

# Otley All Saints CE Primary School

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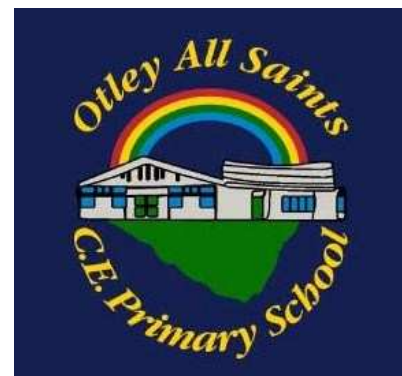
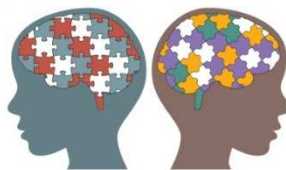


Happy New Year! I hope that all our families enjoyed a wonderful Christmas. I am sure that everyone who was there thoroughly enjoyed the performances of 'Baa...Baa...Bethlehem' at All Saints Church; a huge thank you to Miss Wilson and Mrs Raybould, to drama club, and to all the staff for their hard work in rehearsals. Thank you, too, to Mrs Nunn for the orchestra concert, which showcased the talent of our young musicians so well, and to Mrs Anderson and Mrs Fawcett for the Nursery nativity – a lovely reminder of the true meaning of Christmas.

At Christmas we said a sad farewell to the Slater family, as they prepare for their new lives in Australia. We wish them all the best in their new adventure! This term we welcome Evie into our Year 1 class. We hope she will feel welcomed and supported in the All Saints community.

**Year 4 Aqua Festival** This week saw a group of our Year 4 pupils take part in the Leeds North West primary schools Aqua Festival at Holt Park Leisure Centre. They participated in a variety of water-based events, and were placed first in the water polo and second overall – a tremendous result! The children conducted themselves superbly, representing the school with pride. Congratulations to them, and many thanks to Mrs Marston, Mrs Kelly and Mrs Rose for making it possible for us to attend the event.

**Otley All Saints and Autism** Our staff team are committed to being as prepared as possible to meet the needs of all pupils. We are proud to be a diverse and inclusive school, striving to ensure that every child has a valuable day every day, and supporting individuals in ways which are appropriate to their needs. We would like to invite any parents who may be interested to attend an evening on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February**, where we will outline some of the ways in which we support children with additional needs, particularly those with a diagnosis of autism or those displaying social and communication difficulties. A separate letter has gone out today with details and a return slip; please let us know if you would like to attend.



This half term our core Christian value is:



## Diary Dates

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January** – PTA meeting, 7.00pm

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January** – Year 2 class PTA bun sale

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January** – Year 5 and 6 Fire Safety Talks

Phonics workshop for Reception parents, 1.15pm

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January** – Year 1 Victorian Day

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January** – Year 5 Netball festival, Prince Henry's

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February** – Celebrating Achievement Assembly

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February** – 'All Saints and Autism' evening, 6.15pm

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February** – Year 3 class PTA Bun Sale

Break up for half term

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February** – Back to school after half term.



Valid to: June 2019

**Midday Supervisory Assistant needed** We are currently looking for someone to add to our lunchtime supervision team, working between 11.45am and 1.15pm. This is an excellent opportunity for someone wanting part-time work during term time, and has proved to be a very good initial step for those who are interested in working in education – several of our staff members who now work in other capacities started with us as lunchtime assistants. If you would like to know more about this post, please contact the school office.

**PTA Events** The Christmas term ended with a number of very successful PTA events, which have helped considerably with our fundraising. Our next PTA meeting will be very important, as we will be without some of our key members who have done so much for us over the years. This will be held on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January** at 7.00pm, when we will be planning some of our major events for the next two terms. I would urge you to come and support us if you can, as without you it would not be possible to continue to hold the quiz nights, discos, bun sales, 50:50 Club, summer and Christmas fairs, and all the other events that allow us to fund some of the nicer things that our children enjoy in school. Hope to see you there!



**Year 2 Class PTA Bun Sale** Please note that our first bun sale of the year will take place on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January** on the playground after school. We would be grateful for contributions from our Year 2 parents for this, as PTA continue their marvellous fundraising efforts. Your support is much appreciated.

**PTA 50:50 Club** Congratulations to our December winners – Emma Hart (£102) and Julia Bottomley (£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.

**Celebrating Achievement Assembly** Our next Celebrating Achievement Assembly of the year is on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 10.25am, when we share certificates, medals and news of any achievements of our pupils beyond the day-to-day curriculum. Any child with an achievement to share should come and tell me about it beforehand, and any parents who wish to attend are welcome to do so.

**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>). There are still a few outstanding forms, so 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.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ian'.

Ian Thomson-Smith

Headteacher