



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

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## Thought for the Week

*'The time is always right to do what is right'. Martin Luther King.*

### Headteacher's Message

As you are now aware Rev White is leaving us and we would like to invite all our parents and the community – old and young – to join us in marking the commitment, hard work and passion he has given to our school over the last number of years.

A coffee morning is to be held on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January starting at 9.30am and finishing at 10:10am.** A slip has been sent home tonight with a request for buns and cakes.

If you are able to help with the organisation of this event in any way please contact the school office.

Our creative learning started in full this week and I've observed some wonderful collaborative learning which furthers the children's scientific skills. Year 3 were comparing and classifying different rocks on the basis of their physical properties and Year 5 were extending their scientific vocabulary of materials.

Also this term we are introducing a new sporting focus to our PE curriculum, a number of classes have enjoyed extending their hockey skills, some with the support of the YMCA.

Staff are starting to prepare for our Creative Week 'Out of the Box.' There are a number of exciting and inspiring ideas in the planning and we would like to make an appeal to anyone who can source some very large boxes. If you are able to help please let the office know.

Finally, the weather is certainly changing now – we have already had a couple of icy mornings so can I ask that you familiarise yourself with the school procedure for an event such as snow. The procedure is detailed further on in this newsletter

Jane Hainsworth, Headteacher



### Weekly prayer

Dear God,

At the start of this new year, help us to work hard towards achieving our dreams no matter how big or how small. Help us in our daily struggle to do what is right and, when we make mistakes, help us to be quick to ask for forgiveness and quick to try again. Lord hear our prayer  
**Amen.**



### Emergency Contact Information – Message to parent/carers

If you have changed your mobile phone number can you please ensure that you inform the school office. In some cases, the only contact details we hold for your child is one mobile number; updating your contact information is extremely important in case of an emergency or school closure.

## Snow Policy

We have a duty to ensure children and adults are safe during school time. If we cannot ensure a safe child/staff ratio because of the weather conditions, we will have to make the decision to close the school. Please be assured that this will only happen under extreme circumstances. Staff will always attempt to arrive at school at the normal time, unless told otherwise by the Headteacher. Please familiarise yourself with the following procedure.

**In the event of heavy snowfall, Mrs Hainsworth will contact Maureen Taylor, Chair of Governors, and Francis the Site Superintendent to ascertain the weather conditions in Adel, and to make an informed decision as to whether school will be open. Mrs Hainsworth will then get to school as soon as possible.** As the teachers all live quite a distance away, how long it takes for them to get to school will depend on the conditions where they live, and the routes they use. All the staff will keep in contact with the school by mobile phone. They will assume the school is open and attempt to get there unless told by the Headteacher to turn back.

If the school is closed, all pupils will receive an 'enforced closure' mark which will not go against their attendance total percentage for the school year, unless they were absent before or after the event for another reason, i.e. holiday, illness, in which case they will receive the appropriate coding.

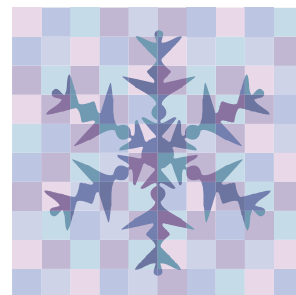
If the school is closed, please note the following:

- A message will be sent via the parents' app as soon as a decision has been made.
- Up-to-date information will be posted on the school website [www.adel-st-john.leeds.sch.uk](http://www.adel-st-john.leeds.sch.uk)
- Listen to local radio stations, they are informed through Leeds City Council's schools link

**Closures once the school is in session will be considered only in extreme circumstances.**

Staff living furthest away may be sent home, but children will be kept until parents arrive for them. Please remember to check back regularly on the website for updates.

**If school is closed due to heavy snow, it should always be assumed that Before and After School Care will also be closed.**



## Headlice

**We have been notified that we have head lice in school; please check your child's hair tonight.**

The School Nursing Team advice is to wet comb the hair with a narrow toothed comb regularly; detection combing should be completed at least fortnightly. If you discover head lice, it should be treated immediately, to prevent re-infestation. A suitable product can be purchased from your local chemist.

## PTA Valentine Disco, Friday 1st February 2019

**£3 per ticket**

**Reception/KS1: 5pm – 6pm**

**KS2: 6.15pm – 7.15pm.**

**An adult must remain in attendance for Reception and Years 1 and 2.**

**Teas / coffees / soft drinks and cakes will be available to purchase for all adults staying. PTA will distribute tickets via your child's class in the coming weeks.**



## Cricket Coaching

**Open to boys & girls aged 5 to 15**

**Indoor sessions - February to March  
Outdoor sessions & games - April to August  
Qualified coaches at all sessions**

St Chad's Broomfield Cricket Club are the only amateur cricket club in Headingley, with over 130 years of history and 15 senior and junior teams, playing both at the weekend and midweek. Join us now!

