

Headteacher's Newsletter

Issue 4

December 2024

Headteacher's Update



The excitement is building in school as we look forward to all the events we have lined up over the next few weeks of term - with the APPA Christmas Fair, the Christmas performances and parties just to name a few!

The Christmas tree and lights are looking fabulous at the front of school – a big thank you to Mr Roberts for all the effort that goes into making this happen.

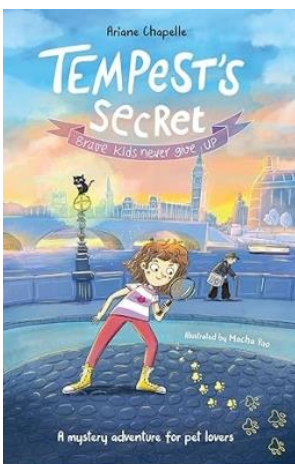
On Tuesday 10th December Chef Brian and his team will be serving up our Christmas lunch – information has been sent out via Parentmail if your child would like a dinner on this day. We invite all children and staff to wear their Christmas/festive/colourful jumpers on Tuesday 10th December in place of their school jumper.

Hopefully we will get a visit from our friendly Christmas Tree on Christmas dinner day!



Please look out for messages on ParentMail for more information about tickets for the Christmas concerts and the Christmas parties.

Author Visit



We were delighted to welcome author Ariane Chapelle and illustrator Macha Yao to our school recently. Ariane and Macha were visiting schools in Leeds to promote the book 'Tempest's Secret' and we were lucky enough to be one of them!

Ariane spoke to children in Years 4 and 5, sharing the inspiration behind the book and characters. Macha then visited the children in the classrooms, delivering a master class in how to draw characters.

Message from West Yorkshire Police



Support Road Safety in West Yorkshire

On average, around one person a week dies on the roads of West Yorkshire and thousands of people are seriously injured every year. Behind those figures are families, friends and local communities who will be deeply affected.

We all have a role in improving road safety, and together we can bring about change.

A West Yorkshire Vision Zero Pledge has been launched which asks individuals and organisations to make a commitment to what they will do to make our roads safer. Pledges can be anything and as simple as; always wear your seatbelt, following the Green Cross Code, do not park on the zig-zags or always wear something reflective in winter.

We would ask for your help in tackling death and injury on our roads and consider signing the pledge individually, collectively as a school and sharing with parents asking for their support. To sign the pledge, visit;

<https://www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/vz-pledge>.

Term dates and training days for 2025 – 2026

Training Days for 2025-26 Academic Year.

Day 1 - Monday 1st September 2025

Day 2 - Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Day 3 - Monday 3rd November 2025

Day 4 - Monday 20th July 2026

Day 5 - Tuesday 21st July 2026

Please see the school website for full details of term dates for 2025/26

December 2024

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| Wednesday 4 th December | | Open Evening for prospective Reception parents for 2024/25 Session at 6pm |
| Friday 6 th December | ALL | APPA Christmas fair 4.15pm to 6.15pm |
| Tuesday 10 th December | ALL | Christmas Lunch served |
| Wednesday 11 th December | Y1 & Y2 | Key Stage 1 Festive Concert 9.15am (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 |
| Tuesday 17th December | Y3 | The Snowman & Youth Orchestra Class Visit |
| 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

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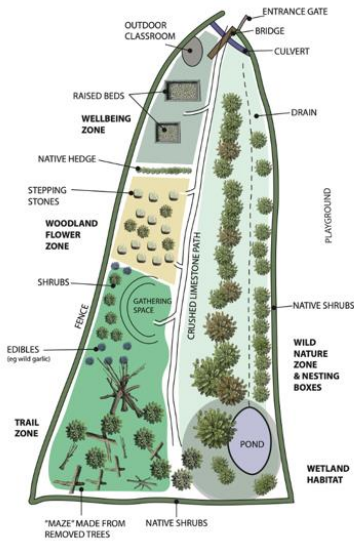
January 2025

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| Monday 6 th January | Nur to Y6 | School Opens for all pupils in Nursery to Year 6 8.40am |
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Nature Conservation Area update



Adel Primary Conservation Area
OUTLINE DESIGN



Many thanks to the parent volunteers who worked with our Year 6 children on Friday. The group planted 90 saplings in the Nature Conservation Area to create a border hedge.

We have grand plans for the area – as well as further planting, one of our next steps is to look into constructing a covered area to support outdoor learning.

We'll keep you updated as work progresses

School Council and Pupil Voice

School council have been working hard with their classmates to make some important decisions round school. The first of which you will have seen outside school at the beginning and end of the school day – Lennie Lion and Cath Giraffe were the designs selected by the children as our new road safety signs.



Today we have received the new outdoor bins selected by the children. In assembly today we talked about keeping our playground litter free

We have also discussed Quiet Lunchtimes – at the moment we ask the children to keep the dining hall quiet on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The children would like this to return to once a week on Wednesdays – which will take place from January 2025.

All of the above is a super way for children to practice using their negotiation skills, debate and discuss issues and to see the British Values (Democracy, Rule of Law, Individual Liberty, Mutual Tolerance & Respect) in practice.

And finally

A message from our Chair of Governors

Please can I ask parents to take a moment to complete the Parent Questionnaire through the link below. The results of the questionnaire are evaluated with the Governing body and help us to understand the school's strengths and areas for development.

Many Thanks,
Diane Hallas

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