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## Headteacher's News

Dear parent/carer,

Happy New Year! I hope you and your family have had a peaceful and enjoyable break with your family and friends. On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank parents and carers for the lovely Christmas cards and gifts received.

**The children have returned to school healthy, focused and keen to learn.** The last week before the Christmas break we had so many children off ill so it was so lovely to nearly have every child in school for today's celebration assembly.

**Learning in Class:** Please follow the links above to your child's class page to find out what exciting learning is taking place this half term. Do also check in to view the class blog which is updated once a week.

**We have two new members of staff joining our ASJ team.** Miss Emma McNamara is joining our teaching assistant team and will be working full-time in year three. Many of you will probably know Miss McNamara as she has for many years worked at the Inspirations after-school club. She has also volunteered at ASJ and will be known by the Year 5 and 6 children. Miss McNamara is a skilled teaching assistant and we are lucky to have her on our team.

As you are aware, Mrs Fountain is leaving us to have a baby after February half term. While on maternity leave Emma Hamilton will be teaching in Year 4. Miss Hamilton qualified in September 2018 and is in her 5th year of teaching. To help with a smooth transition, Miss Hamilton will be starting at ASJ on Monday 23rd January working alongside Mrs Fountain. Parents and carers of Year 4 children will have an opportunity to meet Miss Hamilton at the Year 4 class collective worship on Wednesday 1st February at 2.45pm.



**Farewell and Good Luck:** Today we say farewell to one of our families who are moving to pastures new. Dora in Year 2 and Zebby in Reception will be very much missed. We wish them both all the best on their new adventure.

**Plans to change to the PE kit - From September 2023** we will be making a slight change to the uniform children wear for P.E. days. When your child has a P.E. day the children are to wear their school jumper or cardigan rather than a black top. The rest of the P.E. kit stays the same, plain black jogging bottoms or shorts, white t-shirt or polo top and trainers. **No branded kit please or football kits.** If you want to make this change earlier, you are welcome to do so. If you do need any additional school uniform, including P.E. kit, we have our uniform exchange in the entrance to school that you are welcome to help yourself to.



Year 5 and 6 Dodgeball competition at Benton Park High School

Wednesday 25th January 3.30 - 5pm



Four of our older children have made it to the Leeds School Games Cross Country Final on **Thursday 2nd February 2023, 12.30pm to 3pm** at Temple Newsam. Congratulations to Izzy in Year 3 and Callum, Seb and Oscar in Y5 for this momentous achievement.

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.





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## 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, Mr Dalrymple 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. Mr Dalrymple will then get to school as soon as possible.** As some of the staff 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 school mobile 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](http://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.**





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## DATES FOR THE DIARY (new dates added in red)

6th Jan	Rievaulx Abbey non-uniform day
11th Jan	Year 3 swimming begins
12th Jan	Final tour of school for Sept. 2023 intake
20th Jan	Planet Ice Trip
25th Jan	Year 5 & 6 Dodgeball competition at Benton Park High School
1st Feb	<b>Year 4 Class Collective Worship at 2.45pm</b>
2nd Feb	Leeds Schools Cross Country Final - Temple Newsam
7th Feb	Safer Internet Day Writing information evening for parents
24th Feb	Year 3 Trip to Herd Farm
2nd Mar	World Book Day – Dress as a character from a book.
8th Mar	<b>Year 3 Collective Worship at 2.45pm</b>
10th – 19th Mar	British Science Week - celebration of science, design and technology and maths
23rd Mar	How we teach reading fluency and comprehension in school. Information evening for parents/carers
28th & 29th Mar	Parent Consultation Evenings
31st Mar	Training Day 4. School finishes for Easter



ESNW Cluster

Parent Courses 2023



**KEEP CALM**

AND

**USE BOUNDARIES!**

Bitesize session VIA ZOOM

'Consistency and Staying Calm'

How to use boundaries and rules to promote positive behaviour.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023

8pm – 9pm

For further details or to sign up for the session, please contact  
ESNW cluster at:

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