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Important Information

School report reminder

We will be sending out school reports this year at the end of this half term instead of during the summer. Your child will have targets to work on for the rest of the academic year and there will be further opportunity for you to meet with your child's teacher to review targets.



Fence Panels

We will be removing the wooden fence panels from the front of school and replacing them with netting on the fence. If any parents would like any of the fence panels taken down please contact the school office or speak to Mr Rushton on Stevens Road gate at the end of the school day.

Please keep off the grass

Can we please ask that you stay off the grass as much as possible. We are trying to maintain the grass over the winter period and we talk to the children about playing on the hard surfaces rather than the grass at this time of year.



Balby Clean Up - We need your help!

We are looking for a group of volunteers to give up a small part of their time to make a difference for our community. As a school we want to lead on cleaning up the local area around our school. If you are interested in our project then please speak to a member of staff on the school gate or contact the school office. With your help we can really make a difference and support your children in our project.



Our attendance this week is:

Whole School – 93.4%
Highest House – Rocket Yellow with 94.1%

Just a reminder to all parents that medical appointments should be avoided in school time. Doctors, dentists, opticians and glasses fitting appointments can be made before or after school, on the weekend or during the school holidays. We understand that hospital, therapy and speech and language appointments cannot always be changed. If your child does have an appointment during school time, evidence of this must be shown at the Main School Office.



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Safeguarding

Our Safeguarding Curriculum

This week we would like to share with you information about what your children are learning in the classroom.

At Balby Central we use Gooseberry Planet to teach our children about all different aspects of safeguarding. In the Safeguarding section of the school website you can find the curriculum for each age to know what your children are learning about through their safeguarding curriculum. Follow the links **by clicking on safe-guarding** and then scroll to the **bottom of the page** to find the **age group curriculum information** you require.

If you have any questions then please talk to your child's teacher who will be able to tell you more. Talk to your child about what they know ...

The screenshot shows the Balby Central Primary Academy website. The header includes 'Balby Central Primary Academy' and the tagline 'Shaping lives and building futures to be the best we can be'. The navigation menu has 'ABOUT US', 'STATUTORY INFORMATION', and 'CURRICULUM'. The 'Safeguarding' page is displayed, with a sidebar menu listing 'ADMISSIONS', 'LOCAL GOVERNING BODY', 'MEET OUR GOVERNORS', 'OFSTED', 'PERFORMANCE', 'PUPIL PREMIUM / EDUCATION RECOVERY PLAN', 'PE AND SPORT PREMIUM', 'SAFEGUARDING', 'SEND INFORMATION', 'SEND RESOURCES', 'GDPR', 'POLICIES', and 'FINANCES'. The main content area shows a list of curriculum coverage links: '5 - 7 year old Curriculum Coverage', '10 - 11 year old Curriculum Coverage', '8 - 9 year old Curriculum Overview', '10 - 11 year old Curriculum Overview', '9 - 10 year old Curriculum Overview', '8 - 9 year old Curriculum Coverage', '5 - 7 year old Curriculum Overview', and '9 - 10 year old Curriculum Coverage'.

Keeping Safe Online

Follow the link below for more information on how to keep your children safe online.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Internet-Matters-Guide-Official-UK-Social-Media-Guidance.pdf>

Cost of Living Crisis

On our school website, under 'Parents' you will find lots of information that may help you with the cost of living crisis. Have a look if there is something you think you may require.

<https://www.central.doncaster.sch.uk/page/cost-of-living-crisis/133926>

Parent Voice Responses

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| I would be interested in being part of a group of parents who plays a role in the wider life of school (discos, parent coffee mornings etc) | Strongly Agree – 57% Agree – 40% Disagree – 2% Strongly Disagree – 0.7% |
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More information to follow

My Storytelling Scrapbook

Sit with your child and explore your culture and experiences together with our activity booklets titled My Storytelling Scrapbook. Encourage your child to draw pictures, stick in photos and write about the special people in their life.

<https://wordsforlife.org.uk/activities/my-storytelling-scrapbook/>



RSPB - Birdwatch Event

Big Garden Birdwatch long weekend is here! There's still time to sign-up and take part. Just spend one hour between Friday 27th and Sunday 29th January counting the birds with your children and help the RSPB monitor how the birds are faring. It is free, fun and a great way to keep an eye on your local wildlife. Wherever you are, whatever you see, it counts!

Follow the link below for your **FREE** pack.

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/birdwatch-take-part/>

Prime Hydration

We understand that children want to bring Prime Hydration drinks to school but we are asking that they do not. It is a drink which is influenced by You Tubers and is causing many issues in school.

If it is brought into school, we will happily replace the contents with water so that your child remains hydrated.



This week at BCPA

This week in school we have celebrated Chinese New year, children have prepared and eaten their own delicious dishes and Rainbow Connections have worked with the children looking at musical pitch, tone and volume.

Alongside the wonderful work they do in class, we offer many more opportunities for children to develop and learn.

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.