



Adel St John the Baptist Church of England Primary School Newsletter

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Headteacher's News

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a lovely week in school, which started with my collective worship exploring this term's Christian value of hope. As a school we discussed the meaning of hope:

"Hope is a feeling that something you want is likely to happen." "Hope is a wish in your heart of good things to come." "Hope is the part of faith that focuses on the FUTURE. "

We then discussed how rainbows symbolise hope. I shared images of painted rainbows that became such a symbol of hope during COVID lockdowns. We finished off with the children acting out the story of Noah's Ark from Genesis 6 1-9:17 discussing the importance of the rainbow as a promise between God and His people.

Year 3 & 4 Ice-skating: Ten children from Years 3 and 4 spent this morning having a ice skating lesson from a professional ice-skater at Planet Ice. The children then had time to practise their new skills and enjoy being on the ice. Thank you to Miss Kane and Mr Smithson for organising.



Mr Kirk - Headteacher of ASJ 3rd September 1974 to 22nd December 1983

has recently passed away. The reason I am mentioning this is that Mr Kirk was head of our school when it moved from the Church Lane site to our current building here on Long Causeway. He is also well-known in the wider Adel community and by some of our families who attended ASJ during the period he was head teacher. His family and friends are in our thoughts and prayers.

The teaching of writing at ASJ: On **Tuesday 7th February** we will be running an information event for parents and carers on our approach to the teaching of writing. There will be two slots to select from: **9am or 5pm**. The information sessions will be no longer than 20 minutes and will take place in the hall. We will also upload a recording of the session to the school website for those parents who are unable to attend in person.

NEU Teaching Union Strikes: You may be aware, from media coverage, that the NEU teaching union have declared strike action, which will take place on **Wednesday 1st February, Tuesday 28th February, Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March**. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over school funding and teachers' pay, and not because of any issues at our school.

I am not, at this moment, able to determine the extent to which school will be disrupted by the strike action. The strike action may potentially cause disruption to you and your child's education on the days listed above either with teachers on strike or staff members having to care for their own children due to closures elsewhere. I am working closely with staff and staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you of any disruption and the final arrangements as soon as possible.

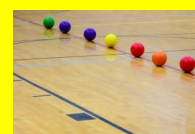
Have a great weekend,

Mr P Dalrymple

Easter Holiday Club



As a school, we are looking into running an Easter holiday club and would like to gauge if this is something our families would be interested in accessing. If you would be interested, please email oosc@adel-st-john.leeds.sch.uk with your preference to either the first or second week of the Easter holidays or both.



Year 5 and 6 Dodgeball competition at Benton Park High School

Wednesday 25th January 3.30 - 5pm

Dear God,

Thank you for giving us hope,
Hope for brighter things to come.
Thank you for giving me a fresh start,
When I don't do things right.
Thank you for guiding us through stormy times,
With the love of our friends and family

Amen





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Proud to present our Well Done and Gold Award certificates holders



House Points

House Team Names	This Week's Total	This half term's total
Bolton Abbey	665	1431
Fountains Abbey	498	1353
Rievaulx Abbey	540	1360
Kirkstall Abbey	607	1561

Our target for whole school attendance is 97%

Attendance from Sept. to date is: 96%

Attendance last week was: **98.3%**

	Attendance since September %	Attendance since last week %
Reception	93.7	100
Year 1	96.4	99.3
Year 2	97.1	99.7
Year 3	96.9	96.9
Year 4	95.6	97.3
Year 5	96.2	97.3
Year 6	96	97.3



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DATES FOR THE DIARY (new dates added in red)

25th Jan	Year 5 & 6 Dodgeball competition at Benton Park High School
1st Feb	Year 4 Class Collective Worship at 2.45pm
1st Feb	Teachers' strike –potential disruption to school
2nd Feb	Leeds Schools Cross Country Final - Temple Newsam
7th Feb	Safer Internet Day Writing information evening for parents
13-17 Feb	Half Term break
20th Feb	Return to school
24th Feb	Year 3 Trip to Herd Farm
28th Feb	Teachers' strike –potential disruption to school
The Whole of March	Mindful March - daily mindful activities
2nd Mar	World Book Day – Dress as a character from a book.
8th Mar	Year 3 Collective Worship at 2.45pm
10th – 19th Mar	British Science Week - celebration of science, design and technology and maths
15th March	Teachers' strike –potential disruption to school
16th March	Teachers' strike –potential disruption to school
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

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