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News

What a wonderful week back after half term. Children returned with smiles on their faces and an eagerness to get to class. There has been a good atmosphere around school this week and the Halloween discos brought many scary monsters to school - thank you for spending time with your child and making them all look so amazing! Thank you also to Friends of Balby Central for planning and arranging the event.

A group of children, this week, visited Sir Thomas Wharton to an event they hosted - *An audience with Ashleigh Porter*. She spoke with children about being driven, opening their own businesses and to think about their own aspirations for the future. What a great event!

We have had a busy week with 6 different schools visiting Balby Central, and a total of 76 leaders coming together to talk about their subject areas. We believe that sharing good practice and networking is important to our developments in school between different primary schools and with our secondary school colleagues. Thank you to Mallard, Tickhill Estfeld, Warmsworth, Sir Thomas Wharton, Edlington Hill Top and Edlington Victoria, for great professional conversation and sharing of curriculum plans and coverage. Further meetings are planned to improve knowledge and understanding across our staff.

New member of staff



A warm welcome to Mr Hood, our new Site Manager, who you may have seen around school this week.

Please say hello to Mr Hood, he has been busy getting to know the site and his role.



Reading at BCPA

Winners this week - Yellow Class 121 reads!

Please support our push on reading by completing regular reads with your child at home. This week as a school, we completed 548 reads. This is on average 1.5 reads per child. Each child should be reading 3-4 times per week at least.

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.

Attendance

Whole School – 93% **Highest Class** – Purple with 97.3%
Children with 100% - 331

This month we are running an incentive for children in Year 3. All Year 3 children who achieve over 94% attendance from 6th November – 24th November will get to take part in a fun games afternoon!

Don't forget that each term we will randomly chose one child from each Key Stage to win a £20 voucher for excellent attendance, let's make sure you are **Here Every day Ready and On time!**

Every week, we will now be sending a text message to tell you how many minutes late your child has been that week! We will also be sending regular letters to inform you of lateness. Children in KS1 who are late are missing their phonics session and children in KS2 are missing their handwriting and specific learning interventions. It is extremely important that children are on time for school every day.



Diary Dates

School Photographs - 13th November
Residential deposit payment deadline - 15th November
Children in need - 17th November

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Parents' emotional health and physical wellbeing

Click above for more information

Safeguarding

To be able to support our children we first need to look after ourselves. This week's safeguarding information looks at ways you can support your own mental health and wellbeing.



A visit from the Reverend

On Wednesday 8th November, Reverend Ian Smith, from St John's the Evangelist, will be coming to lead our assemblies in school. We are inviting the children to **bring a tin of food to school to donate to the food bank** that runs from St John's Church. If you would like to make a donation, **please send a tin of food to the school on Wednesday 8th.**



Parent Voice

Statement: I am aware of what my child will learn throughout the year and I know where to source this information.



Your Response: 227 of you responded.

24% Strongly agree

50% Agreed

21% Disagreed

5% Strongly disagreed

Our Response: Your child's learning for the year can be found on the school website. Follow the link below to find it at the bottom of the page. At any point, you can request to speak to your child's class teacher about what they are learning each week.

We will also add this to the Central News each half term to ensure you feel informed.

https://www.central.doncaster.sch.uk/serve_file/19691795

Spooktacular times

We had some Spooktacular fun in the forest during the session before half term. We carved our own pumpkins using different types of tools such as a small carving knife, hammer and palm drill. At first we thought it was yucky, cleaning out the pumpkin, but then we thought it was great, just like slime with seeds.



Penpals for Nursery and Reception

Children in Nursery and Reception have just received their first packages from other countries. What a great idea for Mrs Jenkins to organise to ensure children are building their cultural capital.



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Cost of Living Support

Click on the picture below for support and information about the cost of living and how you can be supported in Doncaster.



Doncaster SEN Board

Please see the message below from Doncaster SEN Board -

We would like to invite your child to be a member of the SEND Shadow Board together with other children and young people, to help us develop the way in which some aspects of special educational needs services are provided to children, young people and families within Doncaster.

We have a set of priorities and areas that children and young people have told us is important to them and we are keen to work with a wider group to get more detailed feedback on this.

We meet every six weeks in the town centre usually from 4pm – 5.30pm. The next meeting is on Tuesday 21st November 4pm – 5.30pm at the Civic Office, Waterdale DN1 3BU. In order to attend your child would need to be able to travel to and from the centre, either independently or with your assistance. Whilst the children are taking part in the session, there is another room for parents to wait and speak to each other if you'd like to. As we are approaching the darker evenings, we also offer the ability to be able to join online via Microsoft teams.

If you would like your child to attend and take part in this exciting opportunity please contact: transformation.send@doncaster.gov.uk where we can provide any further information should you need it.

The importance of breakfast...

