

# Central News

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 Balby Central Primary Academy

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## Balby Central News

What a great week back at school.

Children have returned with smiles on their faces, many stories to tell of the holidays and ready to return to learning.

This week has seen a visit from Boggledybooks - thank you to those of you who purchased books to help our school. Mrs Hildebrand started her return to work after maternity leave and will be working in Year 6 for one day per week. Year 3 have visited Cannon Hall Farm today and have had a wonderful trip to enhance their learning.- watch out for the photos next week!



This week in EYFS we have enjoyed making models and painting them. We used team-work to make a house.



In RE we learned the story of The Boy Who Cried Wolf. When we went to choosing time, we made our own masks to act out the story.



### Colour Run Fundraising Event

On Thursday 2nd May and Friday 3rd May, we will be hosting our very own Colour Run on the school field for KS1 & KS2. As well as it being a fun event, we hope to raise funds towards the Children's Air Ambulance charity.

The Colour Run will see children walking or running around the school field and at various stations, they will be showered with safe, non-toxic coloured powder paint, turning their clothes into vibrant masterpieces!

We are kindly requesting a minimum donation of £3.50 from each child – once paid, your child will be able to participate in the event and will receive a pair of neon sunglasses! Your child will receive a sponsorship form so please use this if your child wants to gain sponsors for this event. Prizes will be awarded in each phase for children who raise the most money.

We request children wear a white/light coloured t-shirt. Whilst the paint company states it washes out, we recommend wearing clothes and shoes that you don't mind getting colourful! Thank you in advance for your support and enthusiasm for this wonderful event. Let's make the Colour Run an unforgettable experience for our children!



# Attendance



Whole School Attendance - 92.9%

Children with 100% - 405 - this is the highest amount yet !  
Well Done Everyone!



## Class Attendances This Week

Rainbow	95.1%
Emerald	80%
Sapphire	86.6%
Purple	93.9%
White	94.2%
Crimson	94.1%
Scarlet	93.7%
Ruby	95.4%
Violet	99.5%
Blue	91.8%
Indigo	91.2%
Green	89.5%
Yellow	93.1%
Red	96.2%
Orange	98.3%

This term we are having a big push on improving lateness! We have shared before the impact it has on your child when they arrive late to school. This week, 43 children have been late at least once - lets aim to have less than 40 children late next week!



## Things you need to know for WC 22/04/2024

Please see important upcoming events below - should you require further information, please see your child's class teacher .

### Whole School

Trust Choir - Friday @ Scawsby Junior  
Rainbow Connections - Friday

### Early Years

PE Day - Friday

### Year 1

PE Day - Monday

### Year 2

PE Day -  
Tuesday

### Year 3

PE Day - Thursday

### Year 4

PE Day - Wednesday  
Road safety workshops - Thursday

### Year 5

PE Day - Thursday  
Ukelele - Wednesday  
Maths Tutoring

### Year 6

PE Day -  
Friday

Wed - Fri Keswick Residential



## Parent Voice

**The Statement:** I feel parents evening was informative and helped me understand my child's next steps.

**Number of responses:** 114

**You said:** 56% strongly agreed, 39% agreed (making 95% agreed in total) with 5% disagreeing.

**We respond:** We always look to improve the processes in school and want to make parents evening as informative as possible.

Should you have any suggestions on how to improve parents evening, please send an email to [admin@balbycentralprimary.co.uk](mailto:admin@balbycentralprimary.co.uk) - for the attention of Mrs Hemmingway.



## Safeguarding

As the weather improves and the evenings are lighter your child may be asking to play out with friends. We understand that it can be a difficult decision to decide how far your child can go from the house or for how long. The following guide provides some guidance and helpful advice when making these decisions.



## Assemblies this Week

### Picture News

**Story:** A new artwork, from the mysterious street artist Banksy, appeared in North London overnight in March and has since been covered with plastic and surrounded by wooden boards to protect it.

**Talk to your child:** Ask the children what they think about the artwork opposite the train station.

### Safeguarding Assembly

In our safeguarding assembly, our Year 1 and 2 children have been learning about Stranger Safety. We talked about strangers that may be safe and could help us and what to do if we feel unsafe. **Ask your child** to tell you about the 'Shout, Run, Tell' rule.

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are working on anti-racism themes for the rest of this half term. This week children have been learning about the meaning of the words race and racism. They have started to understand what these words mean and why it is important to think about this.

**Ask your child** why do we need to talk about race and racism and why we need to be respectful listeners.

## PE Days are changing

Due to the need to amend timetables, PE will need to move starting next week. Please see your child's PE



Early Years	Friday
Y1	Monday
Y2	Tuesday
Y3	Thursday
Y4	Wednesday
Y5	Thursday
Y6	Friday

## End of school procedures

To promote independence with the children, we are asking that the children carry their own belongings at the end of the day. Please support with this and ask your child to carry their own coat and bag home.

Can we also remind you that there is no vaping or mobile phone use on the playground.



## Reading at BCPA

It was fantastic to see so many reading slips come back to school over the holidays from some of the children and for some they have been rewarded with the yellow T-Shirt this week. Well done all!

**Challenge:** Can you read 3x this week?

Let's see how many classes are above average of 3 reads per person per week.





Share this with your child to keep them safe on their mobile phone.

**Top tips for keeping safe...**

**SOS STAINFORTH ONLINE SAFETY**

**YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO BE SAFE, TELL AN ADULT IF:**

- \* Someone is mean to you online, including your friends
- \* Someone sends you a message that makes you feel uncomfortable or scared
- \* You see something online that upsets you.

**KEEP YOUR ACCOUNTS SECURE:**

- \* Create passwords that are hard for other people to guess - try using number or symbols like &, \*, !. Don't share your passwords with anyone.
- \* Block and report if someone is being mean or you do not know them.
- \* Keep your accounts private.
- \* Only accept people as friends, who really are your friends or family.
- \* Never turn on your camera if asked to do so by a stranger or on a game.

**THINK BEFORE YOU POST:**

- \* Anything you post online and any messages or photos of yourself you send can be shared with other people. They may also stay online forever. Think before you post - Is this something you're happy for everyone to see, not just now but in the future?

**ONLINE FRIENDS BEING ONLINE:**

- \* Never meet up with anybody you have met online, people are not always who they say they are.

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If you are a young person struggling to cope, we can provide 24/7 text support. For help, text SHOUT to 85258.

## Money Management

Whether you need help with budgeting and managing your money, or guidance on what support is available to you, there is lots of information on [Your Life Doncaster](#).

The Money Helper website also has information on [how to save money on household bills](#) and [reducing your energy bills](#). Visit the Energy Saving Trust for [quick tips to save energy](#).

Citizens Advice Doncaster have information on [grants and benefits available to help with energy bills](#), there's also a handy guide on [checking how much your appliances cost to use](#).

We have been made aware that children are sharing videos, pictures and messages of an inappropriate content on their mobile phones. Please ensure that you have restrictions on your child's phone and be vigilant by checking them regularly.

### Apps that help to monitor children's phones

[mSPy](#) / [EyeZy](#) / [uMobix](#) / [Cocospy](#) / [XNSpy](#)

[Qustodio](#) / [TheOneSpy](#) / [NetNanny](#) / [KidsGuard](#)

[Norton Family](#) / [FamiSafe](#)

## Tuneful Chatter - Creative development for 0-5 year olds

Tuneful Chatter uses proven approaches to improving very young children's communication, language and social skills. Music, dance and drama specialists design programmes of early years provision enabling under-fives to take part with others in a safe environment. Click the photo for more information.

