

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

#### Headteacher's Message

Welcome back to a new and busy half term. As well as starting our new topics there are a number of yearly charitable events that Adel St John supports. The first of these is to support the Royal British Legion and commemorate Armistice Day. This week the children have had an opportunity to support the charity through buying items and poppies – on their behalf, thank you.

On Monday we will be observing the two minute silence at 11am and Mr Gleeson will be playing *The Last Post* for us.

It is also Children in Need on Friday 15th November and we are inviting the children to wear their own clothes and make a £1 donation towards this charity event. (Year 1 will need to be in uniform for their trip). Our Open Morning went very well. **Prospective** parents were verv complimentary about the school and about the behaviour. If you know of anybody with a school age child will you remind them that they must apply through Leeds City Council – even if they already have a sibling at the school. We also ask that they

fill in one of our Supplementary Information Forms that they can collect from our school office or download a copy from the website <a href="https://www.adel-st-john.leeds.sch.uk">www.adel-st-john.leeds.sch.uk</a>

## **Anti-bullying week**

This starts next week. On Monday we are asking the children to wear something blue to signify that we are trying to stamp out bullying and on Tuesday we ask them to wear odd socks. This is not a fundraising event and therefore we are not asking for a contribution. It is recognition of our support to the antibullying message. Our Peer Mentors will lead the assembly on Monday and deliver the anti-bullying message which is detailed above. These will be discussed in classes throughout the week.

### **Polling Day**

As you are aware the general election has been set for the 12<sup>th</sup> December and our school is to be used by Leeds City Council as a polling station. I wanted to inform you that WE WILL be open as normal on that day. There will be a portable building



Small change. Big difference.

Whether it is verbal, physical, online or in-person, bullying has a significant impact on a child's life well in to adulthood. By making small, simple changes, we can break this cycle and create a safe environment for everyone. Because together, we can challenge bullying. Change starts with a conversation.

It starts with checking in.

It starts with working together.

Change starts here.

Change starts now.

Change starts with us.

#### Weekly prayer

Dear God

We want to say thank you for all those who have fought and died for the freedom and peace we enjoy today.

We remember past conflicts, but we also remember those who are fighting in wars all over the world right now.

We remember, too, their families and friends, and ask that you will give comfort to them.

Teach us to be compassionate, caring people, ever mindful of the needs of others.

We will remember.

May we always be thankful.

Amen.

erected for voting and the only impact will be that part of the car park will be out of use.

#### **Christmas Lunch**

Mrs Ramsden has sent a letter home inviting all children to join in our school Christmas lunch on the 12<sup>th</sup> December. We would appreciate an early return of the slip by Thursday 14 November so that we can order the food for the day. The cost for children is £2.20.

#### **School visitor**

Year 4 finished off their topic, 'I am Warrior' by becoming apprentice Roman soldiers for the day on Wednesday. A visiting Roman expert brought a vast array of historical artefacts to teach the children about the kit a Roman soldier wore and had to carry every day. In the afternoon, the children made Roman oil lamps, a Roman made careful game and observational drawings of the artefacts as well as learning how to use swords and spears and stay

in formation to overcome their enemy. Some impressed our visitor with their ferocity!! It was a great way to complete a very enjoyable topic.

Wrap up warm for the bonfire on Saturday.

Mrs Jane Hainsworth



PTA News - Bonfire and Fireworks Night

WE STILL REQUIRE VOLUNTEERS FOR THIS EVENT - PLEASE SIGN UP!



There will be staff and volunteers on hand to support you at this event and there is a First Aid post which will be based in the Year 6 classroom.

We would also like to remind everyone attending that parking will be restricted along the main road outside school from the top junction with Sir George Martin Drive. This is due to requiring Fire Engine Access should it be required.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and co-operation.

#### Attendance and Minutes Late Report

Our target for whole school attendance is 97% - Whole school attendance last week was 96.08%

In total 49 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 – 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2019)	98.78%	98.55%	98.25%	98.72%	98.72%	97.73%	98.05%	
Minutes Late 21st – 25th October 2019)	32	0	0	0	0	5	0	
Number of children arriving between 9.00 -9.05am 21 <sup>st</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2019)	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	

## **Dinner money**

Autumn Term 2	Spring Term 1
4 Nov – 20 Dec	7 Jan – 14 Feb
£77.00	£63.80

Please remember when paying money to school for lunches, to always use your YELLOW RECEIPT CARD, thank you. Payment can be made by cash or cheque (cheques for school meals - payable to Leeds City Council please).





Last week's On Time Award goes to: Year 1, Year 2 and Year 6

#### **ASJ Reward Booklets:**

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



#### **#Yourchild – Online Safety**

West Yorkshire Police have produced a poster to encourage parents to talk to their child about their online activities. You can find out more from the West Yorkshire Police website here.

#### WY Community Alert - Sign Up Here

WY Community Alert is a messaging system brought to you by West Yorkshire Police and our partners for our communities. By registering with WY Community Alert, you can choose to receive news and appeals, local crime information and/or prevention advice direct to you by email, text or voice message. Registering for alerts is completely

free and once you have signed-up, you can choose how you want to receive the messages and what you want to receive messages about.

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

Saturday 9th November 2019	PTA Bonfire Night			
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> –Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	Anti-Bullying Week (Blue top on Monday, Odd socks on Tuesday)			
Friday 15th November 2019	Children in Need – Wear own clothes and bring suggested donation of £1 (Except Year 1 who will need to be in uniform for their trip)			
Friday 15th November 2019	Eureka trip Year 1			
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	Sport Hall Athletics – Years 4-6- Ralph Thoresby			
Thursday 21st November 2019	Reception 2020 Open Morning – 9.30am			
Friday 29th November 2019	KS1 Gymnastics KS1 – Leeds Gymnastics Club			
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2019	Flu immunisations (pm) Reception – Year 6 (Revised date)			
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	PTA Christmas Fayre (after school – details to follow)			
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Reception and KS1 Christmas Production – 6.30pm			
Wednesday 11th December 2019	Reception and KS1 Christmas Production – 1.30pm			
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Christmas Lunch – whole school			
Friday 13th December 2019	Reception and Year 6 –NHS Measurement Programme and Vision checks (Reception)			
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Reception 2020 Open afternoon 1.30pm			
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	KS2 (Y5 and Y6) Christmas Party (1-2pm)			
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	KS2 (Y3 and Y4) Christmas Party (1-2pm)			
Wednesday 18th December 2019	Year 4 Aqua Festival, Holt Park Active			
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	KS1 Christmas Party (1-2pm)			
Friday 20th December 2019	Carols around the tree 2:45pm (all welcome)			
Friday 20th December 2019	Break up for Christmas holiday			
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	Whole school Training Day			
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	Reception 2020 Open afternoon 1.30pm			
Thursday 7th May 2020	Whole school Training Day			
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2020	Whole school Training Day			

All remaining training days for this academic year have now been allocated —see above.