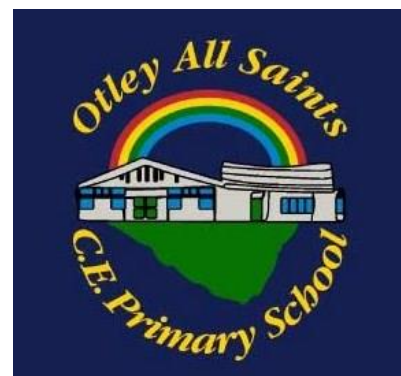


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What a brilliant time Year 6 pupils have had on their residential visit to Winmarleigh Hall this week! The photos on the blog ([wmh18.wordpress.com](http://wmh18.wordpress.com)) show how much they were challenged and thrilled by the activities on offer. Many

thanks to Miss Dales, Mrs Marston and Mrs Fortune for making this trip possible; it has been one of those special events that they will always remember.

**Parent Teachers Association** Many thanks to all the parents who were able to attend our AGM this week, particularly those who are new to the school. We expressed our thanks to Beccy Shuttleworth and Kim Slater who have stepped down from their committee posts. We are grateful to Simon Toyne, who continues in the role of chair, and to Kate Barraclough, who is our new secretary. Thank you, too, to Angela Hammond, who has agreed to continue as treasurer. We would like to thank all the regular attenders of PTA meetings for their hard work and support which has made possible so many improvements to the school. Plans are now in hand for our popular Pyjama Party Film Nights (9<sup>th</sup> October for younger children and 11<sup>th</sup> October for older pupils), a Quiz Night on 16<sup>th</sup> November, and for our Christmas Fair on 1<sup>st</sup> December. Our next PTA meeting is on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm. All parents are welcome, and it would be particularly good to see more families who are new to the school.

**Macmillan Coffee Morning** On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> October) or by coming along during the morning. Hope to see you there!



This half term our core Christian value is:



## Diary Dates

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September** – Celebrating Achievement Assembly, 10.25am;  
**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September** – Individual pupil photographs  
**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October** – Harvest Festival at All Saints Church, 1.30pm  
**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October** – Macmillan Coffee Morning, 9.15am-10.15am  
**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October** – KS1 Film Night, 5.30pm  
**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October** – Parents' Consultation Evening  
**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October** – KS2 Film Night, 5.30pm  
**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October** – Early Years Staff Training Day, Nursery and Reception closed  
**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** – Otley Talking Library event  
**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October** – Half term begins

**School Office** We are pleased to announce that Mrs Calder has been appointed as our Finance and Office Manager. As this is a full time post, we will be arranging shortly for other colleagues to take over the running of the Early Birds breakfast club and Mrs Calder's other roles in the office and in nursery. We are also seeking to appoint a **new midday supervisory assistant** to add to our lunchtime supervision team, working between 11.45am and 1.15pm. If you would like to know more about this post, please contact the school office.



**School Council Elections** We will be holding elections on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September for school council representatives from each class (Y1-Y6). This is an important part of our work to raise pupils' awareness of the importance of democracy – a key British value – and teachers will work hard to ensure that the process is both fair and age-appropriate. There are also elected posts for the school's Eco Team, Global Learning Champion and Library Council, providing further opportunities for children to develop their interests and to represent their class; these will be decided on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

**Harvest Festival** Our first church service of the year is our Harvest Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. Please note that the service will now start at **1.30pm**, earlier than previously stated, 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.

**Rag Bag Clothes Collection for PTA Funds** Parents who are new to school may not be aware of the collecting bin for old clothes which is situated in the school car park. We welcome sealed bin bags of clothes that can be reused elsewhere; if you have clothes to throw out, please consider popping them in the collection bin instead. Thank you.



**Lego Cards** These are very popular with many children at present, but they are causing a few problems. If you are content for your child to bring their cards to school, please can you ensure that they are in a tin or other container, as this should reduce the number of lost cards, and that they understand that the cards are their own responsibility if mislaid.



**Music Lessons** Instrumental lessons are now underway for KS2 pupils - cello on Monday, woodwind, brass and guitars on Tuesday, violin on Thursday and drums on Friday. It is not too late to take up an instrument and join the beginners' groups, and the school has a number of instruments available for hire, including saxophones, trumpets and violins. If your child is interested in learning an instrument please contact Mrs Calder in the school office who will provide more details.

**No Dogs** Parents are politely reminded that dogs are not permitted on school premises without special permission. Many younger children are uncomfortable around dogs, and we are also keen to keep our premises free of waste. Thank you for your co-operation.

**50:50 Club** The winners of the September draw of the 50:50 club were Linda Bennett (£96) and Alice Shippey (£24). If you would like to be included in the next draw please collect a form from the school office.

**Library Books** We are incredibly proud of our library and delighted that so many children are borrowing books from it. There is no time limit on how long a book can be out on loan, but children can only borrow one book at a time. Our library is funded mostly by the PTA, so when books are lost, we kindly ask that parents make a small contribution towards buying a new book - £2 is great. In these circumstances there will be the facility to make a payment via your SCOPay account. Many thanks for your support with this - and continuing thanks to the PTA for their commitment to reading at Otley All Saints.