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Headteacher's Message

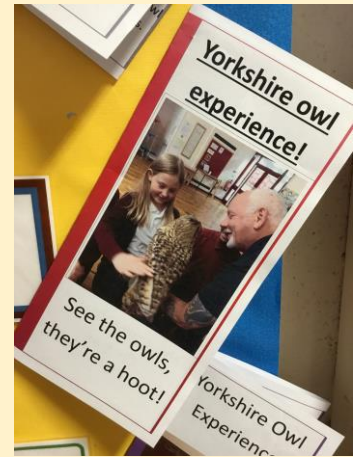
The Year 6 SATs are over for another year – in providing the children with a breakfast each morning we have tried to make the experience as calm as possible - and Mrs Fountain and all the staff are so proud of the mature attitude the children have shown throughout the testing process. It now means they are ready to concentrate on their transition to high school. Some of the high school staff will be coming in to meet the children and, of course, they have the opportunity of visiting their allocated high schools. Change is often worrying (as well as exciting) for them but, again, we do make huge efforts to make this as easy as possible for the children.

Thank you to the parents who accompanied us to church this morning. It is lovely watching the children walk through our community with such care and respect. Today was made even more special as the children sang a cappella. Due to a technical issue with the music our Year 6 children led us in a memorable version of *My Lighthouse*. Our Eco Committee have now prepared the leaves for our 'Leaf your Car at home Week.' They will be waiting near the KS1 canopy every morning to hand them out to the children. You will also receive an app message every day to let you know how our initiative is going. Please remember that even if you are driving your children to school, by parking and walking the remaining part of the journey your child will still be able to receive a green leaf.

Finally, the European Elections will take place next Thursday and we have been informed that we are to be used as a polling station yet again. As all our training days have been allocated, school will remain open. I have drawn up a risk assessment to ensure the safety of all our children on the day and the council has assigned us security. Staff have met to discuss specific arrangements and I will be talking to the children during Collective Worship on Wednesday. The risk assessment is available in the office if you would like a copy.

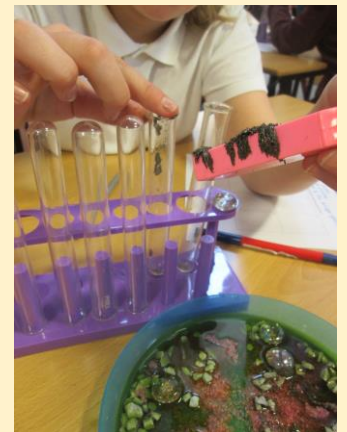


As part of their Predator Topic, Year 3 made observational pastel drawings of various birds from pictures. Then, following the Yorkshire Owl Experience visit, they wrote leaflets to persuade people to hire them for their event or school and presented them using Microsoft Publisher.



In Science this week, Year 5 were given samples of soil from Alchemy Island. They had to investigate the materials it was made from by exploring ways to separate them.

Equipment such as magnets, sieves, colanders, tongs and filter paper with funnels were used. The children also thought of a method to collect gas and using evaporation to separate a liquid from a solid. Great team work too!



Prayer

Dear Lord,
Thank you for helping
and supporting us.
Thank you for giving us
confidence.
Help us to use our gifts
to do your work.
Help us to have the
courage to pick
ourselves up and carry
on again when we get
things wrong.
Lord hear our prayer.
Amen.



Congratulations

Well done to our individual medal winners for floor routines from our key steps gymnastics competition that took place in March.

Enjoying the Sunshine

Reception continue to explore the minibeasts at school. This week they went on bug hunt, making the most of our wonderful grounds.



Unauthorised holidays in school term time: I would like to remind parents of the following:

Exceptional circumstances

Parents do not have the right to remove their children from school during term time. In addition, the legislation is clear that requests for leave must be made to the school in **advance** of the leave being taken. It is also at the Headteacher's discretion as to how long to authorise, if they decide to do so.

Absence in term time will only be considered if parents / carers make a request to the school on the appropriate application form giving exceptional reasons why the application for absence has been requested and providing information to support their application. The Headteacher will decide whether or not the absence will be authorised and will inform parents in writing.

Leeds City Council have provided schools with detailed guidance about what may be considered exceptional. Categories of absence that will never be considered exceptional are:

- Holidays
- Birthdays
- Trips to see sporting or musical events
- Day trip, shopping or visit to hairdresser
- Over-sleeping
- Family celebration / taking a long weekend
- Taking the rest of the day off before or after a medical appointment

Penalty notices

In Leeds a penalty notice will be issued for unauthorised absence of 5 days or more within a twelve week period, this can be 5 days as a block or as individual days. This includes absences for holidays as well as other unauthorised absences. This fine is payable per child, per parent / carer e.g. two parents and two children will equate to a £240 fine.

Attendance and Minutes Late Report



Last week's On Time Award goes to:
Reception, Year 1 and Year 3

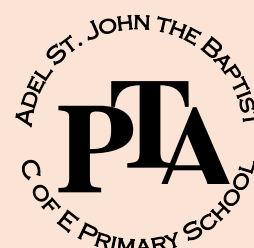


Last week's Weekly 100% Attendance goes to:
Year 1

Our target for whole school attendance is 97% - Whole school attendance last week was 98.44%							
	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance (4th September 2018 – 10 th May 2019)	96.85%	98.13%	96.68%	97.80%	97.39%	97.43%	94.71%
Minutes Late (6 th – 10 th May 2019)	0	0	0	0	2	0	10
Number of children arriving between 9.00 -9.05am (6th – 10th May)	0	0	2	0	2	1	1

SUMMER fayre

28th June 3.30pm



The Summer Fayre will be taking place Friday 28 June after school - so please save the date in your diaries!

