



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

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## Headteacher's Message

Last Friday we received the news that we have been successful in achieving MindMate Champion status. MindMate Champions is part of the prevention element of Future in Mind: Leeds. A city wide strategy to improve the social, emotional, mental health (SEMH) and wellbeing of children and young people. Over the last year we have been developing our work around SEMH and that work has now been recognised as having made a positive change for our children within an area of social, emotional or mental health. Thank you to all the staff for their hard work but especially Miss White who led us in achieving this award.



The classes have been enjoying their final day; bringing together all their topic learning over the last few weeks. Year 6 children came dressed in Mexican colours and have performed some amazing raps and songs about Day of the Dead, made skull biscuits and prepared a dance to La Cucaracha ready for our parents' open afternoon!



Year 4 took part in a BBC lesson to explore emotions, growth mindset and wellbeing. As part of the lesson, they learned an activity they could do anytime to help them feel calm. They focussed on listening to the sound of their breathing and traced round each finger with each breath they took. It was a very peaceful Year 4, at least for a short time!



I am very proud to announce that the bun sale organised in aid of Candlelighters raised a staggering £238.34. Thank you to everyone involved in either helping to organise this or in buying the delicious buns.



It has been a busy term for sports competitions. Since September we have taken part in lots of sports festivals and competitions (Year 3 Cricket, Year 2/3 Multi Sports, KS2 Cross Country, Year 5/6 Netball). Before Christmas we have more yet to come (Y4/5/6 Sports Hall Athletics, Y4 Aquafestival, KS1 Gymnastics)

All children have taken part in the Golden Mile which allows the children to track their fitness throughout the year. Year 3 have started their swimming lessons and the YMCA have started their team teaching in Sports Hall Athletics which will hopefully





increase our chances of progressing to the final of the competition. Year 4 will soon be starting their skipping competition preparation.

Finally, the rain stopped long enough for the Year 6 children to add everyone's hearts onto the outdoor world map. It was wonderful to see just how far our love travels. The hearts will now be displayed in the entrance along with photographs of the display – thank you to everyone that took part.

Have a wonderful and safe holiday and we will see you back in school on the 4<sup>th</sup> November.



## Poppy Appeal

When we return after half term our Christian value is Peace. The first thing we will focus on is supporting the Royal British Legion and commemorating Armistice Day. This year there are a number of items that the children can make a donation for and Year 6 children will be coming to each class daily. On offer are: **suggested donation of £1 for a ruler and 50 pence for other items such as a pencil or reflector.** Please ensure your child has the correct money. As always, the children will also be able to make a donation for a poppy.

### Weekly prayer

Dear God,  
Help me to be and feel like a good present, inside and out.  
Support me in my actions so people will want to know me better.  
Help me to be a good and happy person inside, generous and gentle in my thoughts, remembering you in all I do.  
Lord hear our prayer.  
Amen.



## Bonfire Extravaganza 9<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Volunteer Board for the Bonfire Night Extravaganza is now up.

For safety reasons we rely on as many helpers as possible and cannot run the event without your support. **Please put your name down, it is fantastic event that we all enjoy!**



## Open Days – Applying for a Primary School Reception Place 2020

Four open days are being offered for parents of children who were born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016:

Wednesday 6 November 9.30am

Thursday 21 November 9.30am

Monday 16 December 1.30pm

Thursday 9 January 1.30pm

It is important that you submit your application to the Local Authority within these dates November 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 - January 15<sup>th</sup> 2020.

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# Bonfire & Fireworks Extravaganza!

Saturday 9 November 2019

Gates open for Food, Drink and refreshments – 5.00pm  
Bonfire – 5.45pm  
Fireworks – 6.30pm

Adults: £5.50      Child/OAP: £3.50  
Family Ticket – 2 Adults & 3 Children: £15.00  
Pay on gate or pre-order from school  
No sparklers or fireworks to be brought to this event. No smoking allowed.  
Under 16s must be accompanied by an adult. Timings are weather dependent.

