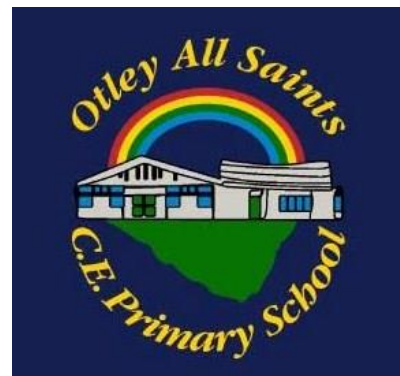


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Thank you to everyone who has responded to this year's Poppy Appeal. The children have learnt once again about the importance of the poppy as a symbol of those who have died in conflict, and on Monday we will mark the eleventh hour with a solemn moment of reflection, something that is always commemorated sensitively and respectfully by our children.

BBC Children in Need Next Friday we are inviting children to come to school dressed in spotty clothing in return for a donation to Children in Need. Mrs Heslop and the kitchen staff will be running their annual 'Name the Bear' competition; starting on 11th 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 15th November.



PTA Events Following our very well attended Pyjama Party Film Night, our next event is for adults – our ever popular Quiz Night on 15th November. Tickets are on sale, priced at £2.00; teams should be a maximum of six people. Please send your ticket requests and payment in a labelled envelope, which can be posted in the grey PTA post box at reception. We are also looking forward to the 'glow disco' on 12th December, and our Christmas Fair on 7th December.

PTA Shopping Evening A brand new PTA event this month is the shopping evening on Thursday 28th November, 7-9pm. A superb range of stalls from local businesses, including home décor, clothing, cheese, artisan gin, toiletries, books, stationery and beauty therapy, will be represented, as well as a licensed bar and a fantastic hamper raffle. Tickets are available from the school office or on the door, price £2.00.

50:50 Club The winners of the October draw of the 50:50 club were Helen Forster (£104) and Julia Wilson (£26). If you would like to be included in the next draw please collect a form from the school office.

This half term our core Christian value is:



Diary Dates

Tuesday 12th November – Celebrating Achievement Assembly, 10.25am
'The Science of Sound' workshop in Year 4
Year 1 at science fair, Otley Courthouse

Wednesday 13th November – Influenza Vaccinations
Reception at science fair, Otley Courthouse
Year 6 at 'Everest Lab', Otley Courthouse

Thursday 14th November – Year 2 at science fair, Otley Courthouse
Nursery Bun Sale

Friday 15th November – Children in Need – wear something spotty
Phonics Workshop for Reception parents, 1.15pm
PTA Quiz Night, 7.30pm

Monday 18th November – School nursing team, Reception and Y6

Thursday 28th November – PTA Shopping Evening, 7.00-9.00pm



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 12th November to ensure that you receive them in good time for Christmas.

Vinyasa Yoga Class The new yoga evening class, hosted at our school, is proving very popular. Vinyasa Flow is a creative style of yoga, in which the postures are linked together and synchronised with the breath. The class is suitable for men and women, and for beginners and those who are more experienced. Prices are £5 drop in, or £22.50 for a 5 class pass. A limited number of yoga mats are available to hire for £1. Classes are on a Thursday, 6.30-7.30pm; contact school if you are interested, or just drop in!

Influenza Vaccination Programme The annual vaccination programme for young children is being extended this year to include pupils from Reception to Year 6, 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.



Hygiene in school We have reached the time of year when illness becomes more prevalent, and we would like to do our best to keep all members of our school community fit and healthy. We will be reminding pupils to ensure that they wash their hands regularly throughout the day, particularly after going to the toilet, and will be encouraging them to use the hand sanitisers before going into the hall at lunch time. We would be grateful if you could reinforce these messages at home, as we do our best to keep absence due to illness to a minimum. However, please remember that children who have been sick should remain off school for 48 hours after any incidence of illness to avoid passing on infection. Do remember that you should contact school to inform us every day during a child's absence. Please note also that families who arrive late should come in to school via the school office to ensure that their child is registered. Thank you for your help with this.

Celebrating Achievement Assembly Our next opportunity to join in celebrating children's successes will be on Tuesday 12th 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.

Data Collection Sheets Thank you to everyone who has already returned 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. Please can families make sure both sides of the yellow sheet are completed fully! Under General Data Protection Regulations, 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.



Christmas Concerts We will be performing our Christmas production in All Saints Church at 2.00pm and at 6.00pm on Tuesday 17th December. This year's story is 'Rock Around the Flock!', 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 16th 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 1st December at 1.45pm. We are looking forward to all of these special events marking Jesus' birth.

Nursery Closure Please note that, because of the General Election on Thursday 12th December, we have been informed that once again the school will be used as a polling station, so Nursery will be unable to open on this day. We will have security in place throughout the day as before, including during the evening when it is our PTA disco.

Year 5 and 6 While we trust our older pupils to walk home from school unaccompanied, it is helpful if you notify us of any change of arrangements in planners to avoid any confusion. Thank you for your help.