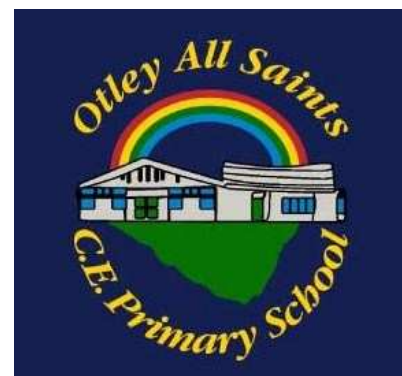


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Welcome back to our new school year! I hope that you have had a wonderful summer. We would like to offer a special welcome to our new families starting in Nursery, Reception and other classes, and we hope that you will soon feel part of the All Saints community. We also welcome some new members of staff – Miss Dales, who is our new deputy headteacher and Year 6 teacher, and Mrs Hill and Mrs Wilson, who are our new lunchtime assistants.



PTA – we need you! The Parent Teachers Association extends a warm welcome to all our parents, especially those who are new to the school community, and invite everyone to our annual general meeting on Tuesday 11th September at 7.00pm in school. Our PTA do a wonderful job supporting the work of the school and organising fun events for the All Saints community. As a parent you are automatically a member of the PTA, and it would be great if you could come along to find out more. Wine and nibbles provided!

Nut Allergies As most parents are aware, we have children and adults in school who are severely allergic to nuts of all kinds. We would ask you to help us in keeping these members of our school community safe and healthy by ensuring that nuts are not sent to school, as part of a packed lunch or as a snack. Many thanks for your support with this.

Influenza Vaccination Programme The annual vaccination programme for young children is being extended this year to include pupils from Reception to Year 5, and will take place for our school on 21st November. The vaccination is free, and is administered as a quick and simple spray up the nose. Eligible families will have received a letter or email about this already, inviting you to give your consent for this online. If you have not received details do let us know, but please note that consent must be given via the online link, we cannot do it for you!



This half term our core Christian value is:



Diary Dates

Tuesday 11th September – PTA annual general meeting, 7.00pm
Monday 17th September – Year 6 residential visit to Winmarleigh Hall
Tuesday 25th September – Celebrating Achievement Assembly, 10.25am;
Thursday 27th September – Individual pupil photographs
Tuesday 2nd October – Harvest Festival at All Saints Church, 2.00pm
Friday 5th October – Macmillan Coffee Morning, 9.15am-10.15am
Wednesday 10th October – Parents' Consultation Evening
Friday 12th October – Early Years Staff Training Day, Nursery and Reception closed
Tuesday 23rd October – Otley Talking Library event
Friday 26th October – Half term begins



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Individual School Photographs On Thursday 27th September the school photographer will be visiting to take photos of individual pupils and family groups. Please help us to ensure a smart turn out on this day. Parents of children in Nursery who do not normally attend on Wednesday morning may have photos taken at 8.30am, also families who would like group shots taken with children who are too young to attend nursery. Thank you for your help with this.

PTA 50:50 Club This is a fundraising scheme run by the PTA. Members contribute £5 a month, and at each month end a draw is held, with the winning two numbers sharing half the proceeds. The winners of the July draw were Julia Wilson (£98) and Mrs Heslop/Mrs Eveleigh (£24.50), and the winners of the August draw held this week are Joanne Proctor (£98) and Marie Crosby (£24.50). If you would like to be included in the next draw please collect a form from the school office.



Early Birds Breakfast Club and 456 Club We'd like to remind you about our out of school childcare provision. Based in the Community Room, morning sessions start at 7.50am and cost £4.00 per session, or children may also be dropped off at 8.30am for £2.00 per day (breakfast not included). After school care runs until 6:00pm and costs £7.50 per child £5.50 for siblings. A reduced rate of £6.00 (or £4.00 for siblings) is



offered if they attend a school extra-curricular club during session time. Parents may book sessions with Mrs Calder in the school office (Breakfast Club) or with Mrs Bowes-Taylor (456 Club – tracy.bowes-taylor@otleyallsaints.co.uk). Access to the clubs is through the doors facing the car park behind the school kitchen.

Harvest Festival Our first church service of the year is our Harvest Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday 2nd October, and we extend a very warm welcome to all our families to attend. This will be held in All Saints Church, and all the children from Reception to Year 6 will be taking part, with each class contributing to the service. We would like to encourage all who can to donate harvest gifts; these will be added to the church's own collection, and will be passed on to the charity 'Caring For Life' at Cookridge. They are always grateful for gifts of food to help in the support of the young adults in their care, but are particularly pleased to receive packets and tins of food that can be stored for the months to come (please, no baked beans, as they already have an abundance of these!). In selecting gifts we would ask you to consider that your child will be carrying them to church, so a carrier bag would be useful. The service will start at 2.00pm, and parents who attend are welcome to take their children home following the service. Any assistance that can be offered in accompanying the children on the walk to church would be much appreciated.



