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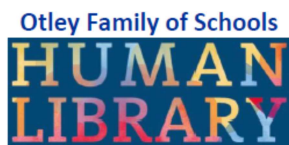
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Thank you to all parents who came to our recent Parent Consultation evenings. We hope that you found it useful to meet your child's class teacher, and that you have been reassured about the way your child is settling into their new class. Please remember that we are more than happy to talk to you at any other time in the year; if you have a concern or just want an update, don't hesitate to get in touch.

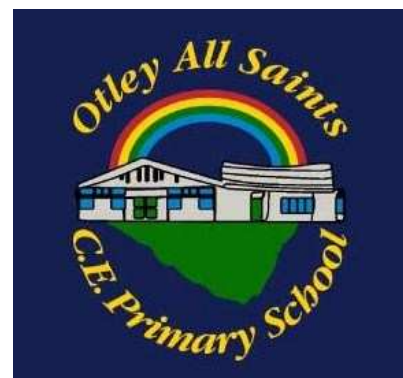
Talking Library Next Tuesday sees the culmination of the work of the project group, including our own Mrs Binks, who are aiming to build on last year's launch of our Equality and Diversity Charter. They have engaged a cross-section of Otley residents to form a 'Human Library', an opportunity to talk and answer questions about their lives. Some 270 pupils from eight schools, including our Year 5s, will be taking part in the day, with sessions taking place simultaneously at four venues across Otley. We hope that it will help our children to gain a greater appreciation of their community and their role within it.



PTA Events We hope everyone enjoyed our pyjama parties last week; the children seemed to have a great time cosying up to enjoy the films, and the evenings raised £200. The Year 1 bun sale last Friday raised a further £91 for PTA funds. The next PTA meeting is on

Wednesday 7th November at 7.00pm, when we will be planning our Christmas Fair (1st December) and also our next social event, a quiz night to be held on Friday 16th November. This is always a popular evening, so make sure the date is in your diary. Tickets will be on sale after half term.

School Choir Choir rehearsals for pupils in KS2 led by Mrs Fortune have been very popular, and preparation will begin in earnest after half term for the Christmas events. If your child is interested, rehearsals are on a Thursday at lunchtime. Performance dates so far include the PTA Christmas Fayre on Saturday 1st December, Otley Victorian



This half term our core Christian value is:



Diary Dates

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

Nursery/Reception visit to Otley Science Festival

Wednesday 7th November – PTA meeting, 7.00pm

Thursday 8th November – Y1-5 visit to Otley Science Festival

Friday 16th November – PTA Quiz Night, 7.30pm

Wednesday 21st November – Flu vaccinations, Reception to Y5

Saturday 1st December – PTA Christmas Fair

Sunday 2nd December – Otley Victorian Fair

Thursday 13th Dec. – PTA Disco

Monday 17th December – Orchestra Christmas Concert

Tuesday 18th December – Nativity, All Saints Church, 2.00 and 6.00pm



Christmas Fayre on Sunday 2nd December and the Christmas Tree Festival in All Saints Church (date to be confirmed). New members are still welcome after half term!



Poppy Appeal The Poppy Appeal this year has once again produced a wide range of branded goods in addition to the traditional poppies. These include friendship bracelets and flexi rulers (suggested donation £1.00), crayons, bands and keyring clips (50p). Our Year 6 pupils will be displaying the goods on the playground at the end of the school day after half term should you wish to make a donation.

Parent Governor Representatives Regrettably, no nominations have been received for the vacant parent governor post on the governing body. This has never happened before in our school, and I feel sure that there are parents who would be interested, but are reluctant to put themselves forward. If you would like to know more about what is involved, do come and speak to me, in confidence, or to any other governor; current parent governors are Kate Bainbridge (child in Y6), Mike Comerford (Y4), Maria Crosby (Y4, Y6), Sarah James (Y3) and Sara Quin (Y2, Y6). They are happy for you to contact them through the school office, or via the chair of governors, Allan Boddy (allan.boddy@otleyallsaints.co.uk).

New Midday Supervisory Assistant We are delighted to welcome Josie Booth to our lunchtime team for three days a week. We hope she will enjoy helping to keep our children safe and happy at lunchtimes.



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

- Year 1 – Ivy and Joe
- Year 2 – Alex H and Evelyn
- Year 3 – Toby and Elsie
- Year 4 – Maddy and Charlie
- Year 5 – Amber C and Joshua
- Year 6 – Adam P and Ruby

Congratulations to these elected members, who will be meeting over the course of the year with Mrs Binks. Thank you also to all pupils who stood for election to be Library Councillors. Elected councillors are:

- Year 1 – Ruby and Henry
- Year 2 – Harriet and Samuel
- Year 3 – Charlie and Millie
- Year 4 – Seth and Primrose
- Year 5 – Amelie and Theo
- Year 6 – Daisy and Joey

Well done to these pupils, who will be meeting regularly with Mrs Mayo. We look forward to them fulfilling their roles successfully over the coming year.

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.



Musical Instruments We are delighted that so many children at our school are learning musical instruments, but it is very worrying to note how many instruments are left at school after lessons, with some staying at school for whole weeks! I'm sure parents will appreciate that little progress will be made if pupils do not practise between lessons, and we ask for your help in reminding children to bring the instruments home so that this can take place. We know that you will want your children to benefit from your investment in tuition, and any encouragement you can give to support regular practice is much appreciated.

Data Collection Sheets You will be receiving shortly our annual reminder to update the information we hold about the pupils. It is important that we have, for example, current mobile phone numbers and email addresses to ensure good contact between school and home, particularly in the event of an emergency. Under the General Data Protection Regulations introduced in May, the information we keep is carefully regulated according to our Privacy Notice, which may be seen on our website (<http://www.otleyallsaints.schooljotter2.com/about-us/privacy-notice>). Please return the data collection sheets to the office as soon as possible.