



Adel St John the Baptist Church of England Primary School Newsletter

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Headteacher's Message

To all parents/carers,

We are now entering the next phase of this pandemic and school is looking very different. It seems an appropriate time to reflect on the challenges we have all faced and also look forward to the weeks ahead. School have responded to the last few months in the best way we can and it has felt at times that we have been put in an impossible position. We don't know if the guidelines will change any time soon and what impact any changes could have on school but, at the moment, we are doing all it is physically possible to do.

We have been very busy this week covering all safeguarding, health and safety and staff welfare requirements. Staff have spent time planning for the new topic based activities which will continue throughout this half-term. We have continued to be in school supporting the children of two key worker parents which has now increased to 29. In line with union requirements, all staff have completed training in procedures and protocols around Health and Safety. Finally, we have been preparing the school for children returning. I have added some pictures to this newsletter for you to see the extent of the changes. This has involved moving furniture from all 7 classrooms, storing and replacing it with that which is appropriate for future learning. All of this is being done while ensuring the safety of staff and with social distancing.

At this moment we have no information from the government regarding plans for September. We can only work with the facts we currently have and focus on the next few weeks. We will be reviewing our situation in school on a fortnightly basis with governors and keep you updated.

In making the changes to our planning for this half term, we are improving the learning provision for you at home, particularly in supporting parents with children in more than one year group. We have taken the decision to set weekly themes for the next 6 weeks, meaning that all children will be working within the same topic for their reading, writing and learning log activities, rather than focusing on a half-termly class topic. The themes will focus on different areas of the curriculum, including Science and RE, to ensure that there is something for everyone and that all core subjects are covered over the half term.

Each week, there will be some extra ideas for activities included for those who have spare time and wish to explore the theme further. Our SPAG, Maths and Mathematics learning will continue as normal. (Some of these areas are not applicable to the Early Years Foundation Stage and will therefore mean Reception may have alternative activities that link to each of the 17 Early Learning Goals).

The writing tasks that are set within each theme will have the same objective but the outcome will look different dependent on the age of your child. As the children progress through the year groups, expectations of detail, precision of vocabulary and punctuation, use of features of the genre and demonstration of awareness of audience and purpose would increase, as well as the independence with which they can complete the learning. Please refer to your child's teacher's weekly message for further information about each of the tasks.

From next Friday (12th June) learning will be online for all year groups by Friday evening at 5pm.

Thank you for your understanding and support at this time. I appreciate the enormity of what you are being asked to do and how difficult it has been over the last few months to manage a work life and support school in teaching your children. Your commitment and patience is appreciated. Finally, the messages we have received have been very touching – once again thank you.

Jane Hainsworth
Headteacher



Year 2 Max capacity 11



Year 3 and Reception area – storage



Year 4 - Max capacity 10

Year 1 – Max capacity 11



Staffroom – Isolation room



Year 6 - Max capacity 10



Shared area x 2 new staffrooms



Year 5 - Max capacity 10