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I was so delighted last weekend to see how fantastic our school community is. There was a brilliant turn out to our Christmas Fair on Saturday, despite the wet weather, and I'm sure the visitors enjoyed the wonderful tombola, the superb singing from the choir, the imaginative games and competitions, and of course the chance to meet Father Christmas! I would like to

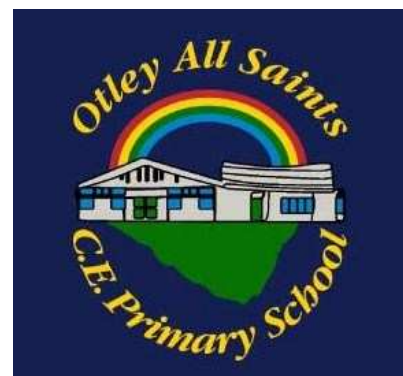
thank everyone – parents, staff and pupils – who helped to organise, run and clear away the fair, and in particular Jen Brownless for the fantastic raffle, Angela Hammond for all matters financial, Kate Barraclough for her organisation, and Simon Toyne for his support, attention to detail and hard work. At the moment it looks as if we may have raised over £1,700, which is a superb result.

Thank you to our choir We have been very proud of our choir's contributions this Christmas. Following the Christmas Fair, they also appeared onstage at the Otley Victorian Fayre on Sunday. Next Friday they will be singing at All Saints Church as part of the annual Christmas Tree Festival. Well done to all our fantastic singers, and thank you to Mrs Fortune for coaching and encouraging so admirably.

Christmas Concerts We will be performing our Christmas Nativity in All Saints Church at 2.00pm and at 6.00pm on Tuesday 18th December. This year's story is 'Baa...Baa...Bethlehem', and **all** children from Reception to Year 6 will be involved in both performances. Please note that the children will be sitting on the floor during the performances (as they do in assemblies at school). This should help to ensure that more parents and families have an unobstructed view of the performances.

The school orchestra will perform their own concert in school on Monday 17th December starting at 3.30pm. All are invited to enjoy our Christmas music and refreshments.

PTA Events Our final PTA event of 2018 will be our Christmas Glow Disco on Thursday 13th December. For Nursery, Year 1 and Year 2 it runs from 5.30-6.30pm, and for KS2 6.45-7.45pm. Entry is £3.00 per



This half term our core Christian value is:



Diary Dates

Thursday 13th December – Christmas Dinner
Stone Age Day, Year 3
PTA Disco 5.30pm, 6.45pm
Friday 14th December – Choir at the Christmas Tree Festival, 11am
Monday 17th December – Orchestra Christmas Concert
Tuesday 18th December – School Nativity, 2pm and 6pm
Wednesday 19th December – Nursery Christmas Concert, 10.30am
Rec/KS1 party – 1.15pm
Thursday 20th December – KS2 Christmas party
Friday 21st December – Talent show; last day of term
Monday 7th January – School Training Day
Tuesday 8th January – Start of term



child, which includes a drink, a biscuit and a glow pendant or bracelet! 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.

Many thanks to Rachel Winter for organising our Christmas cards, which were sent out yesterday – hopefully in good time for you to use. The designs look great, and have been produced to a good standard. We hope you enjoy them.

Our first PTA meeting of 2019 will be on Wednesday 16th January at 6.00pm. Please attend if you can – it will be great to have new ideas and new people.

PTA 50:50 Club Congratulations to our November winners – Julia Bottomley (£102) and Jill Anderson (£25.50). If you would like to be included in the draw, which raises money for PTA as well as offering the opportunity for a monthly payout, please fill in a form at the school office.



Pupil illness These last couple of weeks have seen an increase in the number of children off school with illness, which is to be expected at this time of year. Please remember to call and inform school on each day of your child's illness; occasionally parents have relied on email to inform us of an absence or a change in picking up arrangements, but that email has not been read until much later. Please also remember that, if a child is sick, 48 hours must elapse before they can return to school in order to reduce the risk of spreading infection. Thank you for your co-operation.

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>



Scout Christmas Post If you are sending Christmas cards locally within Otley, please consider using the Scout Christmas Post, which operates up to 21st December (last collection 12 noon) at a cost of 30p per card. Postbox and stamp outlets include: Chevin Health Food, Petwise, Cottage Stores, Bondgate Bakery, Alpha Male, Cohen's Kirkgate, Dodgsons, Wrenbeck News, Otley Golf Club, Otley lions, Gordon Larking Court, Weston Stores, Otley Council Offices, Londis Weston Lane and Westbourne Stores. Do use this local service if you can.

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.

Thank you again for all the support you give to your children and to the school. Have a very happy Christmas!

Yours sincerely

Ian Thomson-Smith

Headteacher