Breakfast is a great way to give the body the refuelling it needs. **Children who eat breakfast tend to eat healthier overall and are more likely to be physically active** — two great ways to help maintain a healthy weight. Skipping breakfast can make children feel tired, restless, or irritable.

What is a good breakfast?

Cereal, toast, fruit, yoghurts all constitute a healthy and balanced breakfast.

A glass of water, milk, cordial juice or fresh juice would be an ideal start to the day.

Too much sugar in a morning is not recommended for your child.

Please consider what breakfast your child eats before school in a morning - it really does make a difference!

breakfast for a good start healthy tips

Did you know?
Children who eat breakfast score higher on tests.

- Breakfast is the most important meal of the day.
- Breakfast eaters get more calcium, fiber, iron and B vitamins – and they eat less fat and cholesterol during the day – than those who skip breakfast.
- Nutrients missed at breakfast are rarely made up for during the day.
- People who eat cereal for breakfast often have healthier body weights. That's true for women and kids too.
- Cereal is one of the healthiest breakfast choices you can make. Cold cereal has fewer calories than almost any other common breakfast option.
- Studies show that school age children who eat breakfast:
 - Do better in school
 - Have fewer discipline problems
 - Stay alert in class
- Eating breakfast as a family is a great way to connect.

Healthy breakfast Options

Cereals (made with whole grains)	Fruits (fresh, frozen, canned)
Low Fat Proteins (milk, shredded cheese, soybeans)	Calcium Rich Low Fat Dairy (milk, yogurt, cheese)
Whole Grains (bread, cereal, tortilla)	Vegetables (fresh, frozen, canned)

For Breakfast Parfaits
2 bananas or other sliced fresh fruit
1 cup of Yoplait® yogurt (any flavor)
1 cup Cheerios™ cereal

Need help finding white goods or other services in Doncaster?

Your Place can help. They can provide support and information that is unique to families when everyday issues become difficult. You can drop in and see them or contact them on 01302 736409 or send a message by clicking on the photo opposite. They are here to listen and help resolve your issues or concerns.



They can help you with the following needs ~ Applying and managing benefits / family support / finding local groups and activities / support for white goods / finding local childcare and information on how to access it.

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Events to help with Special Educational Needs *(these events aren't managed through school)*

November 2023

Date	Time	Session	Participants
Thurs 2nd	10.00 - 12.00	Wellbeing Session	ASD Adults
Fri 3rd	10.00-12.00	Early Years and Autism (book a place)	Parents
Mon 6th	11.00 - 12.30	ASD Social Group (drop in)	Autistic Adults 18+
	10.00- 2.00	Benefits Advice (book appointment)	Adults and Parents
Tues 7th	10.00 - 12.00	Parents Coffee n Chat at the Carers Centre (drop in)	Parent Carers
Thurs 9th	10.00 - 12.00	What is Autism part 2 (book a place)	ASD Adults 18+
Mon 13th	11.00 - 12.30	ADHD Social Group (drop in)	Adults 18+
	4.00 - 6.00pm	Dungeons&Dragons Club (book a place)	Young People 14+
Tues 14th	20.00 - 21.00	Teams Parents Coffee & Chat (need a link)	Parent carers
Thurs 16th	10.00 - 12.00	Preparing your child for Christmas (book a place)	Parent Carers
Mon 20th	11.00 - 12.30	Arts & Crafts Club (drop in)	Autistic Adults and Carers
	10.00 - 14.00	Benefits Advice (book appointment)	
Tues 21st	10.00 - 12.00	Parents Coffee n Chat at the Carers Centre (drop in)	Parent carers
Thurs 23rd	10.00 - 1.00	Managing Behaviours that Challenge	Parent Carers (delivered by Reece Coke)
Mon 27th	16.00 - 18.00	Dungeons&Dragons Club (book a place)	Adults and Young People (14+) on Autistic Spectrum
Tues 28th	20.00 21.00	Teams Parents Coffee & Chat (need a link)	Parent Carers
30th	11.00 - 13.00	Parents Christmas Brunch (book a place)	Parent Carers



- Plus, our weekly sessions:
- Counselling appointments (every Tues & Thurs) pre bookable
 - Open House coffee mornings (every Weds 10:00-13:00) drop in
 - Massage Therapy sessions (every Weds 09:15-12:45) per bookable

To book call 01302 637566
email: Dpvevents@doncastercarers.org.uk

Packed Lunches

Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 have expressed that they would like to eat their lunch outside in the picnic area. If the weather is dry, children in Years 4, 5 or 6 will be given the choice of where they would like to eat - in the school hall or outside in the picnic area.



Poppy Appeal

Poppy Appeal items will be on sale from Monday. Your child will be able to purchase merchandise from their class teachers. Suggested donations are visible on the picture.