

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

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## **Headteacher Message**

It has been a very different atmosphere in school this week. After a rigorous risk assessment, (which can be found on the website) we broadened the opening of school to our Year 6 children. They joined the 2 classes of key worker children who have been coming into school since lockdown. Of course, I would love for everyone to be returning and I pray that day will be soon, but in the meantime, it has given us a small sense of normality to see the Year 6 smiles and hear their laughter.

For our other classes we will keep reviewing the situation, regularly reporting to the governors and keep you informed as to future plans. Please bear with us during this time.

To answer some of your questions about school decisions made over the last few months and other queries, I will be sending out a FAQ sheet next week.

#### **Teacher message**

As we are now at the end of the first week of our new themed weeks, we would love to know how you are getting on! If you would like to and have parent permission, it would be great to see some of your learning on Twitter, and if not, we would welcome learning that you are particularly proud of to be emailed to us! If you don't have them, our email addresses follow the format of firstname.surname@ with the usual ending. Hope you've had a great week and enjoyed Fantastic Friends! We'll be in touch soon! Love from the teachers xx

#### **Church Patronal Festival**

You may, or may not, be aware that it is our Patronal Festival on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June. This is the day we celebrate St John the Baptist, our Patron Saint. As we would usually walk to church for a celebratory worship, Reverend Alison has asked if we can be involved with the service. She is asking us to send examples of where you have seen Christ working during the pandemic. This can be a video of yourself talking, a poem, a picture or anything else you can think of.

Depending on how many are received, these may form part of the All Age Worship on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June which will be streamed live as a watch party via the church Facebook group and be available to watch later on the church YouTube channel.

If you would like to be involved, please email your contribution to <u>alison.battye65@btinternet.com</u> before Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June.\* And don't forget to join the service here:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/adelparishchurch/?ref=share

Or watch later here:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCow9TkJpsjsLvXBUuN7BmgQ

\*Please be aware that sending any contributions to the above email acts as permission for these to be uploaded via the above channels.

#### **Free School meals**

During the current lockdown, the financial situation of many families may have significantly changed. Some parents could now be applying for state benefits such as Universal Credit, having never been eligible before. If this is the case, you are also eligible to apply for free school meals. If you complete the form on the Leeds City Council website:

https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/council-tax-and-benefits/free-school-meals

### **Every Mind Matters**

Every Mind Matters has released expert advice and top tips on how to look after your mental wellbeing if you need to stay at home during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. It also includes guidance if you're feeling worried or anxious about the outbreak. Please visit: www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters