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Headteacher's News

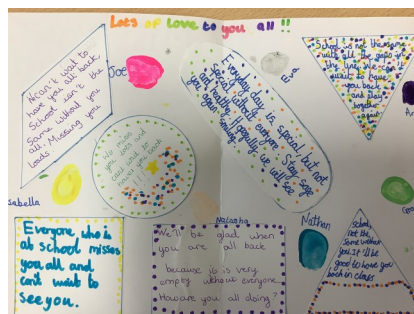
It has been a challenging week with the number of positive COVID-19 cases we have had in school. As a school, we wish our isolating children and families a quick recovery and cannot wait to welcome everyone back to school.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to the staff of ASJ for ensuring the school stays open for face-to-face teaching. It is a privilege to work with such a dedicated team.



Learning is definitely not confined to the classroom. With the weather being so kind this week, Miss White and her Year 2 class have taken the opportunity to learn outside as much as possible. Here are some lovely photos of the children on a minibeast hunt.

Last week, I had the pleasure of leading story time in Year 1 which has given me the opportunity to learn all the children's names but also for the children to get to know me. My next stop is Year 2.



For our children and families isolating at home, here are some messages from the Year 6. Like Eva has said: 'Everyday is special, but not as special without you'.

COVID Reminders:

- ◇ Any child presenting symptoms **should not** be brought to school. Any adult presenting symptoms should not drop off or pick up their child. A PCR test should be booked. We encourage all parents/carers to err on the side of caution; if in doubt, book a PCR test.
- ◇ If family members test positive or your child has had close contact with someone who has tested positive, a PCR test should be booked.
- ◇ Twice weekly LFT testing is encouraged while cases are increasing. Click here for ['Helping your child with doing a test'](#)
- ◇ Only one parent/carer is to drop off and collect. Adults are encouraged to socially distance when waiting. Parents/carers to leave the school area promptly once you have dropped off/ collected.
- ◇ For children who are self-isolating and well enough, learning can be accessed on Seesaw [Click this text to access](#)
- ◇ Please email on the address above if your child is well enough to complete home-learning.

Parent Governor Election

Please click on the link below to cast your vote to elect one new Parent Governor to sit on our Governing Body.

Four people have applied for the position. Please read their summary applications before casting your vote. Voting closes at 9:30am on Monday 4 October 2021.

<https://surveys.leeds.gov.uk/s/AdelStJohnParentElection/>



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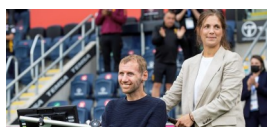
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Celebration Assembly

24th September 2021

Year 1	Well Done—Danny Gold Award - Sofia
Year 2	Well Done Ernie Gold Award—Lydia
Year 3	Well Done—Annabeth Gold Award—Sehaj
Year 4	Well Done—Jake Gold Award—Zoe
Year 5	Well Done - Eidy Gold Award—Alfie T
Year 6	Well Done - Natasha Gold Award—Isabella

Fundraiser—ASJ Rugby Day in aid of the Rob Burrow Centre for Motor



Thursday 14th October
from 8.50am to 3.15pm

Click on the link to donate:

[https://leedshospitalscharity.enthuse.com/pf/
asjkeeptherugbyballmoving](https://leedshospitalscharity.enthuse.com/pf/asjkeeptherugbyballmoving)

Collective Worship

In my collective worship this week we were thinking about 'Who is our neighbour?' Is it the people we live next door to or the person we sit next to in class? Is it the people we pass in the street or all who live upon the Earth? Some big questions.

I shared the parable of 'The Good Samaritan' and discussed how Jesus used lots of stories like this to teach people to think about how God treats people and how we should treat everyone else. The Good Samaritan is teaching us to be a good neighbour and to love others. To treat all people with respect, kindness and as equals irrespective of race, heritage, gender, beliefs or age.

Dear Lord,

Thank you for Jesus' stories about how we should treat others and about the love that Jesus had for everyone he met.

We are sorry that our world is not like this all the time. Please help us to be the best kind of neighbours that we can be - and be loving towards others.





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Our Reception Class of 2021



A warm welcome to our youngest children who have had their first full week at ASJ. How wonderful is this photo? We are not only impressed with how quickly the children have settled into school, but also the great listening and concentration during carpet time.

The children have been very busy in class from creating self-portraits to starting their phonics and maths learning. The children have also enjoyed some movement play in our school hall as well as exploring our lovely grounds.

Sadly, Miss Riches has not been able to be in school for the children's first full week and will not be with us during the first part of next week. Mrs Campbell has been covering during Miss Riches absence.

SCHOOL MEALS

School meal prices can be found on the school website:

<https://www.adel-st-john.leeds.sch.uk/parent-information/school-meal-information>

Please remember that meals should be **paid for in advance**, either weekly, half-termly or termly via PARENTPAY:

<https://www.parentpay.com/>

Reading at Home



If you have any children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6, from now on they will be bringing home a reading record as we do with the younger children. For the older children we are wanting them to reflect on their week's reading and complete a short comment in the reading record. The children might comment on what has happened so far or predict what they think might happen next or, even, write a new blurb for the book.

At ASJ we are promoting a love of reading and encourage all children to read for 20 minutes a day. At ASJ, we believe that all pupils should have the opportunity to be fluent, confident readers who are able to successfully comprehend and understand a wide range of texts. We want pupils to develop a love of reading, a good knowledge of a range of authors and, through a diverse range of texts be able to understand more about themselves and the world in which they live by having regular opportunities to see themselves represented in a book.

Characteristics of a Reader:

- Excellent phonic knowledge and skills.
- Fluency and accuracy in reading across a wide range of contexts throughout the curriculum.
- Knowledge of an extensive and rich vocabulary.
- An excellent comprehension of texts.
- The motivation to read for both study and for pleasure.
- Extensive knowledge through having read a rich and varied range of texts.



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DATES FOR THE DIARY (NEW DATES ADDED IN RED)

30th Sept 2021	Year 2 Bees and Bee Keeping
7th Oct 2021	Year 3 – York's Chocolate Story trip
14th Oct 2021	Rob Burrow MND Fund Raiser
15th Oct 2021	Individual school photographs
18th - 21st Oct	ASJ Community art week
19th & 20th Oct 2021	Parents' Evenings
21st Oct 2021	Year 4 Roman Day in school
22nd Oct 2021	Training Day 2
25 – 29 Oct 2021	Half Term holiday
4th Nov 2021	Year 2 Multiskills Festival, St Mary's , Menston
4th November 2021	Nursing team—Recp & Y6 –Height and Weight
9th November 2021	Flu Immunisations—consent letters to follow.
4th Jan 2022	Training Day 3
1st Apr 2022	Training Day 4
27th May 2022	Training Day 5



Parents' Evenings

The first parents' evenings of the year will be held on:

Tuesday 19th October 2021

3:30pm—7:00pm

Wednesday 20th October 2021

3:30pm—6.00pm.

ASJ Community Art Week 18th - 21st Oct 2021

If you are a keen sewer, or have some free time during our community art week and would be happy to help small groups of children with creating their hearts, please email school on the address above and I will be in contact.



MUSIC FOR SCHOOLS
FOUNDATION

If you would like your child to learn a musical instrument in school, please visit the following website to find out more about **Music for Schools Foundation**. There you will find information about their tuition and how to enrol your child.

www.mfsf.org.uk