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Dear parents / carers

Christmas is always a very special time in school, to celebrate with different events, to wish our families a festive time over the holiday and to reflect on the first term of the academic year. The Christmas productions and carol services have been an opportunity to share acting talents, singing, dancing and story-telling, well don't to everyone, they have been very enjoyable to watch!



A chance to reflect on achievements of our children is really important; as individuals, as classes and as part of our school community. It is easy to see why we are proud of our children! Although the warm weather and start of term in September seems such a long time ago, it has been a pleasure to see children grow in confidence and in their learning, putting in their best efforts and using the Learning Powers to help them. Our monthly sprints have given a key priority in school a real focus which has included resilience, reading, handwriting, use of positive language, behaviour and school uniform. We look forward to sharing more sprints in the coming months ahead. In January we will start with **Behaviours for Learning** and **using full sentences in our responses**.

As we close for the Christmas Holiday we wish all our families a lovely festive break.

We look forward to seeing all of our children back in school on **Tuesday 3rd January 2023**.

Mrs Cooke



Our attendance this week is:

Whole School Week – 84.5%

Highest House – Tornado Red 87.6%

Whole School Term—92.1%

Make sure that your child is **Here Everyday, Ready and On** time to make sure they don't miss out!



Reading this week

4175 reads this term across school.

Each child should be reading three times per week. Please encourage your child to read with you.



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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Santa Visit

Santa visited school this week. What lovely smiling faces your children greeted him with.



Nativity and Carol Service

The children worked really hard preparing for their Nativity concerts and their singing concerts. We thank all of those who attended to support your children. We are sure you will agree, at this time of year, the children did really well in all performances and are deserving of congratulations.

Well done all!



Sharing some of our key memories of our wider curriculum experiences ...

Rainbow Connections – Children performed at The Dome to families and we have children across school chosen to be in Rose Learning Trust choir—look out for them in the new year

Times Tables Rockstars – A day when we celebrated all things times tables!

Musical Instruments – Children in Y2 have been learning to play the drums and percussion instruments

Parent Workshops – We launched our new workshops including Little Voices and sessions about health

Rugby – Balby Central were given tickets to watch Championship Rugby at Doncaster Knights

World Mental Health Day – We all took part in #Take10ToRead, time to read books and enjoy literature

Read Write Inc – Parent sessions were held for parents to help with reading at home

Doncaster Stories – We took part in a virtual author visit from Doncaster Palaeontologist Dean Lomax

Parents Evening – We invited parents into school with different agencies visiting to talk to families

Mental Health – Raising money for charities with other schools in our trust

Great Green Read – We took part in the reading challenge

Sporting events with Leger Education Trust – Lots of team games including xxx

School Ambassadors – We went to sign the book of condolence for the Queen and to see the King when Doncaster became the City of Doncaster

Balby Central Advert – We made a Christmas to share our achievements and activities this term.

And not forgetting ... we took part in Children in Need, Anti Bullying Week, World Kindness Day, Christmas Jumper Day and we watched the live Armistice Day assembly for Remembrance Service.

Have a look at our Twitter Page to see all of these in detail @BalbyCentral

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Please share with your children ...



Over the Christmas holidays, we really hope that our children are safe.

Following the recent incidents with children and frozen lakes, please ensure you share this with your child so that they know the dangers of frozen water.

Food Bank

Trussell Trust Foodbank - St James' Church, Balby. DN1 3AQ

[07568 247288](tel:07568247288)

WED & FRI 10am - 12pm

Support at home this Christmas

Please see the information over the next 2 pages on agencies that are out there to support you in the local area over the Christmas period and beyond.

THE DANGERS OF FROZEN WATER

Every year children are at risk when they are tempted to play on the ice formed on open waters and adults find themselves at risk as they attempt to save them. Over 50% of ice related drowning involved an attempted rescue of another person or a dog.

Areas with frozen waters can be beautiful to look at but they are also extremely dangerous. Here are some useful tips to help you enjoy these areas safely.

TOP TIPS TO STAY SAFE

NEVER GO ON THE ICE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES
This includes attempting to rescue another person or animal who may have fallen through the ice.

ONLY USE WELL LIT AREAS
Try to take walks in the daylight but if you must walk in the evening, only use well lit areas and avoid anywhere with water.

KEEP AWAY FROM THE EDGE OF THE WATER
Never go close to the edge or lean over to touch the ice. You may over balance or trip and fall in.

ALWAYS WALK WITH AN ADULT OR A GROUP OF FRIENDS
Look out for each other and if someone does fall through the ice there will be others around to raise the alarm and get help

WHAT TO DO IF YOU FALL THROUGH THE ICE

Keep calm and shout 'help'

Spread your arms across the surface of the ice in front of you

Try to kick your legs and pull yourself out of the water and on to the ice

Lie flat, spreading your weight across the surface and pull yourself to the bank, you may find it easier to roll.

If you cannot climb out, wait for help and keep as still as possible. Keep your head above the water, press your arms by your side and keep your legs together

Once you are safe, it is important that you go to hospital immediately for a check up

WHAT TO DO IF YOU SEE SOMEONE FALL THROUGH THE ICE

Shout for 'HELP' and dial **999** or **112** if you can

DO NOT walk on to the ice to attempt a rescue

Shout to the person to 'KEEP STILL' and offer reassurance.

