


# CENTRAL NEWS



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

**Friday 29th April 2022**

## Head Teacher News

I cannot believe we have been back at school two weeks already following the Easter break and what a week we have had! It was fantastic to see our Year 4 children head over to Denaby Main to Kingswood centre for the first residential we have been able to run since 2019. Off the children went with their suitcases to Doncaster Train Station, after experiencing delays with the trains their spirits weren't dampened and they were excited for their journey ahead. **They were straight to activities with archery, a zip wire,**

A huge thank you to Mrs Lakin, Miss Wales, Mrs Power, Miss Gray, Mrs Thirwell, Mr Pearson and Mrs Malik for taking the children on their first residential experience at Balby Central. All adults came back smiling (although a little tired!) and commented about super behaviour and how the children had enjoyed themselves.

Residential experiences are really important for children to provide opportunities which cannot be achieved in a school setting. To see children challenge themselves, learn how to work as a team, learn new skills and develop independence is a vital part of their growth and development. Of course there was also the camp fire, with yummy marshmallows!



## Worry Monsters

We have some new additions to Balby Central! Miss Buttell mentioned to a lady at her dance class, did she know anyone who could make us some worry monsters... a few weeks later and the lady surprised Miss Buttell with these wonderful characters who will benefit our children in their social and emotional sessions. We are very grateful for the 30 worry monsters who will be joining Balby Central.



### Visitors in school

This week we have welcomed a number of visitors in school. Ellie and Liz from Jerry Clay English Hub, observing our children practice their phonic skills and Leger Sports have visited with children having the opportunity to take part in cheerleading and multi sports sessions. Our school governor Kaye Roe has visited to meet with children and see their learning in Nursery and Reception commenting on the calm, happy and positive atmosphere in both settings.

### Year 6 transition



Our Year 6 children have been chosen as representatives this week to be part of a video for secondary school transition, sharing their ideas about the Year 6 to Year 7 transition. We can't wait to see our children on film and what a lovely opportunity for our children to have a starring role in an important part of their educational journey.

## Safeguarding

### Ready, Respectful, Safe

This week our focus is a challenge for our children. Can your child come home with a **purple slip** for over and above behaviour? Our children love to share their achievements and we are seeing some great examples of positive attitudes, helping others, and following the school behaviour policy of Ready, Respectful, Safe behaviour. Please talk to your child about their own behaviour and what they can do to get a purple slip, we have some great examples of super role models in our school community.

We have different service working with us in the coming week including the police and fire services, for children to understand the work they do and also to explore how children can contribute to their community.

## Our Assemblies



UN Rights of a Child



Children who move from their home country to another country as refugees should get help and protection. The Vets for Ukrainian Pets scheme gives support to refugees and their pets.



### Assembly

This week we our British Value focus is **Democracy** as children learned about Vets for Ukraine Pets. The assembly offered children time to reflect how charities are offering free pet healthcare over 38 European countries for Ukrainian Refugees to the receive funds for pet care and any treatment they might need.

### Democracy

We all have a voice and can use it to make a difference to things we care about. Some charities and volunteers have used their voice to help protect and care for pets escaping conflict in Ukraine.

## General News

### Pupil Voice

Today children in KS2 have helped with interviews of Learning Support Assistants. Children asked questions to candidates, observed a presentation, and gave feedback. We believe it is important that our children have opportunity to be part of interviews in school as representatives of our school community.

### Reporting your child absent

Please call the main reception on 01302 321914 each day by 09:30am to report a child absent in the event of illness only.

### Change of details

If your contact details change, please contact the school to update us with either change of address, telephone, email, or emergency contacts, so that we can keep our records up to date for your child.



We have an exciting new project starting next week to support families who have experienced problems with sleep. 'The Sleep Charity' and Doncaster Forest school will be joining Mrs Wiltshire to explore new ways to support children with good sleep routines and find out the benefits outdoor activity can have on sleep. Look out for updates in the next few weeks.



5 children in year 3 have been chosen to take part in the 'Little big book club' which is supported by the National literacy trust. This will be starting in the next few week and will help children and families to explore books and develop their love of reading

**Medical Information**

If your child has a health care plan or asthma plan, please remember to update school with any change of details or medication.

**Weekly Attendance Update**

This week's whole school attendance – 92.7%  
 This week's highest-class attendance – White Class with 96.3%

All children are ill from time to time. Please follow the guidelines below when deciding if to send your child to school. If your child has Chicken pox they can return to school after the fifth day of the first spots appearing.

