


CENTRAL NEWS



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

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Head Teacher News

As we break up for the summer term, we have lots of areas to celebrate from our first full year back in school since the pandemic. We have been very impressed with our children, across all year groups who have worked hard to make the most of their learning time, opportunities and events. Our word clouds share some of the experiences from this academic year to talk about with your children, see what their memories are of of this year!



We end the summer term saying goodbye to some members of staff who will be leaving Balby Central, we wish them all well as they move on.

Mrs Atkin will be leaving to start her role as Head Teacher. We all wish lots of luck to Mrs Atkin in her new job, she will make a fantastic Head Teacher and we have been lucky to have her as Deputy Head Teacher at Balby Central.

Mrs Milnes will be retiring and enjoying some quality time with her family and friends after working in our school for 23 years. Mrs Milnes has been a lunch time supervisor, learning support assistant and more recently a teaching assistant in Year 1. We wish her a very happy retirement.

Miss Westmoreland our teaching assistant in Year 1 and lunch time supervisor will also be leaving us to spend more time with her family. We thank her for supporting our children in school over the last 5 and a half years.

Mrs Rickwood our will be moving on to a new role supporting children with personal, social, emotional development and mental health. Mrs Rickwood has worked in school as lunchtime supervisor and learning support assistant, using the Thrive approach in her more recent work with children. We wish her well in her new role.

Miss Tudor will be heading off for teacher training next academic year; we will be welcoming Miss Tudor for her training back in school in January.

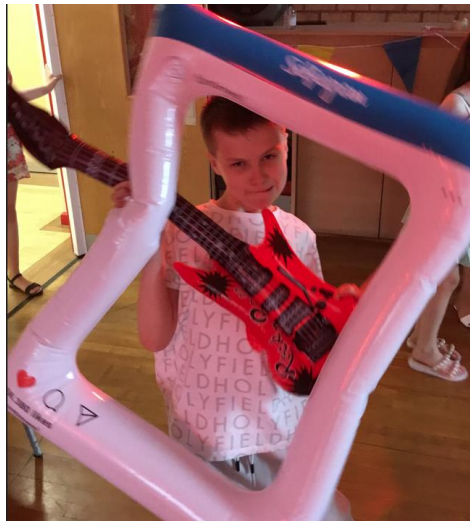
Next Academic Year – Welcome to the Team

We will be welcoming some new faces to the team next academic year to support children across school, taking on different roles. We look forward to them starting in September and working with our children, staff and families:

- Mrs Hemmingway – Deputy Head Teacher
- Mrs Crowther Edwards – Teaching Assistant
- Mrs Fower – Teaching Assistant

Year 6 Farewell Festival

We said a fond farewell to our Year 6 children with our leaver's festival last night. We had glitter, face paint, super cool outfits, pizza, ice creams, inflatables and lots of dancing. They all had so much fun and you may see them around in their leaver's hoodies. We wish them all well for the futures and next steps with secondary school.





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Today we welcomed Diane to school who kindly made 30 Worry Eaters for our children, to promote positive mental health and well-being. Pupil Parliament explained how we will use them in the classroom and presented flowers as a thank you. [@TheRoseLearning](#)



Worry Eaters

Look at our Twitter post from yesterday ... Diane was very kind and thoughtful to surprise us with her creative sewing skills.

School Holidays

As we come to the end of the year in school we look ahead to a summer of sunshine and fun in the outdoors. We want our children to stay safe in the community and be respectful to others. This week we are raising awareness of potential dangers in the local area and wider community. As children get older, they may be tempted to explore and be unaware of the dangers of these places.

Water safety in hot weather increasing numbers of children put themselves at risk of drowning from swimming in rivers, lakes and open water. It can be tempting to cool off in open waters, but there are many dangers, even for a strong swimmer.

- The water can be extremely cold, even on a hot day. Cold water affects your muscles making it very difficult to swim if you get into a dangerous situation.
- It is difficult to estimate the depth of the water and there may be hidden rubbish
- Open waters are not meant for swimming and so have steep banks which are very difficult to get in and out of.
- The water might be polluted and therefore can make you ill.
- If you do get into danger there are no lifeguards to help.

Derelict and abandoned buildings are often unsafe with rotten timbers that can't support weight with large holes that drop down through floors. Structures may be unsafe, there may be dangerous items on the floor and wild animals may live in the building.

Building sites are working areas and are extremely hazardous. They can contain dangerous machinery as well as toxic waste, and chemicals.

It is illegal to enter these properties, so children may be breaking the law by playing there.

Railway lines research shows that young people are more likely to take a risk on the tracks especially over the summer holidays. Young people have been caught playing on the tracks or crossing them to take a short cut, but this can result in serious life changing injuries.

- It is illegal to trespass on railway lines and also very dangerous. Trains travel at great speed and cannot stop quickly.
- Only appropriate crossings such as bridges or level crossings should be used to cross railway lines.

Talking to your child about these dangers can help them stay safe when they are out on their own this summer.

Safeguarding

Ready, Respectful, Safe

It has been lovely to see our children embracing Ready, Respectful, and Safe this year. We look forward to seeing this continue into the new academic year.

