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I am very proud of our school community's response to this year's centenary Poppy Appeal. The children have commemorated Remembrance Day sensitively and respectfully, and our sale of poppies and other items has once again been very successful. Our Year 6 pupils also visited the wonderful exhibition in All Saints Church, and followed the 'poppy trail' around town, learning more about the great sacrifice of Otley residents 100 years ago.

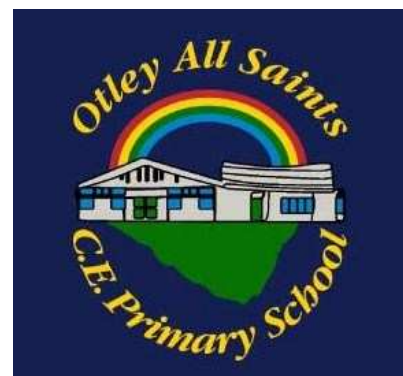
Yesterday the school council also organised a book sale, which raised a brilliant £70.45 for the Indonesian Tsunami Appeal. Thank you for your generosity and consideration, which I know will also be in evidence next week, as we raise money for the BBC Children in Need Appeal.

BBC Children in Need Next Friday we are inviting children to come to school dressed in pyjamas (spotty or otherwise!) in return for a donation to Children in Need. Pupils should wear shoes rather than slippers, as we must consider playtimes as well as lessons. Mrs Heslop and the kitchen staff will be running their annual 'Name the Bear' competition; starting on 12th November children can bring 50p to the kitchen before the start of school and can choose a name for the bear. The winning name will be drawn on 16th November.



PTA News It was great to see the seven nominations for parent governor; I am so delighted that we have such a good number of parents who are willing to offer their time and skill to support the school. At our PTA meeting this week, our chair, Simon Toyne, indicated that he will be stepping down from that role in December, having done a fabulous job for over two years. This means that in January we will have no-one in post as either chair or vice-chair, which is technically a breach of the PTA constitution.

I know that there are many demands on parents' time, and it can seem daunting to take on a leading role, but this is a great opportunity



This half term our core Christian value is:



Diary Dates

- Tuesday 13th November** – Celebrating Achievement Assembly, 10.25am
- Friday 16th November** – Children in Need – come in your pyjamas. PTA Quiz Night, 7.30pm
- Wednesday 21st November** – Flu vaccinations, Reception to Y5
- Monday 26th November** – Cricket taster sessions, Year 1, 2 and 3
- Wednesday 28th November** – Andy Seed, author, visiting school
- Friday 30th November** – Non-uniform day
- Saturday 1st December** – PTA Christmas Fair
- Sunday 2nd December** – Otley Victorian Fair
- Thursday 13th December** – PTA Disco
- Monday 17th December** – Orchestra Christmas Concert
- Tuesday 18th December** – School Nativity, 2pm and 6pm
- Wednesday 19th December** – Nursery Christmas Concert, 10.30am



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for a couple of people to bring a fresh perspective to fundraising and social events for the school community. We can offer plenty of support and guidance, and I am very happy to talk over what the expectations are to anyone who may be interested. If you would like to know more, please get in touch with Simon or with me.

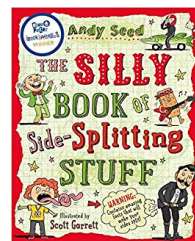
PTA Christmas Cards Thank you to Rachael Winter for co-ordinating the Christmas card designs; you should have received a sample of your child's Christmas card this week – if not, please check book bags! It is important that orders are received by 13th November to ensure that you receive them in good time for Christmas.



PTA Quiz Night The quiz night takes place next Friday at 7.30pm. Tickets, price £2.00, may be purchased through school or on the door; teams should be a maximum of six people. There is a licensed bar, and some excellent prizes on offer. The evening will also feature a 'stand up bingo' in aid of Children in Need. Hope to see you there!

Parent Governor Thank you to everyone who has submitted a vote for one of our seven noble candidates. The count will take place today, and the result will be communicated next week. 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.

Andy Seed, visiting author This week Miss Dales introduced the children to the books of Andy Seed, a Blue Peter Award-winning author from North Yorkshire, who will be visiting us on Wednesday 28th November. His titles include 'Nutty Nature Facts and Jokes', 'The Silly Book of Side-Splitting Stuff', 'Wild facts about Nature' and 'The Clue is in the Poo'. All children should have received a leaflet with details of the books, offering an opportunity to order signed copies which Andy will bring with him on his visit. If you would like to order books, please return the leaflet (which can be found in the newsletter section of the website) with payment in a named envelope by Thursday 15th November.



Influenza Vaccination Programme The annual vaccination programme is for 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. It is clear that many families have not yet given permission for this to take place, and it is important that you do so as soon as possible by completing the online consent, details of which were shared with you in a letter or email earlier this term. 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!

Celebrating Achievement Assembly Our next opportunity to join in celebrating children's successes will be on Tuesday 13th November at 10.25am. 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. Do come along if you can.

Chairs and Tables to Africa We are delighted that, with the help of one of our parents, Roz Cooper, we have been able to donate some of our classroom furniture to Christian African Relief Trust. They came to collect it yesterday, and will be transporting it to Lilongwe in Malawi, where it will be used by children in schools which are not as fortunate as ours. Thank you to Roz, and to the volunteers from Christian African Relief Trust who have made this possible.



Leeds School Admissions Policy Consultation Parents should be aware that Leeds City Council are currently consulting on some proposed changes to school admissions from 2020/21. The changes include the creation of defined catchment areas for a number of primary schools, including those in Otley. They are keen to seek the views of anyone with an interest in admissions arrangements. To read the proposals and provide a response, go to www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-places/school-admissions-policy-consultation .