



Adel St John the Baptist Church of England Primary School Newsletter

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Headteacher's Message

Welcome back!!!! It seems so long ago that I wrote my last newsletter and while there are still so many things that are alien to us all – the newsletter is another element of our school life that is a welcome return to the norm.

At the end of the first week, I think it is good to reflect and put in perspective what we have achieved this week in the midst of a pandemic which sees Leeds on the brink of a local lockdown.



- Our plans to meet the emotional needs of our children have run very smoothly. We are about to enter the second week of our PSHE curriculum week which is allowing the children an opportunity to reflect on events over the last few months and prepare them for moving forward in a positive and confident way.
- We are about to introduce our 'grab bag' lunches which is currently the most effective way to ensure that school lunches can be provided safely. We appreciate that this is not the routine that the children are used to, but Catering Leeds are working tirelessly with dieticians and the Health and Safety team to provide children across the city a meal which is healthy, offers choice and ultimately, gives reassurance that our children are safe.
- I want to thank all the staff for their hard work in physically getting our school ready and ensuring we are fully prepared for the weeks ahead. Our children have also been brilliant this week – they have adapted to our 'new normal' sensibly and quickly. We started the week with a Zoom collective worship and it was quite emotional to see our classrooms full of smiling, waving children.
- We have welcomed our new Reception children in for their first sessions and they are having a wonderful time exploring their new classroom.
- Our attendance this week has been 98% which is especially pleasing given the current circumstances.
- We have received many positive comments and messages this week, thank you. It is very reassuring to hear how excited the children have been about returning to school

We all know this is a very fluid situation. Last night, I attended a city wide Headteacher meeting with Councillors and the Director of Children and Families. They have stressed the importance of remaining vigilant and to support this there are a number of important points that I would like parents to take note of.

Social Distancing

Thank you for your support and co-operation during drop off and pick-up. Can I remind you again the importance of leaving the site PROMPTLY. We all have our part to play in ensuring we remain out of a local lockdown and social distancing is the key.

Prayer

Dear God,
*We thank you for your love.
We thank you for all the
people who show love to us.
Please help us to spread
more love in the world by
behaving in loving
ways.
Please help us to do
something every day to
show people that
we care.
Lord hear
our prayer
Amen.*



Safeguarding

Children **MUST** remain with an adult while waiting outside and they may need reminding that they are not in a secure place to run and play about as on an evening there are cars leaving the school site.

Covid testing

Advice from Leeds Health and Safety Team is that we require evidence of both a positive or negative test result for any pupils who have displayed symptoms and been tested. This is for the following reasons:

To ensure appropriate self-isolation and containment of Covid 19

To protect vulnerable pupils and staff

To ensure pupils and staff are not missing school unnecessarily

To ensure attendance is monitored and recorded appropriately.

Please ensure you contact the office if your child is unwell for any reason and if they are displaying symptoms that you make arrangements for a test. We will then require you to inform us of the date your child became unwell. This is important information that is required if we are contacting Public Health England.

Forgotten items

There is a box in the entrance for urgent items which need to be passed on. Any contact of the office staff and myself with children in classes must be kept to a minimum. We do not want to break bubbles, therefore we would appreciate a quick check before your child leaves that they have everything they need for the day ahead.

Items from home

Sadly, we are unable to accept any items from home that are unrelated to school. Items such as sweets, cakes for birthdays etc. would be wonderful but they are not an essential and offer an unnecessary risk at this stage.

Data Collection

If any information regarding your contacts, addresses or phone numbers has changed, please contact the office. It is imperative that we always have up-to-date information to ensure we are able to contact you swiftly in the event of an emergency.

PE Days

For the week commencing 14th September (next week) the children will be required to wear their FULL PE kit to school for 1 day.

Year 1 – Thursday

Year 2 – Wednesday

Year 3 – Tuesday

Year 4 – Wednesday

Year 5 – Thursday

Year 6 – Friday

We are currently speaking to the YMCA about the second PE day and will shortly inform parents by mobile app when this additional day will be.

Class newsletter – Autumn 1

These will be available to read at the end of the school day on Monday (*Reception available on Wednesday*)

These can be found on the website home page - 2020 School information link - Class newsletters – Autumn 1.

Flu Immunisation

The flu immunisations for whole school will take place in school on **Friday 23rd October** in the afternoon.

These will be administered by IntraHealth Ltd on behalf of the NHS. The team will ensure every safety measure is in place to keep pupils and staff safe and risk assessments (including Covid 19 specific) will be completed ahead of the visit.

In early October we will be sending on a link, via the mobile app and newsletter, with information about the immunisations and which will also enable you to complete your child's details and provide consent.

Walk to Remember 2020



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Walk 5k or 10k this October, in memory of a loved one to raise funds and support people through the most difficult times of their lives.

Get together with family and friends and choose your own walking route, which might include a place that is special to you.

You can take part on any day this October or on our official walk day 17th October.



Sign up now:

call: **0808 164 4572**

email: walktoremember@sueryder.org

visit: www.sueryder.org/walktoremember

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Dinner money

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 £2.25 (£11.25 pw)

Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
14 Sept – 23 Oct £67.50	2 Nov – 18 Dec £78.75