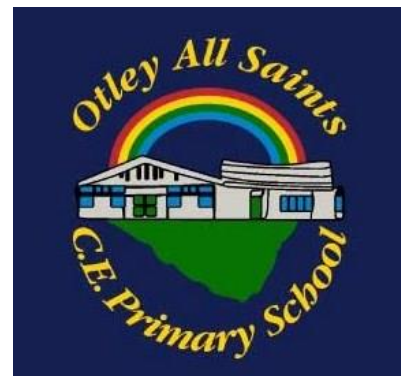


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Since our last newsletter, we have two wonderful community events. First, the Macmillan Coffee Morning, organised by Miss Dales, Mrs Marston, Mrs Kelly and our Year 6 pupils. This attracted a fantastic attendance from families and friends, and was well provided with cakes and buns thanks to the generosity of parents. We raised an amazing £413 – what a terrific achievement! On Tuesday we held our harvest celebration at All Saints Church; all the pupils performed superbly, and the generous gifts of food and toiletries filled the tables to overflowing. PAFRAS (Positive Action For Refugees) have been delighted to receive our contributions, which will make a difference in the lives of many needy families in Leeds.

We also welcomed a great friend of the school – Bob Hartman, who entertained us with his stories and songs, and also helped us understand what it takes to become a published author.

Parent Teachers Association Plans are now in hand for our popular Pyjama Party Film Night (22nd October), a Quiz Night on 15th November, a 'glow disco' on 12th December, and for our Christmas Fair on 7th December. Our next PTA meeting is on Thursday 7th November at 7.00pm. All parents are welcome, and it would be particularly good to see more families who are new to the school.

50:50 Club This is a fundraising scheme run by the PTA. Members contribute £5 a month, and at each month end a draw is held, with the winning two numbers sharing half the proceeds. The winners of the September draw were Charlotte Boardman (£102) and Kelly Hughes (£25.50). If you would like to be included in the next draw please collect a form from the school office.

Inconsiderate Parking Please note that our neighbours have once again been inconvenienced by parents parking across driveways at the beginning and end of the school day. There is never any need for this to happen, and it reflects badly on our whole school community. If you are obliged to use a car, please remember to park sensibly!

This half term our core Christian value is:



Diary Dates

Wednesday 9th October - Parents' Consultation Evening

Thursday 10th October – Year 2 Bun Sale

Tuesday 15th October – Children's author Tom Palmer in school

Tuesday 22nd October – Pyjama Party Film Night, 5.30pm

Thursday 24th October – Y6 Rugby Festival, Prince Henry's

Friday 25th October – Half term begins

Monday 4th November – Back to school

Thursday 7th November – PTA meeting, 7.00pm

Friday 8th November – Early Years Training Day, Nursery and Reception closed

Tuesday 12th November – 'The Science of Sound' workshop in Year 4

Wednesday 13th November – Influenza Vaccinations





Investing in Children Membership Award We have heard this week that the Otley family of schools have gained this award jointly in recognition of our 'imaginative and inclusive practice with children and young people'. It recognises the extent to which we, as a family of schools, have acted upon pupil voice, and specifically recommendations from pupils regarding our joint Equality and Diversity Charter. Pupils from all eight schools have contributed to this process; All Saints'

children spoke warmly of the impact of Refugee Week and the 'Hearts and Hopes' video. Many thanks to Mrs Binks, and to Mr Lillington at Prince Henry's who co-ordinated the award application.

School Council Elections Thank you to all pupils who stood for election for school council last week. There were some excellent presentations and thoughtful discussions before classes made their choices. Councillors for this year are:

- Year 1 – Sammy and Imogen
- Year 2 – Annis and Charlie
- Year 3 – Wylder and Clemmie
- Year 4 – Polly and Toby F
- Year 5 – Seth and Claudia
- Year 6 – Ava and Oliver



Congratulations to these elected members, who will be meeting over the course of the year with Miss Dales. Elections to other posts of responsibility, including Global Champions and Library Council, are being held this week.



Parents' Evening Families will have received a letter last week inviting parents to book an appointment to meet with class teachers on Wednesday 9th October between 3.30pm and 7.30pm. These appointments can be arranged online through the School Cash Office system, and will be for approximately five minutes duration, shorter than our Spring term consultation. Our main focus this term is to ensure that your children have settled well

and that we have a shared understanding and expectation of the children. If you feel you would like a longer discussion, please speak to the class teacher.

Influenza Vaccination Programme The annual vaccination programme for young children is being extended this year to include pupils from Reception to Year 5, and will take place for our school on 13th November. Eligible families have received a letter or email about this already, inviting you to give your consent for this online. Please ensure you have completed this consent, as we cannot do it for you, and without consent the vaccination cannot take place.



Water Bottles In school we regularly remind our pupils of the importance of drinking water throughout the day. It is important that each child has a clear, named water bottle, and that these are only used for water, unless medical advice has been shared with school. We often find that, while children may express preference for drinks other than water at home, they quickly learn to accept the 'water only' rule at school. Please help us to ensure consistency and a healthy approach with all our pupils.

Reception and Nursery Closure We would like to remind parents that Nursery and Reception classes will be closed on Friday 8th November for the annual Otley Early Years Training Day. Apologies for any inconvenience this will cause.

Pupil Absence A reminder that when children are too ill to come to school families should let us know by phone on each day of absence. Please do not send emails informing us of absence, as these are often not picked up until later in the morning. Thank you for your assistance.

Year 2 Class PTA Bun Sale Please note that our first bun sale of the year will take place on Thursday 10th October on the playground after school. Hayley Miller will be grateful for any offers of support with the sale from Year 2 families, as well as contributions of buns and cakes on the day. Thank you for all your help.