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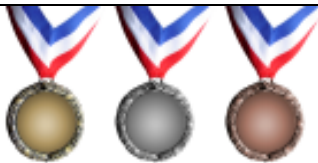
## Dinner money

**Please ensure dinner money is paid on time, either weekly or half termly, in advance, thank you.**

Spring Term 1	Spring Term 2
7th Jan – 15th Feb 2019	25th Feb – 29th Mar
<b>£64.50</b>	<b>£53.75</b>

## Adel Stairway Reward Booklets:

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

BRONZE 250 Stampers Achieved		SILVER 500 Stampers Achieved
<b>Reuben - Year 1</b> <b>George – Year 1</b> <b>Ben – Year 1</b>		<b>Matilda – Year 3</b> <b>Isobel – Year 3</b> <b>Amelia – Year 5</b> <b>Annabelle – Year 5</b>

### Punctuality and Attendance – Important Reminder!

As parents are aware attendance and punctuality are very closely monitored in school and our Learning Mentors monitor and record this weekly. **The teachers open their cloakroom doors at 8.50 am and learning starts with improvement time as soon as children enter the class. If your child does not arrive until after 9.05am they have potentially already lost 15 minutes of learning time.** Children arriving late also causes disruption to the teacher and children who have already commenced their learning.



**Please can we also remind parents that children need to be collected promptly at 3.15pm.**

### Attendance and Minutes Late Report

Our target for whole school attendance is 97% - Whole school attendance last week was <b>97.33%</b>							
	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
<b>Attendance</b> (4th September 2018 – 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2019)	<b>97.08%</b>	<b>98.98%</b>	<b>96.98%</b>	<b>98.14%</b>	<b>97.40%</b>	<b>98.19%</b>	<b>95.25%</b>
<b>Minutes Late</b> (7 <sup>th</sup> - 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2019)	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Number of children arriving between 9.00 - 9.05am</b> (7 <sup>th</sup> - 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan)	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>

### Golden Book Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – last week's Golden Stars!

Reception Staff Vote	Joshua for making good progress with reading and writing.
Year 1 Staff Vote	George for working well independently.
Year 1 Pupil Vote	Seb for working hard at his writing.
Year 2 Staff Vote	Micah for all round excellence in his attitude to every aspect of his learning.
Year 3 Staff Vote	Sophie for a vast improvement in her spellings scores.
Year 3 Pupil Vote	Alexander for trying his best and answering lots of questions in Science.
Year 4 Staff Vote	Lottie for settling into Year 4 really well. We feel like she's always been part of our class. A great start.

<i>Year 4 Pupil Vote</i>	<i>Poppy for always trying really hard during her work.</i>
<i>Year 5 Staff Vote</i>	<i>Darcy for an informative and interesting video on Ancient Egypt – great Learning Log.</i>
<i>Year 5 Pupil Vote</i>	<i>Bruce for always helping the people on his table and being a good person.</i>
<i>Year 6 Staff Vote</i>	<i>Jess for her poem as part of her Learning Log. Jess linked her poem to our Christian ethos.</i>
<i>Year 6 Pupil Vote</i>	<i>Halle for putting her hand up more in class – particularly in English.</i>

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

Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2019	Year 4 Class Collective Worship – 9.15am – parents welcome
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2019	Year 4 Skipping School (in school)
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019</b>	<b>Coffee morning for Rev White – 9.30am</b>
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	Year 3 Bronze Age Day (in school)
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2019	School Disco
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019</b>	<b>Year 4 - Junkfunk Workshop</b>
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	Year 5 Class Collective Worship – 9.15am – parents welcome
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2019</b>	<b>Year 6 – Yorkshire Wildlife Park</b>
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	Think Out the Box week (Creative Week - details to follow)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	Last day of Spring half term 1
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Year 3 Class Collective Worship – 9.15am – parents welcome
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	World Book Day – whole school
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Author visit KS2 and book sale
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Author visit KS1 and book sale
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Easter production – Evening performance 6:30pm
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Easter production – Afternoon performance 1:45pm
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Last day of Spring term
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	Return to school
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	Easter Service – All welcome 9am
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	Good Friday
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2019	Easter Monday
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>

### Community leaflets in school

Please feel free to call in and pick one up:

- Leeds United – Soccer Schools