



# Adel St John the Baptist Church of England Primary School Newsletter

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*"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give"*



## Headteacher's Message

The final day of the half term – how time has flown! The first half term is always a busy time for school and that has clearly continued to the last day. Year 3 have been busy this morning ending their topic 'Scrumdiddlyumptious' by writing recipes and making chocolate covered apples. Year 4 had a fabulous time learning about the Romans, their presentations yesterday were very informative and enthusiastic – well done to them all.

Mrs Starkey and I would like to thank everyone for taking part in our Wheel your Way to Adel St John week. It has been a great success - we even know of parents that caught the bus to work after walking their child to school in order for them to take part – great commitment, thank you. Don't forget to bring in your completed record sheet after the half term.

Have a peaceful break next week. I hope to see you at the Bonfire but if not we will return to school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November

Jane Hainsworth  
Headteacher

## Weekly prayer

Dear Lord,  
Help me to be and feel  
like a good present,  
inside and out.  
Support me in my actions  
so people will want to  
know me better.  
Help me to be a good  
and happy person inside,  
generous and gentle in  
my thoughts,  
remembering you in all I  
do.  
Lord hear our prayer.  
Amen.

In response to the parent questionnaire sent out in the summer, we are sending home a copy of the National Curriculum reading, writing and maths essential skills that must be taught to your child during an academic year. These were due to go out with the targets you received on parents evening but, unfortunately, due to technical difficulties this was not possible.

The national curriculum provides an outline around which our teachers develop exciting and stimulating lessons to promote the development of pupils' knowledge, understanding and skills. We believe that these are best met through the creative, challenging and purposeful curriculum that you see when visiting school.

Obviously it would be impossible to set out in detail everything your child will learn during their seven years at Adel St John, but by providing an outline of the core subjects hopefully it will inform and help you when supporting your children.

You can access an electronic copy for each year group on the website.

**Reminder:** If your child is due to start High School in September 2019 parents must apply for a place **before 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018.**

## After School Clubs

We are presently having a rethink on after school clubs. In the past the majority have been run voluntarily but due to the personal circumstances of a number of staff this has become increasingly difficult.

Mrs Whitehead and I recently met with the school council to gather a list of activities that the children have expressed an interest in and I am now in the process of speaking to a number of different outside providers. I have explained to the children that any clubs would be timetabled across the next couple of terms to ensure safeguarding and classroom space but I hope that letters offering some new opportunities will be sent out in the near future.



## PTA News

### The PTA Bonfire Night extravaganza 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2018

So only 1 week to go before the PTA annual bonfire extravaganza! This is a brilliant community event which has been running for over 25 years. If you haven't had chance to put your name down but would like to be involved in the event, please come along anytime on Saturday there is always loads to do. Have a lovely half term – see you Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November please all pray for good weather.



Be safe and be seen this autumn/ winter, that is the message from Leeds City Council's Influencing Travel Behaviour Team.

This message coincides with the end of Daylight Saving Time: **at 2am, the clocks will go back by one hour on Sunday, 28 October.** Their latest Blog which focuses on keeping safe when out and about this Halloween and bonfire night:

<https://saferroadsleeds.wordpress.com/2018/10/23/be-bright-be-seen-october-clock-change/>

## Poppy Appeal

When we return after half term our Christian value is Peace. The first thing we will focus on is supporting the Royal British Legion and commemorating Armistice Day. This year there are a number of



items that the children can make a donation for and Year 6 children will be coming to each class daily. On offer are: **suggested donation of £1 for a ruler and 50 pence for other items such as a pencil or reflector.** Please ensure your child has the correct money. As always, the children will also be able to make a donation for a poppy.

## Empty pop bottle request

We would like to ask the children to bring in any empty and clean plastic pop bottles to school (any size).

These are for an exciting Remembrance creative project in school that will start after half term.

### ASJ Reward Booklets:

Congratulations to the following children who have completed their booklets this week.

