



Adel St John the Baptist Church of England Primary School Newsletter

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Headteacher's Message

Happy New Year!

I hope it was a wonderful holiday for everyone. It was a lovely positive return to school from the children on Tuesday and they are already excited by their new topics.

For the start of their topic, Tribal Tales, Year 3 turned the classroom into a stone circle using the tables. After the build was complete they sat together inside their circle and read Stone Age Boy as a stimulus. Year 4 have started their trip into the dark ages as part of their Traders and Raiders topic. This week they have prepared runes ready for printing next week.

Details about all the learning for this half term will be sent home on Monday in class newsletters. As part of our PE curriculum, for this half term, we have joined forces with the Leeds Rhinos Foundation. They are working with Year 1 on rugby training; activities that develop key physical skills which are transferable across a range of different sports.

As you are aware our first day back always focuses on the PSHE curriculum. Year 3 were learning about having a Growth Mindset and using this to overcome adversity in their learning and day-to-day life. They then worked together on a challenge, set by Miss White, to create an indoor game using PE skills for Year 1 children to play. They did this successfully and then taught the game to Year 1 later in the day.

Finally, what a beautiful crisp day it was for the children to complete their timed run. The children were motivated to improve on their results from last term. They all gave their all and showed great sporting attitudes.

Jane Hainsworth
Headteacher



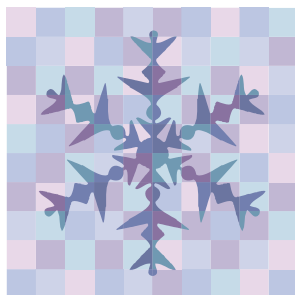
Prayer

Dear God,
Be with us in our school today, in
our work and in our play.
Be in our hearts, be in our
minds, in all we do and say.
And teach us how to grow
in love each and every day.
Lord hear our prayer
Amen.



Extreme Readers

Thank you to everyone who has sent in pictures for the Extreme Reading Challenge set before the holidays. Mrs Fountain is looking through these and will be announcing the winner in assembly next week – good luck everyone!



Snow Policy

We have a duty to ensure children and adults are safe during school time. If we cannot ensure a safe child/staff ratio because of the weather conditions, we will have to make the decision to close the school. Please be assured that this will only happen under extreme circumstances. Staff will always attempt to arrive at school at the normal time, unless told otherwise by the Headteacher. Please familiarise yourself with the following procedure.

In the event of heavy snowfall, Mrs Hainsworth will contact Andy Neal, Chair of Governors, and Francis the Site Superintendent to ascertain the weather conditions in Adel, and to make an informed decision as to whether school will be open. Mrs Hainsworth will then get to school as soon as possible. As the teachers all live quite a distance away, how long it takes for them to get to school will depend on the conditions where they live, and the routes they use. All the staff will keep in contact with the school by mobile phone. They will assume the school is open and attempt to get there unless told by the Headteacher to turn back.

If the school is closed, all pupils will receive an ‘enforced closure’ mark which will not go against their attendance total percentage for the school year, unless they were absent before or after the event for another reason, i.e. holiday, illness, in which case they will receive the appropriate coding.

If the school is closed, please note the following:

- A message will be sent via the parents’ app as soon as a decision has been made.
- Up-to-date information will be posted on the school website www.adel-st-john.leeds.sch.uk
- Listen to local radio stations, they are informed through Leeds City Council’s schools link

Closures once the school is in session will be considered only in extreme circumstances.

Staff living furthest away may be sent home, but children will be kept until parents arrive for them. Please remember to check back regularly on the website for updates.

If school is closed due to heavy snow, it should always be assumed that Before and After School Care will also be closed.

Adventure Playground

Can I please remind you that children are not to play on the adventure playground before or after school, this also applies to pre-school age children.

Dinner money

A reminder that dinner money is now due for this term. Payments can be made by cash or cheque, for the week, month, half term or full term. The amounts are detailed here. Thank you.

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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). The cost per meal is £2.20.

Spring Term 1	Spring Term 2
7 Jan – 14 Feb £63.80	24 Feb – 3 Apr £66.00

On Time Award!

Last weeks On Time Award goes to:

Rec and Year 1

Attendance and Minutes Late Report

Our target for whole school attendance is 97% - Whole school attendance last week was 96.32%							
In total 6 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 – 20 th December 2019)	95.68%	97.82%	97.76%	97.76%	97.75%	97.47%	96.58%
Minutes Late 16 th – 20 th December 2019)	0	0	0	0	44	75	0
Number of children arriving between 9.00 - 9.05am 16th – 20th December 2019)	0	0	1	3	1	3	1

Dates for the Diary (New Dates added in red)

Tuesday 14th January 2020	Year 3 swimming begins for Spring term
Wednesday 15th January 2020	Deadline for on-line applications for Reception 2020
Thursday 16th January 2020	Year 5 - trip to Leeds City Museum
Mon 20 Jan – Fri 24 Jan 2020	'Take Over Week' in school
Wednesday 22nd January 2020	Year 4 Class Collective Worship (Year 4 parents welcome)
Thursday 23rd January 2020	'Bring Your Ideas' - PTA Meeting – all welcome - 7pm
Wednesday 29th January 2020	Year 4 visit to Murton Park Viking Day
Monday 3 February 2020	Year 3 – Tribal Tales visitor (letter to follow)
Wednesday 5th February 2020	Year 5 Class Collective Worship (Year 5 parents welcome)
Friday 14th February 2020	School closes for half term
Monday 24th February 2020	School opens for Spring Term 2
Wednesday 4th March 2020	Year 2 Class Collective Worship (Year 2 parents welcome)
Thursday 19th March 2020	Whole School Race for Life (details to follow)
Wednesday 29th April 2020	Year 1 Class Collective Worship (Year 1 parents welcome)
Thursday 7th May 2020	Whole school Training Day
Wednesday 10th June 2020	Year 3 Class Collective Worship (Year 3 parents welcome)
Wednesday 8th July 2020	Reception Class Collective Worship (Reception parents welcome)
Monday 20th July 2020	Whole school Training Day

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