

*Thought for the Week*

*Make new friends but keep the old. One is silver and the other gold.*

## Headteacher's Message

**Darwin Rocks! – or should that be Adel St John Rocks! I've always thought it but our years 5 and 6 children proved it. Their singing and acting was brilliant and their comic timing was superb! It was a night for them all to remember. Thanks to all who helped with the production and, of course, to you for supporting the children through their performance.**

**We were very lucky with the weather for Sports Day last Friday. It was a fabulous afternoon, the children all loved it and everything went smoothly. Congratulations to **Brownlee** and congratulations to all the parents who willingly joined in. I think there may have been some aching bones the next day.**

**This week we talked to our new parents about how we teach reading in school and the new children had another session experiencing their new class. Our current children all have their transition morning next week. They will spend some time in their new classroom with their new teacher and start to plan the first topic of the term.**

**Finally, in this edition of our newsletter, Reverend White is looking for help with ideas for a new type of service at Adel Parish Church.**

**A copy of his article from the August/September 2017 issue of the Parish Magazine (Adel Bells) is reproduced below, and he is very keen to hear from you with your comments and ideas.**



### Five Alive!

You will all be aware by now of recent changes to the programme of services at Adel Parish Church: from the beginning of July, 8am Holy communion is held on the first and third Sundays of the month and Evensong on the second and fourth Sundays. However, sometimes there are five Sundays in the month and we haven't decided yet what to do on these occasions.

Our Junior Church is thriving with record attendances most weeks, mainly of quite young children, so one of the most obvious 'gaps' in our regular congregations is older children.

From many conversations I have had with families and others there is a clear reason for this, and that is related to the number of other activities that take place on Sunday mornings. Junior football, rugby, cricket, dance classes, music lessons, and many more, mean that this age group, and their parents, find it difficult to come to church at our usual times.

So, perhaps this is where fifth Sundays could come in? Obviously, this would not involve a weekly commitment; just a few times over the course of a year. But the question is – what sort of service should it be? Is this something you could think about over the summer, and let me have some feedback when you have?

For example, should the service involve Holy Communion or not? What other types of activity or content would you like to see? What time should it begin? (Maybe early, mid or late afternoon, or early evening?)

How long should it last? Should it be in church or in our Church Hall, thereby allowing a less formal set-up ('Café Church' is becoming quite a popular approach), and should refreshments be included? And I'm sure lots of other ideas will come to mind, so do let me know.

Obviously, bearing in mind the age-group we want to reach, I'd be most interested to hear from the young people themselves, and their parents, but everyone is welcome to respond. Either have a word with me when you see me, email me at [rev.ianwhite@tesco.net](mailto:rev.ianwhite@tesco.net), or put pen to paper and drop me a line. Our Worship Committee will be considering this over the coming weeks, so any input would be greatly appreciated.

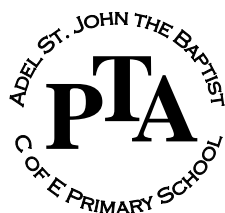
With God's blessings,  
**Reverend White**

#### Attendance and Minutes Late Report

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance (5th September 2016 – 7th July 2017)	97.51%	97.26%	98.09%	98.13%	97.38%	95.95%	97.42%
Minutes Late (3rd – 7th July 2017)	0	55	2	0	0	55	0
Number of children arriving between 9.00 - 9.05am (3rd – 7th July)	1	0	4	0	1	2	1

### On Time Award!

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



We are pleased to announce that the profit raised from the PTA Summer Fayre is **£1,925**. A fantastic achievement by all those involved, thank you!