## Attendance and Minutes Late Report

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|--|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Our target for whole school attendance is 97% - Whole school attendance last week was <b>98.72%</b>        |           |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| In total 2 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 |
| <b>Attendance</b><br>(4th September 2019 – 18th October 2019)  | 98.94%    | 98.74% | 98.79% | 98.95% | 98.88% | 98.59% | 98.43% |
| <b>Minutes Late</b><br>14 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2019)                                   | 0         | 5      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 20     | 0      |
| <b>Number of children arriving between 9.00 - 9.05am</b> 14 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2019) | 0         | 1      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 3      | 0      |

### On Time Award!

Last week's On Time Award goes to:

**Year 1, Year 2 and Year 6**

### **100% Attendance!**

Last week's Weekly 100% Attendance goes to:

**Year 3**


## Dinner money

| Autumn Term 2            | Spring Term 1            |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 4 Nov – 20 Dec<br>£77.00 | 7 Jan – 14 Feb<br>£63.80 |

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

### ASJ Reward Booklets:

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

| BRONZE 250 Stampers Achieved  |          |
|---|----------|
| Ben – Year 2  | Thomas 4 |
| Macy – Year 2   | Balraj 4 |
| Ava – Year 2  | Grace 4  |
| Viola – Year 2  | Isobel 4 |
| Sienna – Year 2   | Alfie 4  |
| Callum – Year 2   | Priya 5  |
| Isla – Year 2   | Perry 5  |
| Lydia – Year 2  |          |
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## Golden Book Tuesday 22<sup>th</sup> October 2019 – this week's Golden Stars!

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|--------------------------|---|
| <i>Year 1 Staff Vote</i> | <i>Rachel for using different colouring pencil techniques in art.</i>   |
| <i>Year 1 Pupil Vote</i> | <i>Daniel and Hennie for great learning logs of a family tree.</i>  |
| <i>Year 2 Staff Vote</i> | <i>Sienna for her super addition work in maths.</i>   |
| <i>Year 2 Pupil Vote</i> | <i>Mr Routledge for being a good teacher (on his birthday).</i>   |
| <i>Year 3 Staff Vote</i> | <i>Everyone for a brilliant trip last week to the Chocolate Factory. Everyone was so well behaved!</i>                  |
| <i>Year 3 Pupil Vote</i> | <i>Emily for being a funny friend.</i>  |
| <i>Year 4 Staff Vote</i> | <i>Harry for great progress in maths, particularly his mental arithmetic test. Well done.</i>                           |
| <i>Year 4 Pupil Vote</i> | <i>Joe because he is always doing the right thing.</i>  |
| <i>Year 5 Staff Vote</i> | <i>Joseph for great effort and care in handwriting AND an amazing allotment poem with well thought out vocabulary..</i> |
| <i>Year 5 Pupil Vote</i> | <i>Alice for always concentrating on <u>all</u> her work.</i>   |
| <i>Year 6 Staff Vote</i> | <i>Ayman for his great acting during our 'Just So' story-telling.</i>   |
| <i>Year 6 Pupil Vote</i> | <i>Rosa for impressive technical content in her music discussion about Mexican traditional songs.</i>                   |

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

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|--|---|
| <b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019</b>     | <b>Break up for Autumn half term holiday</b>  |
| <b>Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019</b>   | <b>Deadline for applying to secondary schools.</b>  |
| <b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019</b>     | <b>Window opens for Reception 2020 applications (SIF forms can be handed in to school from 4<sup>th</sup> Nov).</b> |
| <b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019</b>     | <b>Return to school - Autumn half term 2</b>  |
| <b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019</b>  | <b>Reception 2020 Open Morning – 9.30am</b>   |
| <b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019</b>  | <b>Deadline for returning school photo orders.</b>  |
| <b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019</b>  | <b>Year 4 Roman visitor (re-scheduled).</b>   |
| <b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019</b>    | <b>Presentation to parents re OFSTED 9am (<i>Letter to follow</i>)</b>  |
| <b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019</b>    | <b>Presentation to parents re OFSTED 6:30pm (<i>Letter to follow</i>)</b>   |
| <b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2019</b>   | <b>PTA Bonfire Night</b>  |
| <b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019</b>    | <b>Eureka trip Year 1</b>   |
| <b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019</b>  | <b>Reception 2020 Open Morning – 9.30am</b>   |
| <b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019</b>    | <b>Flu immunisations (pm) Reception – Year 6 (Revised date)</b>   |
| <b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019</b>     | <b>PTA Christmas Fayre (<i>after school – details to follow</i>)</b>  |
| <b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019</b>   | <b>Reception and KS1 Christmas Production – 6.30pm</b>  |
| <b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019</b> | <b>Reception and KS1 Christmas Production – 1.30pm</b>  |
| <b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019</b>    | <b>Reception 2020 Open afternoon 1.30pm</b>   |
| <b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019</b> | <b>Year 4 Aqua Festival, Holt Park Active (<i>letter to follow</i>)</b>   |
| <b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019</b>    | <b>Break up for Christmas holiday</b>   |
| <b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020</b>      | <b>Whole school Training Day</b>  |
| <b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020</b>    | <b>Reception 2020 Open afternoon 1.30pm</b>   |