#### BRONZE 250 Stampers Achieved

Raihana - Year 3  
Grace – Year 3  
Joshua – Year 3  
Arabella – Year 3  
Magnus - Year 3  
Alfie – Year 3  
Rosie – Year 4

### Dinner money

| Autumn Term 2   | Spring Term 1   |
|---|---|
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov – 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2018<br>£75.25 | 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan – 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2019<br>£64.50 |

### Community leaflets in school

Please feel free to call in and pick one up:

- Leeds Camps – Autumn Camp

## Attendance and Minutes Late Report

| Our target for whole school attendance is 97% - Whole school attendance last week was <b>97.70%</b> |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|   | Reception     | Year 1        | Year 2        | Year 3        | Year 4        | Year 5        | Year 6        |
| <b>Attendance</b><br>(4 <sup>th</sup> September 2018 – 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2018)                   | <b>97.93%</b> | <b>99.55%</b> | <b>96.32%</b> | <b>98.82%</b> | <b>98.64%</b> | <b>98.19%</b> | <b>95.93%</b> |
| <b>Minutes Late</b><br>(15 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2018)                               | <b>0</b>      | <b>48</b>     | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>      | <b>58</b>     | <b>0</b>      | <b>48</b>     |
| <b>Number of children arriving between 9.00 - 9.05am (15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> Oct)</b>    | <b>2</b>      | <b>4</b>      | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>      | <b>1</b>      | <b>1</b>      | <b>3</b>      |

### On Time Award!

Last week's On Time Award goes to:  
**Year 2 and Year 3**

### Golden Book Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018 – this week's Golden Stars!

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| <i>Year 1 Staff Vote</i> | <i>The whole class for fantastic behaviour and enthusiasm on our trip to Abbey House.</i>  |
| <i>Year 1 Pupil Vote</i> | <i>Rory for his great cursive writing</i>  |
| <i>Year 2 Staff Vote</i> | <i>Amelie for her excellent effort in maths.</i>   |
| <i>Year 3 Staff Vote</i> | <i>Brodie for excellent contributions in maths.</i>  |
| <i>Year 3 Pupil Vote</i> | <i>Natasha for great contributions to writing group instructions.</i>  |
| <i>Year 4 Staff Vote</i> | <i>Max for an excellent learning log. You have put a lot of research, thought and effort into your fantastic Roman building.</i> |
| <i>Year 4 Pupil Vote</i> | <i>Eassar for cheering up his partner and making him laugh while still concentrating on his learning.</i>                        |

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| <i>Year 5 Staff Vote</i> | <i>Hiba for including others in her games.</i>   |
| <i>Year 5 Pupil Vote</i> | <i>Ariella for being a good friend.</i>  |
| <i>Year 6 Staff Vote</i> | <i>Hasan, Sophia and Navraj for consistently good spelling test scores this half term.</i> |
| <i>Year 6 Pupil Vote</i> | <i>Amy S for trying all our cooking yesterday.</i>   |

#### Dates for the Diary (New Dates added in red)

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|---|---|
| Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2018          | Last day of Autumn term 1                                     |
| <b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2018</b>  | <b>PTA Annual Bonfire event - confirmed</b>                   |
| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> November 2018          | First day of Autumn term 2                                    |
| Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2018       | Year 4 Skipping Festival                                      |
| Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2018       | Reception 2019 Open morning 9.30am                            |
| <b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018</b> | <b>PTA meeting in school – all welcome 7.30pm</b>             |
| <b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018</b>  | <b>School photograph order form deadline</b>                  |
| Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2018         | Blue Monday – Anti Bullying Day                               |
| Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2018       | Reception 2019 Open morning 9.30am                            |
| Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2018      | Year 6 Class Collective Worship – 9.15am – parents welcome    |
| Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2018         | Whole school walking to church – Advent – volunteers required |
| Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2018          | PTA Christmas Fayre (after school – details to follow)        |
| Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2018        | KS1 Nativity - Evening performance 6:30pm                     |
| Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2018      | Influenza immunisations – Reception – Year 5                  |
| Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2018       | KS1 Nativity – Afternoon performance 1:45pm                   |
| Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2018        | KS2 Christmas Party Yr 5/6                                    |
| Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2018      | KS2 Christmas Party Yr 3/4                                    |
| Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2018       | KS1 Christmas Party Yr 1/2/Reception                          |
| Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2018         | Christmas Collective Worship – all welcome                    |
| Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2018         | Carols around the tree – 2.45pm - All welcome                 |
| Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2019        | Reception 2019 Open afternoon 1.30pm                          |
| Wednesday 23 January 2019                     | Year 4 Class Collective Worship – 9.15am – parents welcome    |
| Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2019          | School Disco  |
| Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2019       | Year 5 Class Collective Worship – 9.15am – parents welcome    |
| Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2019          | Year 3 Class Collective Worship – 9.15am – parents welcome    |
| Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2019            | Year 2 Class Collective Worship – 9.15am – parents welcome    |
| Wednesday 12 June 2019                        | Year 1 Class Collective Worship – 9.15am – parents welcome    |
| <b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019</b>       | <b>Whole school training day</b>                              |
| <b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2019</b>    | <b>Whole School training day</b>                              |