Our Assemblies

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This week in Picture News we thought about trampolines and how we use them.

A recent study, conducted by the British Medical Journal (BMJ), has found that trampolining is to blame for half of all activity-related UK Accident and Emergency (A&E) hospital admissions in under-14s. The report, published in the BMJ's Injury Prevention journal concluded, "trampolining is fun but potentially dangerous" after analysing 1.4 million trampolining injuries from around the world. Researchers found children were twice as likely to suffer broken bones or sprains when using trampoline centres rather than home trampolines.

Rule of Law

Places, like trampoline parks, have rules and adults in our home or at school may also set rules. We are all responsible for following these rules and keeping ourselves and others safe.



General News

Local Events

Camp Doncaster – Castle Park

The Coffee Club – Doncaster

Central Family Hub



KIDS EAT FREE!

HAM & CHEESE TOASTIE

Served with crisps and coleslaw

JACKET POTATO

Served with beans and cheese

SAUSAGE & EGG

Served with chips and beans



Uniform Swap Shop

The uniform swap shop will be open from Monday afternoon on the front playground. Good quality second hand uniform will be available for parents and carers to take home ready for September.

Attendance Update

This year's highest class attendance – Yellow class – 95.4% - Well done!

This year's whole school attendance – 93.4%

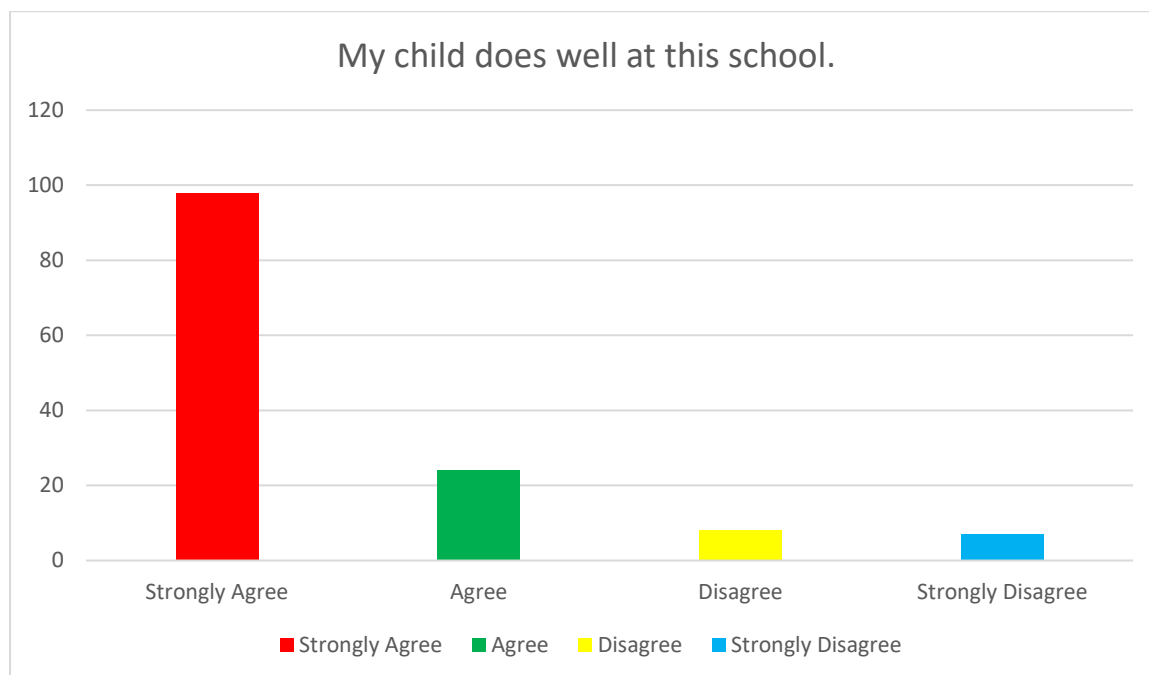
Over the next few days, children will be coming home with the attendance prizes and certificate that they have received. We have lots of exciting attendance plans for next academic year!

After School Clubs

All After School Clubs are now full and there are no more spaces available. If you would like to be added to the waiting list, please contact the school office.

Parent Question Results

Every Wednesday we ask a question on the gate for feedback from our parents and carers, please see this week's results below:



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. If you have any queries or if you wish for your child/children to have school dinners please speak with the school office.

Commencing 25/07/2022						
	☒	Red	☒	Green	☒	Blue
Monday	☒	Cheesy Triangle, diced potato & crunchy vegetables	☒	Vegetarian Bolognese, crusty bread & crunchy vegetables	☒	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise & Salad
Tuesday	☒	Shepherd's Pie, mashed potatoes, vegetables & gravy	☒	Meat Free Balls, Yorkshire pudding, mashed potatoes, vegetables & gravy	☒	Sandwich & Side Salad (Please select 1 filling)

Wishing all our families a very safe and happy summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you in September. School will close at the end of the day on Tuesday 26th July 2022 and re-open on Tuesday 6th September 2022.