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News

Rainbow Connections Year 5 Concert.

It was a fantastic evening at Doncaster Dome for the parents and children last night. 'Balby Voices' enjoyed the opportunity to perform on the stage and spend time with such established choirs. Our Year 5 children were very well behaved during the performance and a credit to our school. Well done to all those involved!



For those who joined us, we hope you enjoyed the performance too.

Our attendance this week is:

Whole School – 90.6%

Highest House – Scotsman Green 92.2%

We have lots of exciting performances, parties and events happening over the next two weeks! Make sure that your child is **Here Everyday**, **Ready** and **On time** to make sure they don't miss out!



Reading this week

535 reads this week across school.

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

Look out for our research focus on reading and fluency this 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.

Safe

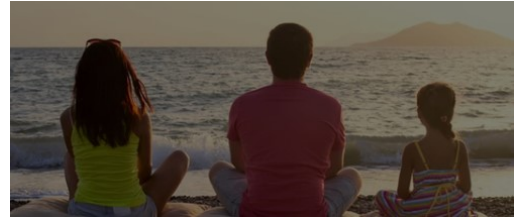
Follow the rules for health and safety for yourself and others. Be in the right place at the right time.

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Safeguarding

Mindfulness and looking after our mental health is very important. This guide will give you some ideas about how you can engage in mindfulness activities with your child.

<https://www.parents.com/health/healthy-happy-kids/why-and-how-to-teach-kids-mindfulness/>



Parking News Christmas 22/23

This festive season Doncaster Council will once again be supporting City Centre businesses by offering free city centre parking **from 2pm everyday** starting on

Friday 2nd December 2022 - Friday 6th January 2023 at these car parks only:

Markets Car Park [DN1 1LP](#)

St Georges Car Park [DN1 1RD](#)

Colonnades Car Park [DN1 1ER](#)

Doncaster Council are also offering **every Saturday in December free all day parking at Chappell Drive Car Park only.**

Just a reminder that Council run car parks and on street pay and display areas continue to be free on Sundays.

Dropping off at Breakfast Club Please check your child when crossing roads on the way to breakfast club and on the way to and from school.

Ray our Lollipop Man is there to help both adults and children to cross safely. When the weather is particularly bad we have noticed a real increase in traffic and parking on Littlemoor Lane. We want to keep all our school community safe at these peak times especially. Please be respectful and considerate towards others when driving or parking.

Christmas is quickly approaching. Please see the following dates to remember in December.

7th December - EYFS performance 9am and 2.30pm

8th December - All school - Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children Charity - Donation buckets on the gate)

8th December - All school - Christmas Lunch

9th December - Year 2 performance 10am and 2.00pm

12th December - Year 3 and Year 4 - Christmas party

13th December - Year 1 performance 10am and 2.00pm

13th December - Year 3 and Year 4 Carols outside 2.30pm

13th December - Reception - Christmas party

14th December—Year 5 and Year 6 Carols outside 2.30pm

14th December - Nursery - Christmas party

15th December - Year 1 and Year 2 - Christmas party

15th December - Year 3 and Year 4 - Sleeping Beauty CAST (Payment on ParentPay)

16th December - Year 5 and Year 6 - Christmas party



**Merry Christmas from
as from all staff at
Balby
Central**



Spotlight on Research Reading Why do we focus on fluency?

When children are given the time and opportunity to develop **fluency**, they will be able to apply their knowledge and skills in lots of different ways. If a child is not a **fluent reader**, this can become a barrier to learning and academic success. Come and see Doncaster Stories on 10.12.22 in the Frenchgate as we will be helping them to give out free books to children.