - **British Value - Individual Liberty.**

We can take responsibility for our money and make choices about how to spend or save it. We have been learning about our needs (family, food, drink and shelter) and our wants at different ages to consider how money is spent, how much items cost and how we can save money.

Support your children in their understanding of money by;

1. Putting toys on selling sites that children don't use anymore to make some money.
2. Visit charity shops for some great finds
3. Ask children to plan meals, cost them and give them a budget.
4. Look for alternatives to see differences in prices and what you get for your money
5. Give children money to count
6. Look at differences between coins and notes



On Thursdays we have our Safeguarding Assembly; here is the theme this week - **Years 1 & 2 - Safe Touch, Years 3,4,5 and 6 - Positive Body Image.**

Years 1 and 2 children learned about safe touch. This has developed their understanding of who might touch us and the ways they may need to touch us to keep us safe, happy and healthy such as hugging, pats on the back or removing a splinter, as well as knowing when touch may be inappropriate and to talk to a safe adult if they are worried.

Years 3,4,5 and 6 focused on positive body image, feeling confident and being happy with ourselves whilst also understanding and accepting that people may be different to us in lots of ways. Please take the time to talk to your child about what they have learned.



Road Importance

Please note that there is no Ray patrolling the road and keeping us safe next week. Please cross with caution and make sure your children are looking too.



Parent Voice

Statement: My child brings a book home from school to share. I know how to help them with their reading.

Your response: 144 of you responded.

50% Strongly agreed / 44% Agreed / 6% Disagreed

Our response: If you wish to know more about supporting your child reading, please ask the class teacher. If they are not bringing books home, a quick chat with the teacher will rectify this.



Save the Dates...

- 4th December - **Choir** Christmas Concert @ Dome.
- 6th December - **Y3&4** Beauty & The Beast @ CAST
- 12th December - **All** Christmas Surprise
- 12th December - **Choir** Concert @ Gresley Road
- 13th December - **EYFS** Christmas concert - 11.15 and 2.45.
- 13th December - **Y3/4** Carol concert - 9.30 and 2.30.
- 13th December - **Y2** Snowmen @ CAST
- 14th December - **Y5/6** Carol concert - 9.30 and 2.30.
- 14th December - **Y2** Snowmen @ CAST
- 15th December - **Y1/2** Nativity 9.30 and 2.30
- 15th December - **Y3, 4, 5 & 6 Choir** - Ivy Court Concert
- 18th December - **Y1&2** Christmas Party
- 19th December - **Y3/4** Christmas Party
- 20th December - **EYFS** Christmas Party
- 21st December - **Y5/6** Christmas Party
- 21st December - **Y4** Final Swimming Session.
- 22nd December - **All** - School closes for Christmas at 3.15.
- 8th January - **All** - School Reopens at 08.40.



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Royal Albert Hall

On Tuesday, 4 of our pupils are singing on the stage at The Royal Albert Hall in London, with The Rose Learning Trust Choir. It is a great privilege to be invited to this venue and we are incredibly proud of the children taking part. Good luck to Advika, Lamar, Sophie and Melody. Mrs Hemmingway and Mrs Power may need to fight back the tears when they hear you sing on the stage. More news to follow next week...



Remembrance 11th November

There will be a Civic Remembrance and silence at the Mansion House steps on Armistice Day on Saturday 11th November. The silence will take place at 11am.



Remembrance Sunday 12th November

Will begin with a service of remembrance at the War Memorial on Bennetthorpe from 10.35am. The two minute silence will be held at 11am. There will be a parade to the Minster of St George, where there will be a second service at 11.45am. Members of the public are welcome to join the service of Remembrance at the War Memorial and Doncaster Minster.

There will also be services at War Memorials and Churches across Doncaster on Sunday.

Williams Syndrome

Did you know that Tuesday 7th November was Williams Syndrome day? Williams Syndrome is a genetic condition that affects 1 in 18,000 people (including Mr Smith's oldest son). It is a condition that very few people have heard of. It leads to a range of medical and learning difficulties, however those with it are extremely happy and friendly; they love people. The genetic deletion is in the 7th chromosome at the point 7.11.23, this is why Tuesday (7.11.23) was Williams Syndrome day. Find out more at <https://williams-syndrome.org.uk/>



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.