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Headteacher's Message

Our children have had an exciting day today, Christmas lunch was enjoyed by all in the hall and our Christingle assembly this morning is always a highlight. The Christingle was led by Reverend White after the PCC had prepared 210 Christingles last night. Many thanks to them. The children certainly enjoyed the service so take time to ask them about the different parts of the Christingle and what they mean. Last week we sent home boxes for the Children's Society, if you still wish to contribute please could you return them to school by Wednesday 13th December.

Many of you watched with pride, this week, as the Key Stage 1 children performed their nativity. Shepherd's Delight! It certainly brought a smile to us at school as we watched the children sing, act and dance so beautifully. The performance was wonderful and now we have some very relieved teachers, thank you to all of them for all their creative efforts and time to make the nativity such a success. Our thanks also go to those who donated to our collection at the end of each production, it raised £156.15. The charity that the children chose to donate to was supporting the homeless at Christmas, so the money will be sent to St George's Crypt.

We have an exciting week planned for the last week of term. There are parties to attend and I am sure the children will enjoy their time. On the last day of term we will be having a toy day. Please remember that the children should not bring anything to school that is precious to them as we cannot take responsibility for breakages. Also, please do not bring electronic equipment to school.

Our Christmas service is on Friday 15th and you are very welcome to join us. It will be held in the school hall at 9.15am. Jane Hainsworth

Headteacher

Weather Warning

There is a weather warning for our area. It is mainly to the west of the city but please keep safe when travelling this weekend. Please remember to check the website or listen to the local radio if it there is still a substantial amount of snow on Monday.

Roadworks

Leeds City Council have informed us that they will be carrying out roadworks (double yellow lines) outside school in the near future. Unfortunately, I do not have a specific date but please be aware that vehicles will be on Long Causeway carrying out works. These measures are designed to address some concerns regarding school parking. Whilst they felt that the informal one-way system works adequately, they have noted that parking is occurring too close to junctions and accesses, limiting visibility for some drivers at busier times. Thank you for your patience while this work is carried out.

Magical Maths reminder: The children enjoyed a maths assembly recently that introduced them to an after school club that would start after Christmas. Can I remind you to contact the provider, Magical Maths, on the leaflet sent home if your child is interested in taking part in this after school activity.









Adel Stairway Reward Booklets:

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

BRONZE 250 Stampers Achieved

Lexi – Year 4 Rosa - Year 4 Jana – Year 4 Lily – Year 4

Almighty Father

Thank you for peace - as peace stops conflict and war. Help us to stay peaceful in all that we do and say. Forgive us for the times when we aren't and help us to encourage peace in others. Lord hear our prayer Amen

Written by Gabriel, Fay and Aaminah in Year 6

PTA Information

We would like to say a massive thankyou to all who attended, supported and volunteered for the Christmas Fayre, we are so thankful to parents and families and their kind generosity.

It was a fantastic afternoon enjoyed by us all and a great start to the festive season! The funds raised, £1,418, will be going towards 30 new laptops and two outdoor static table-tennis table for the playground.

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The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 24th January more information to follow next week, we hope to see you there.

The PTA would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



Fundraising Reminder when Christmas shopping

Using the Easy fund raising website is an easy way of raising money via the PTA's registered charity. It doesn't cost you anything - just shop online using their partner retailers - Amazon, John Lewis, Ebay and over 200 more. When you make purchases they donate money to the school. Quick instructions into doing this

- 1. Go to http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/adelstjohn/
- 2. Click on "Get Started" link and complete the registration.
- 3. Download the "Find and remind" toolbar (optional but acts as a good reminder about this)
- 4. Start shopping online and see extra funds come to the school.

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.

Autumn Term 2	Spring Term 1
30 th October – 15 th December 2017	3 rd January – 9 th February 2018
£73.50	£58.80

Attendance and Minutes Late Report

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance (5th September 2017 –1 st Dec 2017)	98.57%	97.87%	97.72%	97.48%	98.27%	95.31%	96.19%
Minutes Late (27th – 1 st Dec 2017)	5	6	69	5	0	12	140
Number of children arriving between 9.00 - 9.05am (27 th – 1st Dec)	1	2	1	4	0	1	7



Golden Book Tuesday 5th December 2017 – this week's Golden Stars!

