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I am really delighted at how well our school community responded last Friday to the BBC Children in Need Appeal. Children and staff dressed in spotty clothing, Mrs Heslop's 'Name the Bear' competition was as popular as ever, Nursery held a successful bun sale, and Mrs Kelly was 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 £628.77, a great achievement, and even higher than last year's total.

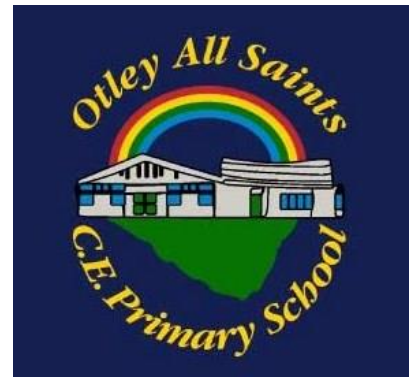
We have also heard that we were able to raise £34.80 for this year's Poppy Appeal, despite the fact that we were only supplied with poppies this year. It is a source of much pride that we are able to respond so generously to these good causes, even at a time when money is tight – thank you all very much!

PTA Events – Shopping Evening Many thanks to all who attended our quiz night, a very enjoyable evening which raised money for both PTA funds and Children in Need. Our next event is our fabulous 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.



Christmas Fair Preparations are progressing well for the Christmas Fair, to be held on Saturday 7th December between 1.00 and 3.00pm. This will be preceded by a non-uniform day on Friday 6th December, 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. We are still seeking volunteers to help with the stalls – so if you can spare an hour or two, please let Lucy Kassell 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

Thursday 28th November – PTA Shopping Evening, 7.00-9.00pm
Sunday 1st December – Otley Victorian Fair
Friday 6th December – Non-uniform day
Saturday 7th December – PTA Christmas Fair
Thursday 12th December – General Election – Nursery closed
Christmas Dinner
Year 3 handball festival, PHGS
Year 5 visit from The Animal Man
Year 5 Bun Sale
PTA Glow Discos 5.30pm, 6.45pm
Friday 13th December – Choir at the Christmas Tree Festival, 11am
Monday 16th December – Orchestra Christmas Concert, 3.30pm
Tuesday 17th December – School Nativity, 2pm and 6pm
Wednesday 18th December – Nursery Christmas Concert, 10.30am
Rec/Y1/Y2 Christmas Parties, 1.15pm



PTA Disco Following the Christmas Fair, our final PTA event of 2019 will be our Christmas Glow Disco on Thursday 12th December. We are hoping for a few more volunteers to help with serving drinks and snacks on the evening – if you can help, please let us know.

50:50 Club The winners of the November draw of the 50:50 club were Joanne Proctor (£104) and Ani Earney (£26). If you would like to be included in the next draw please collect a form from the school office.



Influenza Vaccination Programme Last week saw the visit of the nursing team to carry out the influenza vaccination for all children whose families had given permission online. If your child did not receive the vaccination you can still book in your child to receive it by ringing 01423 542360. Possible venues include Guiseley Children's Centre (LS20 9DA) on 3rd December 3.00-4.30pm, and Queensway Children's Centre, Yeadon (LS19 7LF) on 11th December 3.00-4.30pm. More information is available on the NHS leaflets in the school office.

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.



Otley Christmas Lights A reminder that the town's Christmas lights event is on Monday 25th November, starting at 5.30pm in the Market Place, with fireworks at 7pm, live music and fairground rides.



Christmas Dinner Families with children who do not normally have a school lunch will have received a letter inviting their children to participate in our traditional Christmas Dinner on **Thursday 12th December**. If your child would like a dinner on this day, please return the slip on Monday. Dinners are free for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, and are £2.45 for older pupils.

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. 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.

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.