If they are close enough, **LIE DOWN TO AVOID OVERBALANCING** and falling onto the ice, and try to reach them with a tree branch clothing tied together or anything else which can extend your reach.

If you cannot reach them, **SLIDE SOMETHING** which floats across the ice, such as a plastic bottle or a football, so that they can hold on to it to stay afloat whilst help is on the way.

If they are too far away, **WAIT FOR THE EMERGENCY SERVICES** and reassure the casualty from the safety of the bank.

Given freely **FREELY GIVEN** MultiBank
Giving Free access to food, toiletries, bedding, clothes, small household items

Open 10-12

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday

We Always Need Donations

Food: All Non-Perishable.

Bedding: All - Including Tents, Sleeping Bags

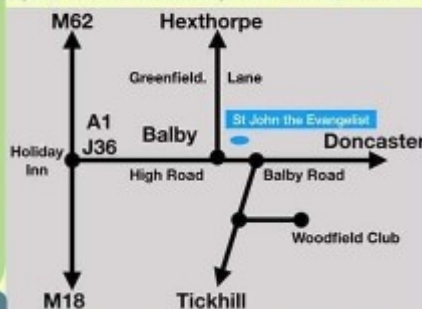
Toiletries: All Especially Toothpaste & Soap

Small Household Items - Pots, Pans, Cutlery, Tin Openers, Mugs, T.V., Freeview & Sky Boxes

Clothes: Men, Women & For Children Aged 7-16

Please **NO** books, DVD's,

Become a partner and give regularly
<https://www.onekathtwojohns.church/Partners>



TEXT GFFG001 to 70970 to give £5

St John's Church, 312 Balby Road. - Stronger Families / DMBC Support on Thursday's. Has a free to access cafe on the days it's open for this. People can access the food and everything else offered without the need to prove they need support.

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Alder Grove Methodist Church - 5, Alder Grove DN4 8RF



Alder Grove Methodist Church

1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month

10am-12 noon.

Open to anyone in the community to call in for a cuppa, a bite to eat, a chat

You are Welcome In...

The Junction



Community Advice and Drop-In Centre

Open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

28 Hexthorpe Road DN4 0BG
tel 01302 349341
FB: The Junction - TKCC
www.thejunctionhexthorpe.com



WHAT TIME IS KICKOFF IN YOUR HOUSE?



SILENCE IS NOT GOLDEN

There's never an excuse for abuse. If you or someone you know needs support, we're here with our helplines open and refugees running.

Contact us. We will listen and we can help you.

The Hub is open from 10am - 4.30pm, Monday - Friday

Call: **01302 737 080**

If you're not able to speak at the phone, please contact us via email: dahub@doncastar.org.uk

DONCASTER DOMESTIC ABUSE HUB



MERRY CHRISTMAS Christmas Party

22/12/2022
1:00 - 4:00pm

Parklands Sports & Social Club
Wheatley Hall Road,
Doncaster
DN2 4LT

Games
Mrs Claus
Food

2 Adults per family only
Children aged 0 - 11

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To book please call:
Central Family Hub: 01302 737995
Wheatley Family Hub: 01302 737790
Balby Family Hub: 01302 736880



CENTRAL AREA FAMILY HUBS

Christmas Holiday Timetable

19th to 23rd December 2022



CHRISTMAS CLOSURE: We will be closed from Monday 26th December 2022 and will re-open on Tuesday 3rd January 2023.

FAMILY HUB OPENING TIMES

Central	Balby	Wheatley
Monday 9:00-5:00pm	Monday 8:30am-4:30pm	Monday 9:00-5:00pm
Tuesday 9:00-5:00pm	Tuesday 8:30am-4:30pm	Tuesday 9:00-5:00pm
Wednesday 9:00-12:00pm	Wednesday 8:30am-12:00pm	Wednesday 9:00-12:00pm
Thursday 9:00-5:00pm	Thursday 8:30am-4:30pm	Thursday 9:00-6:00pm
Friday 9:00-4:00pm	Friday 8:30am-4:00pm	Friday 9:00-4:00pm



Wheatley Family Hub
Old School Way
Beckett Road
Wheatley, Doncaster
DN2 4AJ
Tel: 01302 737790

Central Family Hub
Welcome Way
Doncaster
DN1 3LE
Tel: 01302 737995

Balby Family Hub
1 Sandycroft Crescent
Balby, Doncaster
DN4 0TY
Tel: 01302 736880

Stronger Families

01302 736930 /
01302 736932

Severe Weather Emergency Protocol

Our cold weather provision is in place for people who are homeless or sleeping rough in Doncaster

If you see someone you are concerned about, there are many ways to get in touch:

- Contact our Home Options Team - 01302 736000 (outside office hours - 01302 323444)
- Use the Streetlink app - www.streetlink.org.uk
- Contact the Doncaster Homelessness Outreach Service - 01302 558014 or nsno.doncaster@riverside.org.uk
- If you see someone who is sleeping rough who is in distress or unwell, please call 999



Welcoming Spaces

Welcome to your local safe, supportive, warm space. Come on in.

Find your nearest Welcoming Space
warmwelcome.uk



<https://www.warmwelcome.uk/>

Open the link to show places across Doncaster offering warm spaces.