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#### Headteacher's Message

From swimmers and Greeks to astronauts and musicians, ASJ has seen them all this week. We have had parties, quizzes and performances galore and as you can see from these pictures, days have been filled with fun and lots of laughter.

Year 4 held a hugely successful talent show this week – with so many children with skills of singing, dancing and playing instruments, that Mrs Ventress found it hard to fit it all in one afternoon.

Children from Years 3 and 4 took part in an Aqua Festival at Holt Park Active on Wednesday. They all did incredibly well and we ended up coming third over all. A special congratulations to the water polo team who were undoubtedly very tired on Wednesday evening.

In an amendment to a previous newsletter, the Cross Country Year 4 Boys Team

(Ben W, Ayman, Billy, Bruce and Joey) have qualified for the Leeds Finals at Temple Newsam at 1pm on Wednesday 21st February 2018. A huge congratulations from Miss Griffin. Let's get in training!

Year 5 made space helmets and alien headwear for their final learning log of 2017. Miss Jackson was most impressed with





all the children's effort and hard work that went into their learning. Well done Year 5 – Superstars.

This week was the return of the inter-house maths quiz. There was a festive theme to the questions and the competition was tight with Farah emerging victorious. Well done to everyone who took part!



Dear God,

This special time has come and faces are being filled with joy.
But some faces are sad and upset.
Let us think about those that don't

have the chance to celebrate Christmas.

For it is us who can bring happiness to their lives.
Lord hear our prayer
Amen

Prayer written by Amelie (Yr 5)

It has also been a very special and proud week as a number of our children were recognised for their charitable work during the Gold Award Assembly on Tuesday.

The Year 6 children who raised £130 for Dementia Awareness presented their cheque to a representative from the charity. Thomas in Year 2, raised £244 recently for St Gemma's. His 1km run was made more memorable as he, mum and

all his fellow runners dressed as Santa. Finally, a number of children in Year 3 also organised to raise money for St Gemma's during a birthday party. They spent a long time preparing a game of *Guess the name of the Teddy* and then presented the money to Mrs Sellers who also held an event to raise money for the same charity.

Today we are saying goodbye to Theo in Year 3 and Georgios in Reception. We wish them lots of love as they move to their new schools.

Finally, thank you for all the gifts and cards we have received, your kind words and messages are very much appreciated by Mrs Ramsden and Mrs Dean and myself. I wish you a peaceful Christmas with all your loved ones. Enjoy this special time together and we look forward to seeing you again in the New Year.

Please note that Tuesday 2nd January is a training day. School will be closed on this day and will re-open for Spring Term 1 on Wednesday 3rd January.

Jane Hainsworth Headteacher



# Adel Stairway Reward Booklets:

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

#### **BRONZE 250 Stampers Achieved**

Joey - Year 4 Varoon - Year 4

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.

Spring Term 1	Spring Term 2
3 <sup>rd</sup> January – 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	19th February – 20th March 2018
£58.80	£60.90

## Attendance and Minutes Late Report

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance (5th September 2017 – 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2017)	98.58%	97.35%	97.67%	97.38%	98.28%	94.78%	96.00%
Minutes Late (4th – 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2017)	0	50	3	50	2	0	61
Number of children arriving between 9.00 - 9.05am (4 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec)	1	2	3	3	3	3	6

#### Golden Book Tuesday 12th December 2017 – this week's Golden Stars!

Reception Staff Vote	Hollie for helping us choose which charity to donate our nativity money to. Thank you for telling us all about it Hollie.  All of Reception for being extremely sensible and great fun when making our Christmas tiffin and at our Christmas party on Monday, and the nativity.
Year 1 Staff Vote	All of Year 1 for being excellent in our nativity.
Year 2 Staff Vote	All of Year 2 for our brilliant nativity.
Year 3 Staff Vote	Salahuddin for a great attitude to learning.
Year 3 Pupil Vote	Rosie for trying hard with her spellings on her Olympics advertisement poster.
Year 4 Staff Vote	Darcy for super use of rhyming couplets in her Christmas poetry.
Year 4 Pupil Vote	Ayman for being a kind and helpful friend and learning partner.
Year 5 Staff Vote	The whole class for their amazing effort and enthusiasm in their Space topic. Also for their amazing learning logs this week.
Year 6 Staff Vote	Georgia and Lucy for great scores in their reading assessments. Well done!
Year 6 Pupil Vote	Ethan for being a good partner to Ellie in English.

#### Pupil achievements out of school

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Micah — Year 1	15 metres swimming & Water Skills 1			
Matilda – Year 1	Swimming Stage 3			
Samuel – Reception	Try Time Rugby			

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

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
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	First Multisports Club (Y1 and 2)
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	First Archery Club (KS2)
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Music Lessons start with Mrs Miller
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	First football club of Spring Term 1
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Deadline: Admissions Reception 2018
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Whole school timed long distance run
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Young Voices Event at Sheffield
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Year 4 & 5 Basketball event – (details to follow)
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Year 5 Class Collective Worship – 9:15am Year 5 Parents welcome
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	PTA Annual General Meeting
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Year 1 trip to Armley Mills
Thursday 1st February 2018	Year 4 skipping workshop
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	Year 1 Class Collective Worhsip – 9:15am Year 1 Parents welcome
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2018	Whole school training day
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Year 2 Class Collective Worship – 9:15am Year 2 Parents welcome
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> 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

#### **Mobile App Information**

Please note that the Mobile App will go live in the New Year and the last paper copy of the newsletter will be sent home on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January. After this date you will be notified of the newsletter via the App so there will be no paper copy other than for those parents who don't have access to a smart phone. They will still be able to pick up a paper copy in the entrance – please note these parents have priority for paper copies.