

THE SIR DONALD BAILEY ACADEMY
JANUARY 2025

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2025

The children and staff wish
all our families a very
Happy New Year!

SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS

As many of you will be aware, lessons begin at 8:40am and finishes at 3.20pm. It is important that the children are in their classrooms for this time and ready to work as the timetable for each class is jam packed! The school gate will open as usual at 8:25am and will be closing at 8:50am. If the school gate is closed, you will need to walk around to the main school office and sign your child in at reception. When the children are in school, real life-long learning happens and they gain the maximum benefit from their education. Every day really does count!

DIARY DATES

Friday 14th February- End of Term

Monday 24th February- Back to School

Thursday 27th February- Year 5- Jorvik

Monday 10th March- Parent/Carer Evening

Wednesday 12th March- Parent/Carer Evening

Thursday March 20th- Year 6 Trip to Perlethorpe

Thursday 27th March- Year 6 Trip to Leeds

Wednesday 2nd April- Year 2 WhitePost Farm

Friday 4th April- Break-up for Easter

Monday 21st April- School Closed- Bank Holiday Easter Monday.

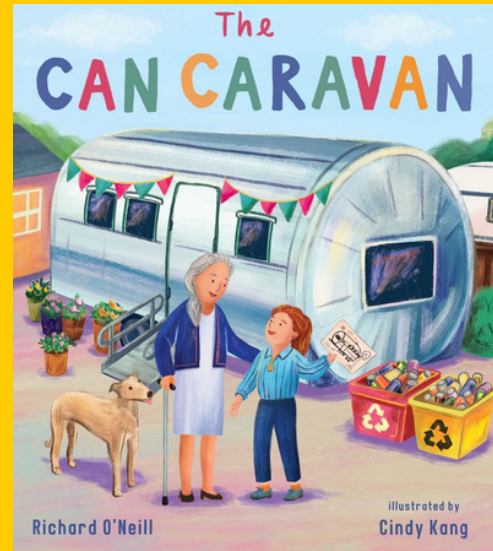
Tuesday 22nd April- Back to School



READING SUGGESTIONS

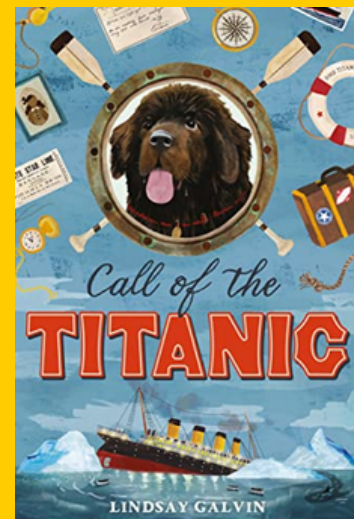
Mrs Handley Loves...

For our younger children check out the work of internationally acclaimed storyteller Richard O'Neill. He was born and brought up in a large traditional, fully nomadic Romani Gypsy family, travelling throughout the North of England and Scotland. His roots are also to be found in the coal mining communities of the North East having family members who worked down the pits. This co-cultural upbringing is reflected in his creative work. When reading for pleasure it's important that children can see themselves in a story.



The first in the series of three books about Roz, a robot who has no idea what her purpose is, apart from to survive. At first, the wild animals are terrified of Roz as she's a huge and scary looking metal robot. But things begin to change when she adopts a newly hatched gosling and learns to become a wonderful mother and friend. Ideal for children age 7 and upwards and recently released as a film by Dreamworks.

Many children in school are intrigued by the Titanic story. This books combines facts of the disastrous night with fiction. Ideal for children age 9 to 13 years. Young cabin steward, Sid, is proud to be working on the Titanic, the greatest stream liner ever built. Clara dreams of adventure at sea, and discovers it the hard way as a stowaway on a much smaller ship, the Carpathia. Here, she meets a giant bear of a dog: Rigel, who has a reputation for mischief. What none of them can foresee is how they'll need each other on the night Titanic collides with an iceberg.



Uniform

It is lovely to see the children all looking so smart and ready to learn in their uniform. We firmly believe that wearing school uniform helps the children to establish a sense of pride and belonging in their school community and also puts them into a positive frame of mind for working hard. I would just like to take this opportunity to point out that ties in Years 5 and 6 are a compulsory part of our school uniform and will need to be worn.

Earrings

Polite reminder that only studs that can be removed should be worn for school.

Free School Meals

We would like to make a plea to all of our parents who are entitled to receive free school meals. Some parents who are entitled to income based free school meals do not claim them as they do not wish their child to have a school dinner; however, under school funding arrangements, a large percentage of the funding which is given to schools is based on the number of free school meals registered at the school. This means that as a school we will be receiving less funding to be spent on the children and so by registering for free school meals, you will be helping to increase the funding at our school.

There are many benefits to registering for free school meals including;

- A free school dinner every day – a saving of £10 per week**
- Free school milk**
- Reduced cost of residential trips.**

We would strongly urge parents who are eligible to apply through the Citizen Portal on the Nottinghamshire County Council's Website or by phoning Nottinghamshire County Council on 0300 500 80 80. The school Office staff will be happy to assist with this if required.

School Dinners

From 31/03/2025 there will be a school dinner increase to £2.72. This is an increase of 22p a day.