Reception Staff Vote	Oscar for always being kind and helpful. Freddie for showing great effort in phonics and when completing activities during Choosing Time.
Year 1 Staff Vote	Alfie for excellent attention and clear writing during phonics. Chetan for challenging himself during maths when solving his own subtraction problems.
Year 2 Staff Vote	Thomas for being a word machine and fantastic actor in the Nativity.
Year 2 Pupil Vote	Olivia for looking after Natasha when she was poorly on Monday.
Year 3 Staff Vote	Francesca for extending her own learning at home and others in school, by making her own SPAG worksheets.
Year 3 Pupil Vote	Theo for asking Jake to play when he was on his own.
Year 4 Staff Vote	Joey for a huge improvement in his mental arithmetic test score. Well done, keep it up!
Year 4 Pupil Vote	Amber for being a kind friend and encouraging her friend to do a cartwheel on the bench during gymnastics.
Year 5 Staff Vote	Amy D for amazing skills in maths.
Year 5 Pupil Vote	Sian for being kind to others and letting people play when they are on their own.
Year 6 Staff Vote	Isabel, Charlie and Lucy for excellent collaboration during our Anderson shelter project – no fuss and they all supported each other.
Year 6 Pupil Vote	Gabriel for being a helpful partner to Ethan during the Nativity lights.

Pupil achievements out of school

Callum - Reception	Learn to Swim certificate Stage 2
Charlotte - Reception	Duckling Level 4 swimming certificate
Ethan — Year 1	Tigers Red Course Record – Golf
Ishaan – Year 1	Learn to Swim certificate Level 3
Emily – Year 1	Duckling Level 3 swimming certificate

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Monday 11 th December 2017	Year 3 Greek Day – Year 3 parents welcome (2:45pm)		
Monday 11th December 2017	KS1 Christmas Party (1-2pm)		
Tuesday 12th December 2017	KS2 Christmas Party Y3/4 (1–2pm)		
Wednesday 13th December 2017	KS2 Christmas Party Y5/6 (1-2pm)		
Wednesday 13th December 2017	Year 3 & 4 Aquafestival Holt Park		
Wednesday 13 th December 2017	Reception – Family morning (end of topic) 8:50 – 9:30 in Hall		
Thursday 14 th December 2017	Young Voices (Y5&6) visiting Adel Grange		
Friday 15 December 2017	Christmas Collective Worship – 9.15am all welcome		
Friday 15 December 2017	Carols around the Christmas tree – 2.45pm all welcome		
Friday 15 December 2017	Last day of term – National Christmas Jumper Day – details to follow		
Tuesday 2 January 2018	Whole school training day		
Wednesday 3 January 2018	First Day of Spring Term 1		
Thursday 4 January 2018	Reception 2018 – Open afternoon – 1.30pm		
Wednesday 9 th January 2018	First Multisports Club (Y1 and 2)		
Thursday 10 th January 2018	First Archery Club (KS2)		
Thursday 11 th January 2018	First football club of Spring Term 1		
Monday 15 th January 2018	Deadline: Admissions Reception 2018		
Wednesday 24 th January 2018	Year 5 Class Collective Worship – 9:15am Year 5 Parents welcome		
Wednesday 24 th January 2018	PTA Annual General Meeting		
Wednesday 7 th February 2018	Year 4 Class Collective Worship – 9:15am Year 4 Parents welcome		
Thursday 1 March 2018	Offers of High School places sent out		
Wednesday 7th March 2018	Year 3 Class Collective Worship – 9:15am Year 3 Parents welcome		
Wednesday 25 th April 2018	Year 1 Class Collective Worhsip – 9:15am Year 1 Parents welcome		
Thursday 3 rd May 2018	Whole school training day		
Wednesday 13 th June 2018	Year 2 Class Collective Worship – 9:15am Year 2 Parents welcome		
Wednesday 27 th June 2018	Reception Class Collective Worship – 9:15am Reception Parents welcome		
Wednesday 25 July 2018	Whole school training day		

1 more training day still to be arranged