


# CENTRAL NEWS



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**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

## Head Teacher News

### Year 5 Residential to Whitemoor Lakes.

This week we see Year 5 children return from their residential experience at Whitemoor Lakes. A residential trip away from parents and carers for 3 days is a great opportunity to spend time with friends. The children have loved canoeing, problem solving, climbing, abseiling, zip wire, crate stacking and all the experiences an exciting sleepover with friends brings!

A great big thanks to Mrs Atkin, Mrs Drake, Miss Garrity, Miss Gray, Mr Pearson, Mrs Wiltshire, and Miss Rawson for taking the children for their outdoor adventure experience. Without the commitment of the staff, we would not be able to do these experiences for our children. As we move through the rest of the summer term we will be excited to share with you the Year 6 adventure to our capital city London towards the end of the academic year. Miss Smith in the school office coordinates our residential trips, liaising with the team off site and companies to ensure that we are all super organised! We look forward to offering more residential experiences for our children in Key Stage 2 in the future.

I am sure the children (and staff!) will need some much-needed rest this weekend and be excited to share all about their experiences!



### Wild about Sleep!



We have just launched our new Wild about Sleep initiative in school, an exciting opportunity for families with children who have experienced sleep issues to join with The Sleep Charity and Doncaster Forest School to explore new ways to support their children with good sleep routines and find out the benefits outdoor activity can have on sleep.

Forest school and being outdoors in nature has proven benefits to sleep and wellbeing and this experience-building process will offer children and families the opportunity to achieve and develop confidence through hands-on learning in a woodland or outdoor environment. The experiences will include den building, shelter erecting, fire

lighting, cooking, using tools such as bow saws, peelers and knives, investigating natural woodland, making mud pies and so much more!

**The Sleep Charity advocates** 'Quality sleep is essential for children's growth and development. A decent night's sleep will help them to do better at school, allow them to react more quickly to situations, have a more developed memory, learn more effectively and solve problems, plus it will make them less susceptible to colds and other minor ailments, less irritable and better behaved!'

We will be launching a Sleep Week initiative in a few weeks encouraging children to record how they feel and how much sleep they get in a week as part of our well-being work. If you would like more information about sleep routines please contact Mrs Wiltshire our Child and Family Practitioner or visit <https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/information-support/children/>

### SATs for Year 6 children

Across the country all Year 6 children will take part in national testing next week, taking tests in grammar, spelling, reading, arithmetic, and maths reasoning. The children have been busy revising and working hard before the tests take place and we wish them all luck for next week.



### Individual Liberty

We all have rights and freedoms. We can choose how we speak, think and act. It is important to remember to take responsibility for our choices and the consequences they may have.

### Ready, Respectful, Safe

This week we have been thinking about words we use and **what does our language model what we want children to use?** We have been encouraging children to use words that are kind, respectful and considerate of others.

## Safeguarding

This week we are promoting how children stay safe and are good role models when they are playing with friends in the community. As children get older, they develop independence and want to spend more time exploring their local area. We are raising awareness with our older children to consider what they are doing when they are away from their parents. Is their behaviour respectful to others? Do they respect the parks and places where they play? Would others think they are good role models? We want children to have fun and play with others, at the same time showing ready, respectful, safe behaviours and talking to adults about what they are doing.



## Our Assemblies

### Assembly

This week we explored the deal with Elon Musk and Twitter to buy the social media platform for £34.6 billion.

### Who is Elon Musk?

Elon Musk is the world's richest man, according to Forbes magazine, with a net worth of £168bn (\$219bn)! This is mainly because of his shares in electric vehicle maker, Tesla. He also leads the aerospace firm, SpaceX.

He is considered by many as a visionary, someone who thinks of big ideas and makes them happen. As well as hoping to change Twitter, he also hopes to colonise Mars one day so people can live there!

We found out more about Elon Musk and his work and why he wanted to be in buy Twitter because it was important for the future civilization.

We can choose our own thoughts, opinions and beliefs but this should not stop anyone enjoying theirs.

## General News

### Reporting your child absent

Please call the main reception on 01302 321914 each day by 09:30am to report a child absent in the event of illness only.

### Change of details

If your contact details change, please contact the school to update us with either change of address, telephone, email, or emergency contacts, so that we can keep our records up to date for your child.