We are looking for raffle prizes – so if you are able to donate a prize or know a business that may wish to donate something, please contact the school office

- Local business often place an **advert in the magazine**. Can you or do you know someone who may want to sponsor the Summer Fayre this year?
- Please **start collecting empty, clean JAM JARS** - we can fill them with sweets so we have more children's prizes for both bottle stall and tombola stalls.
- If you are having a clear out over the next few weeks **please save any good quality books and jewellery** as we would like to set up a number of stalls for adults.

Thank you in advance - PTA Committee.

Adel Stairway Reward Booklets:

Congratulations to those who have completed their Bronze, Silver and Gold booklets this week.

SILVER 500 Stampers Achieved		GOLD 750 Stampers Achieved
Ben – Year 1 Isla – Year 1 Reuben - Year 1 Amna – Year 2	Simran - Year 2 Ruby – Year 2 Grace – Year 3 Harry – Year 3	Matilda - Year 3

Please remember when paying money to school for lunches and trips/visitors, to always use your **YELLOW RECEIPT CARD**, thank you.

Dinner money	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
15 Apr – 23 May	4 June – 23 Jul
£53.75	£77.40

Golden Book Tuesday 14th May 2019 – this week's Golden Stars!

Reception Vote	<i>Dexter for fantastic progress in reading and brilliant addition in maths. Daniel for super amazing reading.</i>
<i>Year 1 Staff Vote</i>	<i>Jake for brilliant progress in reading.</i>
Year 1 Pupil Vote	<i>Hollie and Indy for looking after property, especially in our cloakroom.</i>
<i>Year 2 Staff Vote</i>	<i>Eidy for her excellent attitude and perseverance with all her learning and fantastic improvement in maths.</i>
Year 2 Pupil Vote	<i>Spencer for being a good friend.</i>
<i>Year 3 Staff Vote</i>	<i>Delan for settling so well in his first week at ASJ.</i>
Year 3 Pupil Vote	<i>Joseph M for being brave when he hurt his ankle.</i>
<i>Year 4 Staff Vote</i>	<i>Lottie for giving 100% and showing good determination by challenging herself more frequently in maths tasks. Excellent!</i>
Year 4 Pupil Vote	<i>Adrian for contributing more in class and putting in lots more effort.</i>
<i>Year 5 Staff Vote</i>	<i>Finlay for a massive improvement in telling the time.</i>
Year 5 Pupil Vote	<i>Lily R – a unanimous vote - for being a good and supportive friend.</i>
<i>Year 6 Staff Vote</i>	<i>Amy D for bringing in a positive thoughts jar for Year 6 – it is lovely to have someone so caring and supportive to get us through a tricky week.</i>
Year 6 Pupil Vote	<i>Rosie for her David Hockney artwork on an iPad.</i>

Dates for the Diary (New Dates added in red)

Mon 20 th -Thurs 23 rd May 2019	‘Leaf’ Your Car at Home – Walk to School week
Wednesday 22 nd May 2019	Year 4 Visit to Sealife Centre
Thursday 23rd May 2019	Final date for photo orders to be returned to school (if not ordering on line)
Thursday 23 rd May 2019	Break up for half term
Friday 24th May 2019	Whole school training day
Monday 3rd June 2019	Whole school training day
Tuesday 4 th June 2019	Back to school – Summer term 2
Tuesday 4 th June 2019	Year 2 Skipping Festival – Trinity University (letter to follow)
Thursday 6 th June 2019	Golden Mile with Premier Sport
Mon 10 th -Weds 12 th June 2019	Bikeability Year 6
Mon 10 th – Thurs 14 th June 2019	Phonics Screening Check Week
Wednesday 12 th June 2019	Reception 2019 Parent’s Evening
Wednesday 12 th June 2019	Year 1 Class Collective Worship – 9:15am – parents welcome
Wednesday 19 th June 2019	Year 2 Trip to The Deep
Thursday 20 th June 2019	Reception Class trip to Nell Bank
Friday 21 st June 2019	John the Baptist Day – at church (<i>volunteers required</i>)
Wednesday 26 th June 2019	Non-uniform Day – Bring a bottle for the PTA Summer Fayre
Friday 28 th June 2019	PTA Summer Fayre from 3.30pm
Sunday 30 th June 2019	Eccup 10 run – <i>details to follow</i>
Wednesday 3 rd July 2019	Reception 2019 Transition morning 1
Monday 8th July 2019	Sports Day
Tuesday 9 th July 2019	Reception 2019 Transition morning 2
Thursday 11 th July 2019	Reception 2019 Reading Information morning

Tuesday 16 th July 2019	Year 5/6 End of Year production 6:30pm
Wednesday 17 th July 2019	Whole school transition morning
Wednesday 17 th July	Year 5/6 End of Year production 1:45pm
Wednesday 17 th July 2019	Meet the Teacher event 3:30– 5pm
Tuesday 23 rd July 2019	Leaver's Assembly – 9:30am – Year 6 Parents welcome
Tuesday 23 rd July 2019	Break up for summer holiday
Wednesday 24 th July 2019	Whole School training day

Year 6 - High School Transition Dates

Thursday 4 th July 2019	Ralph Thoresby Transition Day
Thursday 4 th July 2019	Allerton High Transition Day
Friday 5 th July 2019	Ralph Thoresby Transition Day
Tuesday 9 th July 2019	Abbey Grange Transition Day

Community leaflets in school

Please feel free to call in and pick one up:

- Triathlon Training at The Brownlee Centre
- Adel Tennis Club – Coaching programme
- The Great British Food Festival – Harewood House – 25-27 May