

Headteacher's Newsletter

Issue 2

October 2024

Headteacher's Update

It has been a super start to the school year, with the children settling well into their new classrooms and the new routines. A very special WELL DONE goes to all the children who are new to Adel Primary this academic year, whether a new starter in Nursery or in the Year 6 class it is always an exciting (and nervous) time for both pupils and parents. We are so impressed with how well they are doing - it is hard to believe they have only been with us for 5 weeks!

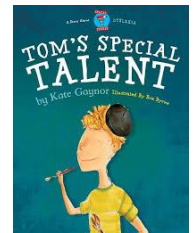
We have Parent Consultation evenings coming up in the last week of term on the 23rd and 24th October which is an opportunity to speak to teachers, discuss the settling in process and future targets. However, please remember that you can contact school at any time if you have any questions or queries about school life – we always want to hear about any issues or problem as soon as possible, no matter how small so that they do not become big ones.

There are a number of events going on over the next few weeks – all dates/events are on the school calendar on the website <https://www.adelprimary.org.uk/calendar/?calid=1&pid=10&viewid=1> and we also send reminders via Parentmail.

This week is Dyslexia Awareness week – this is a lovely opportunity for the children to find out a little more about dyslexia and share the book 'Tom's Special Talent'.



Thursday 10th October is #HelloYellow day – children and staff are invited to wear something yellow to school in recognition of World Mental Health day.



On Friday 11th this week, parents are invited to attend the Diversity Role Models workshop – a programme aimed at ending all forms of bullying – this is taking place prior to children completing the role models workshops in classrooms the following week.



Monday 14th October is the APPA Halloween disco after school in the hall – please book tickets via ParentMail.



And finally, parents are invited into classrooms from 8.45am to 9.15am on Friday 18th October to join your child in a harvest craft activity. We will also be asking for donations for our local foodbank throughout this week.



A very busy half term!





Little Wandle – Phonics Scheme



Over the summer we invested a large sum of money in a new phonics and reading scheme. Children in Reception class, Year 1 and Year 2 will be bringing a Little Wandle phonics book home each week.

The success of teaching reading through the Little Wandle scheme is largely dependent on the children reading in small groups to an adult, three times a week. It is imperative that each child has a copy of the same book for this session.

Therefore, books must be returned to school on the allotted day so that the packs of books remain together.

If the Little Wandle books are damaged or lost, they will have to be replaced; this is at a cost of £5 per book. This charge will be passed on to parents – please can you support your child in looking after the books when they come home and ensuring they are returned to school on time to avoid any charge being made. Thank you.

NSPCC Kindness Challenge

All year groups completed the NSPCC Kindness Challenge in school last week. There have been some fabulous acts of kindness taking place – with everything from a simple smile to the wonderful young man in Year 4 who offered to put the assembly chairs away to save Mr Roberts a job.

As well as creating kindness this also allows us to donate to a fabulous charity – please do donate £1 if you are able to – so far, we have raised £19, so hopefully we can boost this a little higher.



Donations can still be made via the QR code.



Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Thank you for joining us for our coffee and cake sale on Friday 27th September.

We raised £99.39 for Macmillan Cancer Support Charity.

Open Days and Nursery Places

We still have places available in Nursery for both 15 and 30 hours places – please contact the school office if you are interested.

Open Days for prospective parents in 2025/26 will take place on the following days:

Wednesday 6th November at 9am and 1.15pm

Friday 29th November at 9am

and

Wednesday 4th December at 6pm



Dates for the term ahead

October 2024

w/c 7 th October	ALL	Dyslexia awareness week
Tuesday 8 th October	Rec	Reception Parents session – Reading/Phonics 2.30pm (hall)
Thursday 10 th October	ALL	#HelloYellow - World Mental Health Day
Friday 11 th October	Parents	Embracing Diversity – Ending Bullying. Diversity Role Models - Parent workshop. Parents invited 9am to 10am (hall)
Tuesday 15 th October	Y1,2,3,4,5 & 6	Diversity Role Models – pupil workshops
Thursday 17 th October	Nur	Nursery Parents Information session 2.30pm (hall)
Friday 18 th October	ALL	Harvest Celebration. Crafts & food bank collection 8.45am to 9.15am Parents invited (classrooms)
Wednesday 23 rd October	ALL	Parents consultation evening 3.30pm – 6.30pm
Thursday 24 th October	ALL	Parents consultation evening 3.30pm – 6.30pm
Friday 25 th October	ALL	School Closes 3.10pm OOS Club Closes 5pm

Autumn Mid-Term Holiday

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November 2024

Monday 4 th November	ALL	School opens for all pupils 8.40am OOS Club opens 7.30am
Monday 4 th November	ALL	Poppies go on sale in school
Monday 4 th November	ALL	Diwali Celebrations
Wednesday 6 th November		Open Day for prospective Reception parents for 2025/26 Sessions at 9am and 1.15pm
Monday 11 th November	ALL	School Photograph Day 1 – individuals & sibling photos
w/c 11 th November	ALL	Anti-Bullying Week 2024: Choose Respect
Tuesday 12 th November	ALL	Wear Odd Socks to school as part of Anti-Bullying week
Monday 18 th November	Y6	Year 6 Class Assembly 2.30pm (hall)
Thursday 21 st November	Y5	Year 5 Class Assembly 2.30pm (hall)
Thursday 28 th November	Y4	Year 4 Class Assembly 2.30 pm (hall)
Friday 29 th November		Open Day for prospective Reception parents for 2024/25 Session at 9am

December 2024

Wednesday 4 th December		Open Evening for prospective Reception parents for 2024/25 Session at 6pm
Friday 6 th December	ALL	APPA Christmas fair 4pm to 6pm
Tuesday 10 th December	ALL	Christmas Lunch served
Wednesday 11 th December	Y1 & Y2	Key Stage 1 Festive Concert 9am (hall)
Thursday 12 th December	Nur & Rec	Foundation Stage Festive Concert 9.15am (hall)
Thursday 12 th December	GOVS	2 nd Meeting of the Full Governing Body 3.30pm
Friday 13 th December	Y3 & Y4	Year 3/4 Festive Concert 9am (hall)
Monday 16 th December	Y5 & Y6	9am - Year 5/6 Festive Concert
Tuesday 17 th December	Y1 & Y2	Key Stage 1 Christmas party
Wednesday 18 th December	Y3 to Y6	Key Stage 2 Christmas party
Thursday 19 th December	Nur & Rec	Foundation Christmas party
Thursday 19 th December	ALL	School Closes 3.10pm OOS Club Closes 6pm
Friday 20 th December	ALL	SCHOOL CLOSED – TRAINING DAY

Christmas Break Holiday