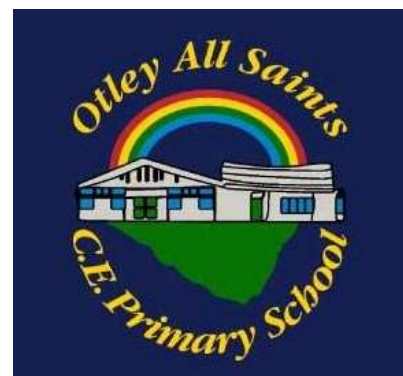


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This half term our core Christian value is:



## Diary Dates

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November** – Children return after half term

Year 2 visit to Thackray Medical Museum

Nursery/Reception visit to Otley Science Festival

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November** – PTA meeting, 7.00pm

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November** – Y1-5 visit to Otley Science Festival  
Book sale in aid of Indonesia, 3.15pm

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November** – Ballot count of Parent Governor election, 2.00pm

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November** – PTA Quiz Night, 7.30pm

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November** – Flu vaccinations, Reception to Y5

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November** – Non-uniform day

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December** – PTA Christmas Fair

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** – Otley Victorian Fair

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – PTA Disco

## INDONESIA TSUNAMI APPEAL

An extra newsletter this month, as we have some

important pieces of news to share before our half term break. Our School Council have held their first meeting, and have decided that they would like to organise a sale of second hand books on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November** after school to raise money for the Indonesian Earthquake and Tsunami Appeal. Over the half term holiday it would be great if you and your children could search for any unwanted good quality books to donate to School Council for them to sell, and bring them into school from 5<sup>th</sup> November onwards. If you would like your child to buy a book they will be sold at either 50p or £1.00. Any types of books are welcome including appropriate adults books.



**Parent Governor** I am delighted to say that, following last week's newsletter, I have received no less than seven nominations for the vacant parent governor post. I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has come forward; I'm sure that there

will be more opportunities in the future for the school to benefit from your kind offers of service.

As we have more than one nomination, we will be holding an election. Every parent of a child at the school is entitled to vote for the candidate they feel can best represent them on the governors. Each candidate has prepared a short personal statement, here attached, together with a ballot paper. In order to meet the requirements of a secret ballot and the option of postal voting, the system of double enveloping for the return of completed ballot forms should be adopted. Parents should seal their ballot papers in an inner, unmarked envelope which should then be sealed in an outer envelope signed on the back by the voter or voters. Voters should also PRINT their names below the signatures. This procedure is used in order that the school can identify which parents have voted and thus ensure that a parent does not vote twice. If the school can identify which family the ballot form is from then it can be accepted.



Valid to: June 2019

Ballot forms must be received by **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November**, and the counting of votes will take place at 2.00pm on that day. Candidates are invited to attend the count if they wish. The candidate who receives the highest number of votes will be declared elected, and the result will be communicated through the next newsletter.



**PTA Events** The next PTA meeting is on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm, when we will be planning our Christmas Fair (1<sup>st</sup> December) and also our next social event, a quiz night to be held on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm. Tickets are now on sale from the PTA, price £2.00; teams should be a maximum of six people. Please send your ticket requests and payment in a labelled envelope, which can be posted in the grey PTA post box at reception.

**50:50 Club** The winners of the October draw of the 50:50 club were Louise Whitehead (£100) and Fiona Timothy (£25). If you would like to be included in the next draw please collect a form from the school office.

**Peace Garden** You should have received a letter this week providing an update from Mrs Fortune and the Peace Garden team, describing the work that has taken place so far and the developments that are planned. All children have received a template to allow them to design a section of a school mosaic illustrating our Christian values, which will be created with the support of Frances Taylor of Mosaic Mania. Each class has been given an aspect to represent:



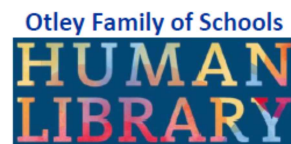
Year 1 – Love, Year 2 – Courage, Year 3 – Honesty, Year 4 – Forgiveness, Year 5 – Respect, Year 6 – Faith, Reception/Nursery – mini beasts and animals that might be found in our school grounds.

Our Peace Garden team will select the most appropriate designs, and the winners will work with Frances to complete the mosaic. Please encourage your children to have a go at this over half term – the finished article should look amazing!



**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.

**Human Library** Our Year 5 pupils were lucky enough to participate in the Human Library event this week, where they heard stories from a number of Otley residents about their lives. Unlike a conventional library, however, they had the opportunity to talk to the story tellers and ask questions about their lives. It was a fascinating insight into some very interesting live stories, and we are very grateful to Mr Lillington from Prince Henry's for organising the event, to Mrs Binks and the other members of the project group, and of course to the 'talking books' themselves for their willingness to share their stories in such an open way.



**Data Collection Sheets** Today you will be receiving 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.