Reason	Send to school
Cold	✓
Headache	✓
Disturbed night	✓
Tummy ache	✓
Slight temperature	✓
Runny nose	✓
Constipation	✓
Head lice If treated	✓
Asthma If managed	✓

Please note the school calendar for week commencing Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022

Day	Event	Information
Monday	Bank Holiday	School closed

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>PE DAY-</b> Year 2	Children to attend school in PE Kits
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>PE DAY:</b> Year 1	Children to attend school in PE Kits
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>PE DAY:</b> Year 3 Year 4	Children to attend school in PE Kits <b>Year 4 Children</b> Children are welcome to come to school in their PE kits on a Thursday due to swimming lessons. Thank you.
<b>Friday</b>	<b>PE DAY:</b> Year 5	Children to attend school in PE Kits

**Afterschool Clubs Summer Term:** This term will run up to the 11<sup>th</sup> of July. The cost of after school club is £15 for the term / £1.25 per week, per club If your child is interested, please contact the school office.

<b>Day:</b>	<b>Afterschool Club</b>	<b>Availability</b>	<b>Time:</b>
<b>Monday</b>	Summer Sports with KIXX Y4, Y5 & Y6	<b>Places still available</b>	Collection from the main office at 16.30pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Summer Sports with Mr Pearson Y1, Y2 & Y3	<b>Places still available</b>	Collection from the main office at 16.30pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Summer Sports with Mr Pearson Y4, Y5 & Y6	<b>Places still available</b>	Collection from the main office at 16.30pm
	Clancy Briggs Bike Skills Y4, Y5 & Y6 <b>(Children must bring their own bike/Helmet and be able to ride a bike)</b>	<b>Places still available</b>	Collection from the main office at 16.30pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Dance/ Cheerleading with Miss Gray Y1, Y2 & Y3	<b>FULL</b>	Collection from the main office at 16.30pm
	Summer Sports with KIXX Y1, Y2 & Y3	<b>Places still available</b>	Collection from the main office at 16.30pm
Choir will re-open after Young Voices 2022 (more information will be sent out to parents at the end of April)			

Dates for the Diary		
Date	Event	Information
4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> , and 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Residential Trip Year 5	Information has been given to parents, anything you're unsure about please contact Miss Smith in the school office.
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	School Closed	Bank Holiday
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1,2 and 3 Sports Day	Information has been added in this week's General news section and further information will be sent to parents nearer the time
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4,5 and 6 Sports Day	Information has been added in this week's General news section and further information will be sent to parents nearer the time

**School Lunch Menu - £12.25 per week / 2.45 per day**

A reminder that school lunches should be paid in advance. A packed lunch will need to be provided if the account is in debt. All school lunches are pre-ordered in advance- any queries or if you wish for your child/children to have school dinners please speak with the school office.

Commencing 2/05/2022						
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Monday		Bank Holiday		Bank Holiday		Bank Holiday
Tuesday		Quorn Dippers, potatoes, carrot & cucumber batons.		Vegetable Curry, rice, carrot & cucumber batons.		Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans & Salad
Wednesday		Roast Pork, stuffing, mashed & roast potatoes, vegetables & gravy		Roast Quorn, stuffing, mashed & roast potatoes, vegetables & gravy		Sandwich & Side Salad (Please select 1 filling)
Thursday		Spaghetti Bolognese, crusty bread, vegetables		Vegan Roll, wedges, vegetables & gravy		Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise & Salad
Friday		Fish portion, chips, mushy peas & sweetcorn		Cheese Quiche, chips, mushy peas & sweetcorn		Jacket Potato, Cheese & Salad

**Useful links:**

School website for latest updates and news: <https://www.central.doncaster.sch.uk/>

Link to term dates on School website: <https://www.central.doncaster.sch.uk/page/term-dates>

Link to our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Balby-Central-Primary-Academy-438704976649819/>

Link to our Twitter page: <https://twitter.com/balbycentral>



## Would you like to be our next parent Governor?

### What it involves:

- Attending a couple of meetings, a month (all during the school day)
- Bringing ideas and questions to support school leaders and most importantly your experiences as a parent
- In time, leading meetings on one or more area depending on your strengths/experience (for example on health and safety)
- Helping interpret the views of other parents (for example the votes given in the Towers each week)
- Helping our understanding of the Balby community outside of school

If you would like to know more about what being a parent governor is like or would like to observe a meeting, please email [admin@balbycentralprimary.co.uk](mailto:admin@balbycentralprimary.co.uk) or contact the school office.

### As well as all that it is also an opportunity to:

- Develop work relevant skills (meetings, writing, working with budgets)
- Work with a friendly and diverse group of other governors and teachers

If you are interested, please get in contact with Stephanie Bradley in the Main Office. The application is simple – you set out why you are interested, and we consider your suitability.