



Adel St John the Baptist Church of England Primary School Newsletter

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Headteacher's Message

Thank you for your support on Tuesday. With emergency buckets and bottled water at the ready, staff continued to work in class until the water came back on after lunch. Contacting parents / carers via the mobile app was effective, if you still don't have it or unsure how to download it, please contact the office. Similarly, if you have other family members that drop off / collect your children, it may be beneficial to show them how to access School Jotter.

Today we say goodbye to Jane our cook, she has been such a valued member of our school, meeting the individual dietary needs of all our children and creating wonderful and appetising meals for us to enjoy. Jane is moving on to another role; we will miss her, wish her lots of love and luck, and hope she returns to visit us soon.

We have some important Governor information included in this week's newsletter, please read on to find more information and look on the website for further details about our current school governors. A detailed report on our 2017/18 academic results is also on the website.

This week Year 2 enjoyed 'Pirate Day' and were visited by Cap'n Raggybeard, a real life pirate. He told them many a tale of pirate life and escapades, awarded treasure for keen crew members, taught them how to tie knots and even made some walk the plank. The day was rounded off with some self-penned sea shanties. Cap'n Raggybeard was truly amazed by the attitude, aptitude and all round loveliness of everyone in the class. The feelings were reciprocated and Year 2 declared the day as Aaaah-some. Cap'n Raggybeard also sent a message to school:

"Never, have I met a class that was so eager to learn and participate, throughout the full day. They were so easy to work with; it was a joy to be part of the class for a day. The learning was greatly enhanced by the children raising their hands in answer to any questions I posed.

Never at any time did a pupil shout out an answer, which allowed me to help all the class, get involved in the workshop. In my experience, this is unique to your school. I applaud you and your staff for this most inclusive way of teaching."

Today, Y2 had their annual boating regatta in which they had to construct a boat that could travel in a straight line over water and collect the heavy treasure for the return voyage. Conditions were perfectly blustery and parents and carers were in attendance to cheer on the successful mariners with most of the ships successful in their mission.

Year 4 made a cacophony of sound during their Junk Funk workshop this week. They warmed up using body percussion and then moved on to



Prayer

Thank you for online safety. Because of you, children know how to make the right decisions online. Even if we make mistakes, we know we can always speak to you (or a trusted adult) to get it sorted out Amen.

Prayer written by Amber Yr5

learning drumming rhythms by using call and response, loops and some improvisation. As well as developing excellent rhythmic skills they also developed keen listening skills and excellent teamwork. The session was finished with a fantastic performance to parents.

Finally, Year 5 delivered their assembly on Wednesday. It was written and presented by the children and dealt with some serious issues surrounding online safety. If you would like further information on keeping your children safe or starting a conversation with your child about online safety, please see our *Safeguarding your Child* page on the website.

Jane Hainsworth, Headteacher



Easy Fundraising

The PTA need your help if you shop online, please

sign up to Easyfundraising to support Adel St John. It's a really easy way to raise funds for us – you just use the Easyfundraising site when you shop online with more than 3,500 stores like Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, eBay, Boden and M&S and when you make a purchase, the retailer sends us a free donation, at no extra cost to you.

We want to raise as much as possible for school funds, so please visit our PTA page on the school website for details

easyfundraising
.org.uk

Parent Governors

Our two parent governors come to the end of their elected 4-year term in March 2019 and so we will be looking to appoint two new parent governors. If you are interested in the position, please give your name to the school office by Friday 22nd February 2019. If we receive more than two expressions of interest for vacancies, there will be a parental election. The paragraph below outlines the role of the governing body and parent governor.

The role of the governing board

The school's governing body is responsible for providing confident and strategic leadership and creating robust accountability, oversight and assurance for the school's educational and financial performance. The board is passionate about education and committed to continuous school improvement to ensure the best possible outcomes for all of our pupils.

The role of a parent governor

As a parent governor you will work with the governing body to ensure it effectively carries out its duties referred to above. All governors require:

- A strong commitment to the role and to improving outcomes for all children.
- Good interpersonal skills, inquisitiveness and a willingness to learn and develop new skills
- Sufficient numeracy skills to understand basic data
- Willingness to attend meetings and appropriate training.

Dinner money

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

| Spring Term 2 | Summer Term 1 |
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| 25th Feb – 29th Mar £53.75 | 15 Apr – 24 May £58.05 |

Adel Stairway Reward Booklets:
Congratulations to the following children who have completed their Bronze and Silver booklets this week.

BRONZE 250 Stampers Achieved

Lily – Year 6
Rohan – Year 6
Tino – Year 6

SILVER 500 Stampers Achieved

Olivia – Year 3
Francesca – Year 4
Lander – Year 4
Amourae – Year 4
Anna – Year 4
Hasan – Year 6

Leeds City Council Travel Project team would like to share their latest blog regarding school parking with all our parents and carers. Please follow the link below:

<https://saferroadsleeds.wordpress.com/2019/01/30/schoolgateparking/>

Attendance and Minutes Late Report

| Our target for whole school attendance is 97% - Whole school attendance last week was 91.94% | | | | | | | |
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| | Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
| Attendance (4th September 2018 – 1 st Feb 2019) | 96.40% | 98.09% | 97.02% | 97.77% | 97.03% | 97.29% | 95.05% |
| Minutes Late (28 th – 1 st Feb 2019) | 0 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 23 |
| Number of children arriving between 9.00 - 9.05am (28th – 1st Feb) | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 |

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

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| Monday 11 th February 2019 | Think Out the Box Creative week |
| Wednesday 13 th February 2019 | Dental Education Visit - Year 3 |
| Friday 15 th February 2019 | Last day of Spring half term 1 |
| Wednesday 6 th March 2019 | Year 3 Class Collective Worship – 9.15am – parents welcome |
| Thursday 7 th March 2019 | World Book Day – whole school |
| Thursday 7 th March 2019 | Author visit KS2 and book sale |
| Friday 8 th March 2019 | Author visit KS1 and book sale |
| Tuesday 19 th March 2019 | Premier Sport Golden Mile – Y1 – Y6 |
| Tuesday 19 th March 2019 | Whole school Parent's Evening |
| Wednesday 20 th March 2019 | Whole school Parent's Evening |
| Tuesday 26 th March 2019 | Easter production – Evening performance 6:30pm |
| Wednesday 27 th March 2019 | Easter production – Afternoon performance 1:45pm |
| Friday 29 th March 2019 | Last day of Spring term |
| Monday 15 th April 2019 | Return to school |
| Thursday 18 th April 2019 | Easter Service – All welcome 9am |
| Friday 19 th April 2019 | Good Friday |
| Monday 22 nd April 2019 | Easter Monday |
| Wednesday 1 st May 2019 | Year 2 Class Collective Worship – 9.15am – parents welcome |
| Mon 13 th – Thurs 16 th May 2019 | Year 6 SATs week |
| Wednesday 12 June 2019 | Year 1 Class Collective Worship – 9.15am – parents welcome |
| Thursday 2nd May 2019 | Whole school training day |
| Mon 10 th – Thurs 14 th June 2019 | Phonics Screening Check Week |
| Wednesday 24th July 2019 | Whole School training day |