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Last week we held our first ever PTA Shopping Event, which saw a terrific turnout of locally-based traders, making for a wonderful start to our Christmas activities. A huge thank you to Sara Quin for organising the event so successfully, and to our other dedicated PTA members who helped to set up and run the evening.

Congratulations, too, to our choir, who performed superbly on the stage at the Otley Victorian Fair. Thank you to Mrs Fortune and Mrs Bowman for their hard work in preparing and supporting our talented singers. The choir have sung again today at Sainsbury's, raising money for the NSPCC, and will perform again tomorrow at the PTA Christmas Fair, and next Friday in All Saints Church as part of the annual Christmas Tree Festival (11.00am). Do support them at these events if you can.

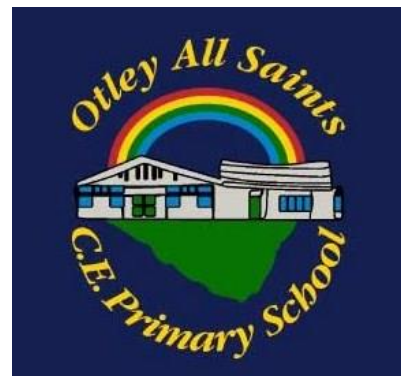
**PTA Christmas Fair** Thank you for the huge range of tombola prizes that have appeared today ahead of the fair tomorrow. One of the great highlights of our Christmas celebrations, the Christmas Fair runs between 1.00 and 3.00pm, and is always a wonderful community occasion, with craft, games, activities and raffle prizes to be won. I hope to see you there!



**Christmas Concerts** We will be performing our Christmas Nativity in All Saints Church at 2.00pm and at 6.00pm on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December. This year's story is 'Rock Around the Flock, 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 16<sup>th</sup> December starting at 3.30pm. All are invited to enjoy our Christmas music and refreshments.



This half term our core  
Christian value is:



### Diary Dates

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December** – PTA Christmas Fair 1.00pm – 3.00pm  
**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> December** – Choir at the Christmas Tree Festival, 11am  
**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December** – Orchestra Christmas Concert, 3.30pm  
**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – School Nativity, 2pm and 6pm  
**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Nursery Christmas Concert, 10.30am  
Rec/Y1/Y2 Christmas Parties, 1.15pm  
**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Y3/Y4/ Y5/Y6 Christmas Parties, 1.15pm  
**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – Talent Show  
Break up for Christmas



**PTA Events** Our final PTA event of 2019 will be our Christmas Glow Disco on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 child, which includes a drink, a biscuit and some special glow makeup! 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 2020 will be on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January at 7.00pm. Please attend if you can – it will be great to have new ideas and new people.



**Pupil illness** These last couple of weeks have seen a sharp increase in the number of children (and staff!) 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.

**Sporting Success** Congratulations to our Year 6 footballers, who competed in the EFL Kids Cup in Leeds recently, representing our school impressively. Well done, too, to our Cross Country team, who completed the third race of the Leeds Schools Cross Country League at Woodhouse Grove last week. Special mention goes to Martha Hall for her magnificent result in the U9 girls' race. Thank you to Miss Dales for organising these opportunities for our pupils, and to the parents, whose support and encouragement is invaluable.



**Nursery Closure** Please note that, because of the General Election on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 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.



**Scout Christmas Post** If you are sending Christmas cards locally within Otley, please consider using the Scout Christmas Post, which operates up to 20<sup>th</sup> December (last collection 12 noon) at a cost of 30p per card. Postbox and stamp outlets include: Chevin Health Food, Petwise, Bondgate Bakery, Cohen's Kirkgate, Asda, Dodgsons, Wrenbeck News, Otley Golf Club, Otley Lions, 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