



**'Shaping lives, building futures to be the best you can be.'**

### News

Wow! What an amazing surprise we had on Tuesday to arrive to Santa and his Reindeers visiting school. The faces of the children and adults made Santa's very long journey all the more worthwhile. All children spent time with the Reindeer in school and they were all visited by Santa, who delivered them a small gift early. Everyone was on the Nice List - well done to all!



### Attendance



**Whole School Attendance** - 91.4%  
**Highest Class** - Yellow class with 97.5%  
**Children with 100%** - 337

Let's have a big push to increase this figure for next week.

### 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.

### Reading at BCPA

This week, children have read 344 times at home and returned their slips to school.

Please remember the importance of reading with your child at home.

**The winning class this week is:**  
Red class with 131 reads. Ruby class following them with 124 reads and Purple class are third again with 62 reads.



### Safe

Follow the rules for health and safety for yourself and others. Be in the right place at the right time.

## Fred Frog Mischief

Our RWI Fred Frog has been mischevious with the elves this week - share with your child what he has been upto...



## Can you help?

### We would love your help!

Over the past 6 weeks, Miss Allison has been trying to learn Romanian using Duolingo. Unfortunately, she feels like she isn't learning fast enough and would like to ask for help. If you speak Romanian and would be able to volunteer 1 hour of your time to help her it would be much appreciated. Miss Allison is hoping the willing volunteer will be able to spend one hour per week with her from January. If you could help and would like to volunteer, then please send an email to [admin@balbycentralprimary.co.uk](mailto:admin@balbycentralprimary.co.uk) or speak to Miss Allison on the gate.



## Safeguarding

Children may want to spend some extra time on their computers over the Christmas break from school. It is important that we all work together to keep our children safe. The following picture provides some information about keeping children safe online from the NSPCC webpage.



## Family Hub

Check out the Festive Season Timetables.

Lots of activities and help on offer.

Click on the picture for the information.



## Next Week

**All children can attend school, on their party days, in their party clothes**

**Monday** - Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Parties

**Tuesday** - Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Parties

**Wednesday** - Early Years Christmas Parties

**Thursday** - Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Parties  
- Year 4 final swimming session

**Friday** - School closes for the Christmas holidays at 3.15pm.  
- Year 1 Polar Express Day

Please note school re-opens for all children on Monday 8th January.



## Year 1 Parents

On Friday 22nd December, **Year 1 only** will be having a Polar Express day.

Children are invited to come to school in their pyjamas and dressing gowns. We have been reading the Polar Express in class and will be watching the film with hot chocolate and cookies!



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### Balby Central Voices

This week our children have performed for the residents of Gresley Road and Ivy Court. They sang beautifully and enjoyed hot chocolate with the residents. We hope they brought a smile to everyone's faces; they certainly made us feel very proud.

When we visited Ivy Court this afternoon, the children sang to the residents upstairs and downstairs, and in the corridor for those residents who could not attend the communal areas. The children sang beautifully and the residents joined in with cheer. Thank you to Ivy Court for welcoming us.



### Assemblies

Our British Values Assembly focus this week was - British litter-pickers have become world champions in the SpoGomi World Cup after sifting through nearly 60 kilograms of rubbish in Tokyo, Japan, for the first-ever contest of its kind.

**Question:** What is rubbish?

**What we have done in school to support this...**

We have set up a Litter-Picking Squad who can help with keeping the school and playground free of litter. Their first job will be to look at what are the main items they find – school litter or litter that has blown in from the street. The children will walk around the perimeter of school with Mr Hood and Mrs Cooke, to discuss their ideas about reducing litter. Year 5 and 6 will apply first to then help Year 3 and 4 too.

### Safety Squad

The new year 5 and 6 Safety Squad met last week to discuss ideas on how to keep children in school safe. The squad are going to be working across school and in the playground helping and teaching children about elements of safety and safeguarding. This term we are looking at 'banter', what it is and how it can impact children. The squad are looking out for it around school, in the playground and online and will be feeding back to the whole school in assembly next week.

**Question** - does your child know what banter is?

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### Struggling to know what to buy your child for Christmas?

What children want and what they need for Christmas are not always the same thing! Here are some thoughts about what you could give your children, which they will enjoy and hugely benefit from. Click on the picture for Christmas shopping ideas for parents!

