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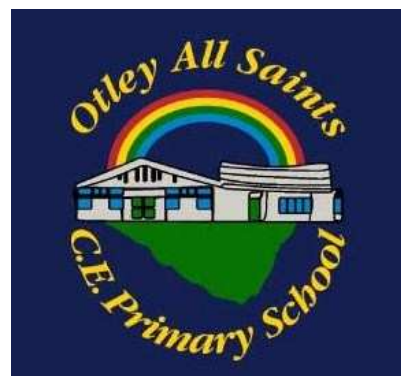


I am so impressed once again at how well our school community responded last Friday to the BBC Children in Need Appeal. Children and staff dressed in pyjamas and nightwear, Mrs Heslop's 'Name the Bear' competition was as popular as ever, Nursery held a successful bun sale, and Mrs Kelly and Mrs Binks continued the Year 3 tradition of being pushed into the swimming pool. Also included were the proceeds of the stand-up bingo at the PTA quiz night, and altogether we raised a magnificent £605, a great achievement.

On Wednesday Year 1 class held a Super Hero Day to mark World Diabetes Day. This is a special cause for our school community, and we are aiming to organise a whole school event early next year, but I am delighted that Year 1s were able to raise £63.67 through their efforts. We have also heard that we were able to raise £80 for this year's Poppy Appeal. It is a source of much pride that we are able to respond so generously to these good causes, even at a time when money is tight – thank you all very much!

**PTA Events** Many thanks to all who attended our quiz night, a very enjoyable evening which raised money for both PTA funds and Children in Need. Preparations are progressing well for the Christmas Fair, to be held on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December between 1.00 and 3.00pm. This will be preceded by a non-uniform day on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November, when we ask our families to donate a tombola prize for the Fair.

The Christmas Fair is always a wonderful community occasion, with craft, games, activities and raffle prizes to be won. There will be mulled wine for the adults and a café for all to enjoy, and our choir will be performing their Christmas songs for the first time. We are still seeking volunteers to help with the stalls – so if you can spare an hour or two, please let Simon Toyne or Kate Barraclough know. Also, please donate jam jar tombola prizes and cakes if you can.



This half term our core Christian value is:



## Diary Dates

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November** – Cricket taster sessions, Year 1, 2 and 3  
**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November** – Andy Seed, author, visiting school  
**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  
**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Grotto building Fdn/KS1  
**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December** – Science of Sound Workshop, Y4  
**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Dinner  
Stone Age Day, Year 3  
PTA Disco 5.30pm, 6.45pm  
**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December** – Choir at the Christmas Tree Festival, 11am  
**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – Orchestra Christmas Concert  
**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – School Nativity, 2pm and 6pm  
**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Nursery Christmas Concert, 10.30am



Valid to: June 2019

You will have received a set of raffle tickets today for the fantastic prize draw at the Christmas Fair. Please do your best to sell as many of these as possible, and return ticket stubs and money in a named envelope to school by Friday.

Following the Christmas Fair, our final PTA event of 2018 will be our Christmas Glow Disco on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December. We are hoping for a couple more volunteers to help with serving drinks and snacks on the evening – if you can help, please let us know. Finally, you will know that Simon Toyne is stepping down as PTA Chair after Christmas, having done a sterling job for over two years. As yet we have had no volunteers for the posts of chair or vice-chair, which makes the possibility of organising any future PTA events extremely difficult. This is a golden opportunity 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.



**Influenza Vaccination Programme** This week saw the visit of the nursing team to carry out the influenza vaccination for all children whose families have given permission online. If your child did not receive the vaccination there are two further opportunities in this year's programme, as the NHS bus will be at Xscape, Castleford, WF10 4TA on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November from 10am-3pm, and at Asda Killingbeck, LS14 6UF on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 10am-4pm.

**Proposal for a new Community 3G pitch at Prince Henry's** Prince Henry's are working in partnership with Sport Chevin (who represent many of the Otley sports clubs), Sport England and the Football Foundation on plans for a proposed 3G floodlit pitch. It will be FIFA standard and comply with IRB guidelines to make it suitable for contact sports. If this project goes ahead it would be available for curriculum use during the day (including some primary events) and then open to the community to use during the evenings and weekends. This is a fantastic opportunity for the school and community to receive some much needed investment in all-weather sports facilities and will give so many people, old and young, the opportunity to remain active throughout the year. They are asking for feedback on the proposal and would like to ask you to complete a very short online survey, which is to be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Y2WPBVT>

**Christmas Concerts** We will be performing our Christmas production in All Saints Church at 2.00pm and at 6.00pm on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. This year's story is 'Baa...Baa...Bethlehem', and all children from Reception to Year 6 will be involved in both performances. The school orchestra will perform their own concert in school on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December starting at 3.30pm. All are invited to enjoy our Christmas music and refreshments. Also, the school choir will be singing at the Victorian Fayre on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 12.45pm. Please support these events if you can.



**Otley Christmas Lights** A reminder that the town's Christmas lights event is on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November, starting at 5.30pm, with the lights due to be switched on at 7pm by 'Britain's Got Talent' contestant, Jamie Lee Harrison.

**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](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-places/school-admissions-policy-consultation).

**Data Collection Sheets** All families have received 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.