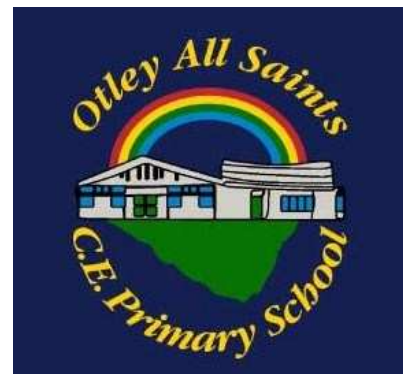


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What a great week our school community has had! On Tuesday All Saints Church was filled as we shared our Harvest Festival; all the pupils performed superbly, and the generous gifts of food filled the tables to overflowing. 'Caring for Life' at Cookridge have been delighted to receive our contributions. Yesterday many parents of Year 6

pupils attended a special assembly to celebrate their time on a residential visit to Winmarleigh Hall, and today we welcomed an impressive number of visitors to our Macmillan coffee morning, raising important funds for this worthy cause thanks to the generosity of our families who baked and contributed. Thank you to all who helped, especially our Year 6 pupils, who hosted so politely.

Parent Teachers Association Our first PTA events of the year will be taking place on 9th and 11th October at 5.30pm – a return of our very popular Pyjama Parties, when we turn our hall into a big screen cinema. Following requests from pupils, we have arranged for two parties; 9th October is for Nursery to Year 2, while KS2 are invited on 11th October. Entry is £2.50, which includes popcorn and a drink, and we ask that younger children are accompanied by an adult. If you are able to help with supervision on either of these evenings please let me know.

School Office and Staffing We are pleased to announce that, following the appointment of Ms Lees to work in the school office, we now aim to have someone at our front desk from 8.00 until 4.00 every day, including over lunchtime. We hope this will help parents, and improve our communication. As Mrs Calder has moved to a role with increased responsibility within the office, we are grateful to Mrs Jackson, who has taken over the supervision of the Early Birds Breakfast Club.

We are still 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.

This half term our core Christian value is:



Diary Dates

Tuesday 9th October – KS1 Film Night, 5.30pm

Wednesday 10th October – Parents' Consultation Evening

Thursday 11th October – KS2 Film Night, 5.30pm

Friday 12th October – Early Years Staff Training Day, Nursery and Reception closed

Year 1 Bun Sale, 3.15pm

Tuesday 23rd October – Otley Talking Library event

Friday 26th October – Half term begins

Monday 5th November – Children return after half term
Year 2 visit to Thackray Medical Museum

Wednesday 7th November – PTA meeting, 7.00pm

Friday 16th November – PTA Quiz Night, 7.30pm



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Drama Club A reminder that our Drama Club, for children in KS2, will restart on **Tuesday 9th October** (3.15pm to 4.15pm). We apologise for the contradictory information in a previous newsletter.



School Council Elections Thank you to all pupils who stood for election for school council last week. There were some excellent presentations and thoughtful discussions before classes made their choices. Councillors for this year are:

- Year 1 – Meg and Oliver
- Year 2 – Stevie and Isabelle
- Year 3 – Molly and Sebastian
- Year 4 – Bobby H and Scarlett
- Year 5 – Mia and James
- Year 6 – Adam H and Kitty

Congratulations to these elected members, who will be meeting over the course of the year with Miss Dales. Elections to other posts of responsibility, including Global Champions and Library Council, are being held this week.

Parents' Evening Families will have received a letter this week inviting parents to book an appointment to meet with class teachers on Wednesday 10th October between 3.30pm and 7.30pm. These appointments can be arranged online through the School Cash Office system, and will be for approximately five minutes duration, shorter than our Spring term consultation. Our main focus this term is to ensure that your children have settled well and that we have a shared understanding and expectation of the children. If you feel you would like a longer discussion, please speak to the class teacher.



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. Eligible families have received a letter or email about this already, inviting you to give your consent for this online. Please ensure you have completed this consent, as we cannot do it for you, and without consent the vaccination cannot take place.

Water Bottles In school we regularly remind our pupils of the importance of drinking water throughout the day. It is important that each child has a clear, named water bottle, and that these are only used for water, unless medical advice has been shared with school. We often find that, while children may express preference for drinks other than water at home, they quickly learn to accept the 'water only' rule at school. Please help us to ensure consistency and a healthy approach with all our pupils.



Reception and Nursery Closure We would like to remind parents that Nursery and Reception classes will be closed on Friday 12th October for the annual Otley Early Years Training Day. Apologies for any inconvenience this will cause.

Pupil Absence A reminder that when children are too ill to come to school families should let us know by phone on each day of absence. Please do not send emails informing us of absence, as these are often not picked up until later in the morning. Thank you for your assistance.



Pallets free to good home As we are approaching bonfire season, we are wanting to dispose of a number of large wooden pallets which are no longer required in school. If anyone is able to take them away, please contact the school office.