




# BALBY BROADCASTER

## June/July 2017 CENTRAL NEWS

### A message from the head ...

We have had another busy time in school this half term, with many events, trips and activities both in school, in the community and wider. At this time of year, we celebrate the achievements of all children across school from our youngest children in Nursery who have grown in confidence and are ready to start their journey into Reception to our oldest children in Year 6 who have their prom and very last performance at Balby Central this week as they embark on their journey to different secondary schools. We would like to thank all children across school for their enthusiasm and energy making Balby Central the place it is. We all hope that as families you enjoy a relaxing summer and the children come back in September with a renewed energy for 2017/18.

### **Special Mentions** Balby Central Primary School Achievements

 Connie in Green class should feel very proud of her achievements raising a stunning £1412.75 for Cancer Research UK. Her letter of thanks to all that donated is very touching – 'I am writing to say thank you very much for your donation to Cancer Research UK. It was very kind. I completed the 5k in 45 minutes which I think is very fast. At the end, I got a medal which was a nice surprise! But the best part was seeing my Auntie cheering me on all the way around and I can't wait to do it with her next year. I raised £1412.75 in total; it was my dream to raise £100 so thank you for all of your help.' A huge congratulations also to Bradley in Blue class for achieving a Distinction with his Acoustic Guitar Initial Stage assessment – we can't wait to hear him play to us!



**On Friday 14 July** we held our annual picnic, thank you to all those who came to celebrate this community event. The children thoroughly enjoyed performing to you all, we raised a staggering £1858 which is incredible in such a short space of time. Many thanks to all who donated. Parent forum will be sharing how the money has been spent in Autumn 2017

**Sports Days – Key Stage 2, Key Stage 1 and Early Years** We had a busy few days with some great sporting events. Mr Wilson and Miss Bates did a fantastic job with their teams to organise these events both in school and at the athletic stadium at Keep Moat. We found some real sporting stars in our school ... look out for sporting opportunities next year with a new focus on interschool sporting events where there will be the opportunity to compete in different schools.

**Visits and Visitors** We have had a range of visitors in school this term to work with our children. This has included the Fair Trade team and Roots of Empathy where Year 4 have tracked a baby's development for a year. Reception have visited Eureka, Nursery went to Sundown Adventureland, Year 1 have been to Cannon Hall and Tesco for a Farm to Fork visit and Year 5 have visited both a university and Hill House School. We pride ourselves on the opportunities we provide for our children, next year there will be more experiences across the Rose Learning Trust for children to work together as well

**Parent Forum** Parent forum do a fantastic job to organise events and fund raise in school, we would love to hear from any parents who could offer a small amount of time to support school and be part of the team. Please contact them via the email if you are interested [parent.forum@balbycentralprimary.co.uk](mailto:parent.forum@balbycentralprimary.co.uk).



### Good bye ... New appointments to school ....

We say good bye to a few members of staff as we reach the end of term and wish to thank them for their continued support in the school and to the children.

Miss Biddle is leaving us and also moving to a new location to teach in a middle school. We hope she enjoys this new challenge! Miss Pownall started with us as a Newly Qualified Teacher and will be taking up a post in a new school. Mrs Watson has decided to change career and move to working for a charity. We also say goodbye to Mrs Hogarty ... but only for a little while! We wish her well and can't wait to meet her new baby in September. Each year we also invest in teacher training and Miss Murdoch has secured a position in a school, we wish her well.



We also say good bye to some of our support staff at this time too, Miss Kitching has secured a position in a school as a teaching assistant in Early Years. Miss Kerr and Mrs Young have both secured promoted school office posts and we wish them well with these roles, Miss Cooper has also decided to change career and move to a marketing role. Two of our apprentices have finished their qualifications with us, Miss Stovin will be moving to America to start training to be a teacher and we also say goodbye to Miss Soar.



We have new appointments starting in September, we welcome Miss Allison into the main office, Miss Bedford to a Higher Level Teaching Assistant position and we also have three new teachers starting with us, Miss Grivil, Mr Mynett and Miss Knott. Some of you may have met with our new deputy Mrs Atkins over the last few weeks; she will be joining us in September. We also welcome back Mrs Gilson to school returning after her maternity leave. We have three new midday supervisory assistants starting back with us and Miss Westmoreland will be taking up a new teaching assistant position with us. We will welcome back Miss Bates as Mrs Hodgson in September as she gets married over the holiday period. We hope she has a lovely day!



**Attendance** Our attendance for the school year is 94.7%, our target was the national average 96%. Please support us in improving our attendance as we start back in September. Twenty two children had no late marks and 100% attendance received a certificate and prize in assembly. We also have 208 children who have reached above the national target of 96%.

**Breakfast Club** As we return to school after Summer we will continue to run our successful Breakfast Club. Please ensure that children do not arrive too early for the club, which opens at 8am each morning, please ensure that children wait on the school playground for their own safety.

**Building developments** Over the summer we have some work in school. Doncaster Authority's commitment to complete the lighting in Year 5 and 6 areas will be completed over the summer which will be aligned with the intelligent lighting we put into the rest of the school 2 years ago. Mr Sutton will also be building more storage for our school resources. Signs will be changed to include Academy and Rose Learning Trust outside and within the school building. There will be some changes in the main entrance with a new door system to the school building and an improved information area for parents. As always it will be a busy summer in school.

Work on the housing development at the end of Stevens Road has now started. We will keep you informed of any information we receive about the development as we receive it as we return in September.



From all the pupils, staff, governors and members of Rose Learning Trust we would like to wish you a very happy, safe and fun summer holiday and we look forward to seeing all children back to school in September refreshed and ready for the new term ahead in 2017.