Macmillan Coffee Morning On Friday 5th October we are joining in with the 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Our Year 6 pupils will host this opportunity to enjoy a drink and a bun with friends in the hall between 9.00 and 10.15am. All the money raised will help make sure that families affected by cancer have the support of trained nurses and advisers. You can help us, either by baking buns, biscuits and cakes (these should be brought to school on Thursday 4th October) or by coming along during the morning. Hope to see you there!

Celebrating Achievement Assemblies Parents who are new to the school may like to know about our special assemblies, held once a month, which are opportunities for pupils to share with the school news of achievements within or outside the school day. Children typically bring in medals, certificates and photos which demonstrate achievement and progress, and we offer an open invitation to parents to come and join us on these special occasions. The first of these assemblies this year is on Tuesday 25th September at 10.25am. Do come along if you can.

Uniform reminder It is lovely to see pupils so smart in their uniforms at the start of term, and we are impressed to see that almost all families have remembered that children should be wearing sensible and comfortable black shoes. With so many similar new items of clothing it is very important that each is named, as we often seem to have a quantity of unclaimed lost property within the first few days. A reminder too that jewellery and nail varnish are not appropriate for school, and should not be worn. Wrist bands are also a health and safety risk and must not be worn.

Music Lessons and Clubs Our music teachers will be starting lessons next week - cello on Monday, woodwind, brass and guitars on Tuesday, violin on Thursday and drums on Friday. There is still opportunity for children to sign up for music lessons this year – details can be found on our website at <http://www.otleyallsaints.schooljotter2.com/about-us/newsletters-1>. Orchestra will be starting on Monday 24th September, and drama club's first meeting is on Tuesday 25th September. Letters with more details about these clubs will be coming out shortly. Mr Wilce's Inspiration Tree football will start on Wednesday 12th September, and a letter with booking form was sent out earlier this week.

Online Payments System After some 'start of the year' glitches, the Schools Cash Office (SCOPay) is now up and running. Parents should now be able to make payments for lunches, trips, music lessons and out of school care using their SCOPay accounts. Parents of children in Reception will receive details of how to set up their accounts once all the children have been admitted. If your child has a school lunch, please check to see that your lunch payments have been made.



Parking Outside School As we start the new school year I would like to remind parents that, if you need to drive your child to school, we rely on you to park with due consideration for all our neighbours. Never block someone's drive – even for a short time – and do consider accessibility for buses and other vehicles passing school. Trinity Rise, the street to the rear of the school grounds, has no suitable parking, and should not be used by our parents' vehicles. Thank you for your consideration and good manners.



Parent Governor Our school could not function fully without the support and oversight of our Governing Body. One of our parent governors, Andrew Abraham, has stepped down this term, and we are looking for a replacement. All parents of children at the school who meet the required criteria may stand as a candidate and vote in any election. A nomination slip is attached. If you wish to offer yourself as a candidate to become a parent governor you should complete the slip and return it to the headteacher by Friday 21st September. Please note that you are not eligible to be a parent governor if you work

at the school for more than 500 hours per year. You are also not eligible to be a governor if you fulfil any of the disqualification criteria listed on the eligibility form. If only one nomination is received then that person will automatically be declared a governor. If there is more than one nomination then a ballot of all parents will be held to select the parent governors. For this purpose nominees are invited to prepare a short statement which will be circulated with the ballot forms. Space for this is included below the nomination slip. The length of the statement should not be more than 200 words. (The headteacher has the right to reduce any statements over and above this limit).

Parent governors, together with staff representatives, governors appointed by Leeds City Council and representatives from the local community and All Saints Church, share in the important job of running the school. No special qualifications are needed other than a commitment to the school and some time to spare. The bringing together of governors from different backgrounds in itself provides a wide range of skills that can benefit the school. Please note that elected governors will be asked to complete a self-declaration proforma to confirm that they are eligible to serve as a governor. Leeds City Council does offer training and support for governors so no parent should feel deterred from putting themselves forward as a school governor. If you would like some more information before deciding whether to stand either contact me at the school or the Governor Support Service on Leeds 0113 395 0915. Parent governors serve a four year term of office irrespective of whether their child leaves the school during the term of office.



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