

# Adel St John the Baptist Church of England Primary School Newsletter

## Headteacher's Message

This week we have been enjoying nature in its many forms and this newsletter should possibly come with a warning! On Monday the children had a visit from some exotic animals and minibeasts! They were able to get close up with the cutest African hedgehog ever seen, tortoises, cockroaches and giant millipedes. Some were even 'lucky' enough to handles the snake and tarantula!

Year 5 visited York Gate on Monday morning to find out about propagating plants using leaf cuttings, seedlings and seeds. They also found circle patterns in designs, garden structures and water features. This week they have been writing persuasive posters to encourage people to visit this beautiful place.

On Wednesday, as part of their new topic, Wriggle and Crawl, Year 2 went on a minibeast hunt in the school grounds. Spiders, bees, wasps, butterflies, ants, millipedes and beetles were found as well as some gigantic slugs feasting on the allotment. Children also had fun with the pouters, which turned out to be not

as airtight as advertised! Mr Routledge is still picking the wood chips out of his teeth.

Finally, there are a number of safeguarding reminders to bring to your attention:

- NO child, of school age or otherwise, should be climbing on ANY of the adventure playgrounds, either before or after school.
- Please ensure that packed lunches DO NOT contain nuts. We have a number of children with nut allergies and so do not allow them in school.
- KS2 children may bring a snack from home to eat at playtime but please ensure that these are ONLY fruit or vegetables.

Finally, thank you to all those parents that have already returned the Annual Authorisation forms which were sent home this week. Please could you return these to the office if you have not already done so in order for us to ensure our records remain accurate. Jane Hainsworth, Headteacher





## Weekly prayer

Dear God,

Help us to care for and love the earth and all of creation you have blessed us with.

Thank you for the air we breathe and the food that we eat.

The earth was a gift that we all take for granted. God Almighty you helped us when we lived in terrible conditions.

Now we must repay the price and look after your brilliant creation of the earth.

Lord please accept our prayer **Amen.** 

Written by Darcy Year 6



Year 3 had a fantastic afternoon playing cricket in the glorious sunshine yesterday with some other local schools. They took part in several different activities to practise their cricket skills and, as usual, all children gave it their all and had a great time.



# In order to activate the whole city around reading and the love of reading Leeds is declaring September 2019 – September 2020 a Year of Reading!

At ASJ we place huge importance on creating a love of reading as this leads to a love of learning and helps to underpin achievement in all subjects. Therefore, it is wonderful to see just how many children from ASJ completed the Summer Reading Challenge – congratulations to everyone.

		Summer Read	ling challenge		
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Sehaj	Katherine	Jacob	Matilda	Adiel	Varoon
Meredith	Callum	Spencer	Alfie	Beatrice	Ben
Joshua	Zoe	Alfie	Immanuel	Raquel	Abigail
Zach	Esther	Ali	Arya	Carys	
Freya	Jorge	Cora	Isobel		
Jake	Saif	Micah	Olivia		
Joshua		Gracie	Balraj		
Daniel			Grace		
James			Eva		
Zac			Thomas		
Neveah			Sophie		
Harry					

# **Dinner money**

Dinner money is now due (details are included here). Please remember when paying money to school for lunches and trips/visitors, to always use your YELLOW RECEIPT CARD, thank you.

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

Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
4 Sept − 25 Oct <b>£83.60</b>	4 Nov − 20 Dec <b>£77.00</b>

# Attendance and Minutes Late Report

Our target for whole school attendance is 97% - Whole school attendance last week was 98.71%

In total 0 sessions were lost last week due to holidays taken in term time							
	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance (4th September 2019 – 13 <sup>th</sup> September 2019)	100%	100%	98.33%	98.88%	98.04%	99.78%	93.97%
Minutes Late  9th – 13th September 2019)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of children arriving between 9.00 -9.05am (9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	2	0



Last week's On Time Award goes to:

Reception, Year 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6

# 100% Attendance

Last week's Weekly 100% Attendance goes

Reception and Year 1

### Golden Book Tuesday 17 September 2019 - this week's Golden Stars!

Year 1 Staff Vote	Antonio for brilliant effort in his reading, writing and maths learning!
Year 1 Pupil Vote	Meredith, Zac P and James for fantastic writing.
Year 2 Staff Vote	Jake for coming to school with much improved confidence, and attitude to his learning.
Year 2 Pupil Vote	Esther for being very kind and helpful to her classmates
Year 3 Staff Vote	Emily for a fantastic nonsense poem about food.
Year 3 Pupil Vote	Eidy for always being there for friends when they are sad.
Year 4 Staff Vote	Joseph for excellent spellings. A perfect score. Well done.
Year 4 Pupil Vote	Natasha because she's always kind, helpful and lovely to everyone. Also, she's always there for me and all of the school if they need someone to help.
Year 5 Staff Vote	All the class for their amazing behaviour and attentive listening at York Gate on Monday.
Year 5 Pupil Vote	Francesca for always answering questions.  Mateen for great writing on Martin Luther King.
Year 6 Staff Vote	Ayman for his impressive high jumping skills in PE – super straight legs and lots of confidence!
Year 6 Pupil Vote	Varoon for being a great computer partner.

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

Saturday 21st September 2019	Reception New Parent's event
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	Music for Schools – assembly for KS2 pupils (Leaflets will be sent home-see 4th Oct below).
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	Online Flu Vaccination deadline: Reception-Yr6
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept-Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2019	Year 6 residential - Carlton Lodge
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2019	PTA Meeting (all welcome)
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	Music for Schools – sign up for music lessons 3:20 – 4:20pm
Wednesday 9th October 2019	Year 2 and 3 Multisports Festival (St Marys, Menston)
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	Harvest Festival (all welcome) 9:30am – please note change of date
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	Flu vaccinations in school: Reception-Yr6
Tuesday 15th October 2019	Year 5 and 6 Netball Festival (St Mary's)
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	Year 1 trip to Abbey House (letter to follow)
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	Roman Museum (Year 4 parents welcome)
Thursday 17th October 2019	Year 3 York Chocolate Story trip (letter to follow)
Friday 18th October 2019	Individual pupil school photos
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2019	Year 4 Roman visitor
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2019	Parent consultations – whole school
Thursday 24th October 2019	Parent consultations – whole school
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	Break up for Autumn half term holiday
Thursday 31st October 2019	Deadline for applying to secondary schools.
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	Return to school - Autumn half term 2
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	Reception 2020 Open Morning
Saturday 9th November 2019	PTA Bonfire Night
Friday 20th December 2019	Break up for Christmas holiday

**High School Open Evenings** 

Tuesday 17th September 2019	Lawnswood 5-7pm
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	Abbey Grange 6:30pm
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2019	Horsforth School 6 – 8:30
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	Prince Henry's Grammar



Are you a parent? Is your child under 11 years old?

Would you like a chance to win a £50 high street shopping voucher?

Complete our online survey – children's snacking & meals survey

Please go to this link for the online survey:

http://bit.ly/ChildFoodSurvey



#### About the survey

Please only complete the survey if you are responsible for at least one child aged 11 years old or UNDER

A research team at Leeds Beckett University are trying to find out about the meals and snacks parents or caregivers give their family at home and for their views on the recent Change4Life 100 calories nack campaign (if seen), and if it has had any impact on how parents or caregivers provide snacks for their children.

The survey will run until the 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019. You will be asked to give your email address at the end of the survey if you wish to be entered into the prize draw to win a £50 high street shopping voucher.