#### Prayer

Dear God,  
 Help us all to have a happy end to our school year,  
 Lead the year 6 pupils so they too have an enjoyable end to their time here at Adel St John.  
 Guide us along the way so that we try our best in everything we do,  
 Lord, accept our prayer,  
**Amen.**



#### Adel Stairway Reward Booklets: Congratulations to those children who have completed their booklets

BRONZE 250 Stampers Achieved	SILVER 500 Stampers Achieved		GOLD 750 Stampers Achieved	PLATINUM 1000 Stampers Achieved
Emily - Reception Poppy - Year 2 Jake - Year 2 Michaela - Year 6	Sophie – Year 1 Ben – Year 1 Isobel – Year 1 Raihana – Year 1 Grace – Year 1 Laura – Year 2 Fay – Year 5 Georgia – Year 5	Magnus – Year 1 James – Year 4 Sian – Year 4 Faye – Year 4 Amelie – Year 4 Brooke - Year 4	Hasan – Year 4 Max – Year 4 Morgan – Year 4 Ariana – Year 4 Louis – Year 4 Halle – Year 4 Sophia – Year 4	Henry – Year 4 Isla – Year 4

**Golden Book Tuesday 11 July 2017 – this week's Golden Stars!**

**The staff chose the Gold Awards this week for children across school. In KS2 they were focused on learning and attitude in SPAG Passport. Congratulations to all these children, you have certainly made an impression on the staff in school.**

<i>Miss Haden-Grant's Vote</i>	<i>Olivia for always smiling and saying 'hello' each time we see each other. It always makes me smile Olivia ☺.</i> <i>Amourae for a fantastic effort in Sports Day and always competing with a positive attitude.</i>
<i>Miss Griffin's Vote</i>	<i>All of Reception for an excellent start to transition.</i> <i>Sophia for an excellent story based on Willie the Wizard. Well done Sophia.</i>
<i>Mr Routledge's Vote</i>	<i>Brodie for always saying good morning to Mr Routledge with a smile on his face.</i>
<i>Mrs Whitehead's Vote</i>	<i>Joe for consistently contributing – having his hand up, completing all tasks and being enthusiastic in his learning!</i>
<i>Mrs William's Vote</i>	<i>Claudia – She always has her hand up and participates really well in every session. She puts in 100% every time!</i>
<i>Miss White's Vote</i>	<i>Navraj for always trying his best, putting his hand up and being excited about SPAG! Navraj gives 100% in discussion and writing. Well done!</i>
<i>Mrs Haley's Vote</i>	<i>Brooke for being very interactive during every SPAG session and eager to answer questions. She always participates happily.</i>
<i>Miss Jackson's Vote</i>	<i>Billy for excellent effort in SPAG, shown in his neatly presented and corrected work.</i>
<i>Miss Dakin's Vote</i>	<i>Mason for his enthusiasm and thoughtfulness when considering etymology of words.</i>
<i>Miss Smith's Vote</i>	<i>Darcy and Elizabeth for their positive attitudes to learning. They always contribute and try really hard. Well done!</i>
<i>Mrs Fountain's Vote</i>	<i>Evie for her conscientious attitude to our lessons. She always challenges herself and questions her learning to deepen her understanding.</i>

### Dinner Money

**As we near the end of this academic year please ensure that outstanding monies for school lunches are paid by Monday July 17<sup>th</sup> at the latest. This will enable the school office to bank all money before the close of school on Friday July 21st. Thank you.**

School meals are £2.05 per day, £10.25 per week for pupils in Years 3, 4 5 and 6. Parents paying weekly should always send dinner money in each Monday morning. Cheques should be made payable to Leeds City Council. Thank you. **Anyone wanting to change from school meals to packed lunch and vice versa, the office requires a half terms notice.**

**Please note from September 2017 the cost of school meals will increase from £2.05 to £2.10, per day.**

Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
5 <sup>th</sup> September-20 <sup>th</sup> October 2017 £71.40	30 <sup>th</sup> October – 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2017 £73.50

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

17 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	Year 6 Bikeability
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	Whole school transition morning
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	Reception Class Collective Worship – 9.15am – parents welcome
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	Year 6 Bowling trip
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	9.15 am Leavers Assembly – Year 6 parents welcome
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2017</b>	<b>School closes for summer break</b>
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2017</b>	<b>TRAINING DAY</b>
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017</b>	<b>TRAINING DAY</b>
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017</b>	<b>Return to school for Autumn Term 1</b>
Saturday 23 September 2017	Governors New Parents Welcome Event 5-7pm
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> October 2017</b>	<b>Year 6 residential to Carlton Lodge</b>