### Medical Information

If your child has a health care plan or asthma plan, please remember to update school with any change of details or medication.

### Weekly Attendance Update

Whole school attendance this week – **92.5%**

Highest class attendance this week – **White with 97.6%**

Remember it is important that your child is in on time and in school every day, to enable them to build friendships, learn the curriculum efficiently and learn the values of routine. If you would like any support or have any questions, please see Miss Allison or Mrs Wiltshire.

### Please note the school calendar for week commencing Monday 9th May 2022

Day	Event	Information
Monday	PE DAY – Year 6	Children to attend school in PE Kits
	Y6 SATS	
Tuesday	PE DAY- Year 2	Children to attend school in PE Kits
	Y6 SATS	

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>PE DAY:</b> Year 1  <b>Y6 SATS</b>	Children to attend school in PE Kits
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>PE DAY:</b> Year 3 Year 4  <b>Y6 SATS</b>	Children to attend school in PE Kits <b>Year 4 Children</b> Children are welcome to come to school in their PE kits on a Thursday due to swimming lessons. Thank you.
<b>Friday</b>	<b>PE DAY:</b> Year 5	Children to attend school in PE Kits

**Afterschool Clubs Summer Term:** This term will run up to the 11<sup>th</sup> of July. The cost of after school club is £15 for the term / £1.25 per week, per club If your child is interested, please contact the school office.

<b>Day:</b>	<b>Afterschool Club</b>	<b>Availability</b>	<b>Time:</b>
<b>Monday</b>	Summer Sports with KIXX Y4, Y5 & Y6	<b>Places still available</b>	Collection from the main office at 16.30pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Summer Sports with Mr Pearson Y1, Y2 & Y3	<b>Places still available</b>	Collection from the main office at 16.30pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Summer Sports with Mr Pearson Y4, Y5 & Y6	<b>Places still available</b>	Collection from the main office at 16.30pm
	Clancy Briggs Bike Skills Y4, Y5 & Y6 <b>(Children must bring their own bike/Helmet and be able to ride a bike)</b>	<b>Places still available</b>	Collection from the main office at 16.30pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Dance/ Cheerleading with Miss Gray Y1, Y2 & Y3	<b>FULL</b>	Collection from the main office at 16.30pm
	Summer Sports with KIXX Y1, Y2 & Y3	<b>Places still available</b>	Collection from the main office at 16.30pm
Choir will re-open after Young Voices 2022 (more information will be sent out to parents at the end of April)			

Dates for the Diary		
Date	Event	Information
9 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS	
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1,2 and 3 Sports Day	Information has been added in this week's General news section and further information will be sent to parents nearer the time
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4,5 and 6 Sports Day	Information has been added in this week's General news section and further information will be sent to parents nearer the time

### School Lunch Menu - £12.25 per week / 2.45 per day

A reminder that school lunches should be paid in advance. A packed lunch will need to be provided if the account is in debt. All school lunches are pre-ordered in advance- any queries or if you wish for your child/children to have school dinners please speak with the school office.

Commencing 9/05/2022						
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Monday		Margherita Pizza, potato noisettes, carrot & cucumber sticks		Macaroni Cheese, crusty bread, , carrot & cucumber sticks		Sandwich & Side Salad (Please select 1 filling)
Tuesday		Pork & Stuffing Pie, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables & gravy		Patch Potato Pie, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables & gravy		Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans & Salad
Wednesday		Crispy Chicken, wedges, broccoli & sweetcorn		Mediterranean Tart, wedges, broccoli & sweetcorn		Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise & Salad
Thursday		Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes. Yorkshire pudding, vegetables & gravy		Meat free sausage, mashed potatoes. Yorkshire pudding, vegetables & gravy		Sandwich & Side Salad (Please select 1 filling)
Friday		Fish Star, chips, peas & carrots		Mixed Bean Bake, chips, peas & carrots		Sandwich & Side Salad (Please select 1 filling)

#### Useful links:

School website for latest updates and news: <https://www.central.doncaster.sch.uk/>

Link to term dates on School website: <https://www.central.doncaster.sch.uk/page/term-dates>

Link to our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Balby-Central-Primary-Academy-438704976649819/>

Link to our Twitter page: <https://twitter.com/balbycentral>



## Would you like to be our next 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](mailto: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.