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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 'Rock Around the Flock' 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. Well done too to all those who performed in 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.

This term has seen Elsie join our Year 1 class. We hope she, and her family, will feel welcomed and supported in the All Saints community.

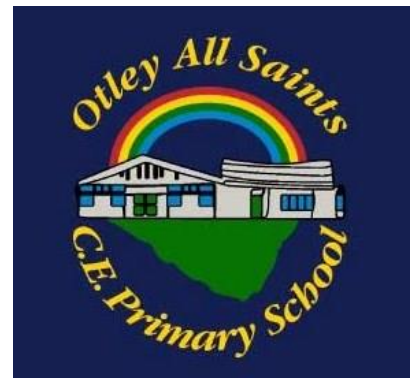
PTA Christmas Fair Thank you to everyone involved in the Christmas Fair, particularly those hardworking parents and staff who ran stalls, set up the school or cleared up afterwards. There was a wonderful atmosphere throughout the afternoon, much helped by the school choir directed by Mrs Fortune, and the wonderful raffle raised £653. It seems that overall we have raised a record breaking £1,850 for PTA funds! Particular thanks go to PTA secretary Kate Barraclough, treasurer Angela Hammond and chair Lucy Kassell for their unstinting efforts – we are very grateful.



Our next PTA meeting is on **Tuesday 14th January** at 7.00pm, as we discuss our plans for the coming year. It would be lovely to see some new faces there – as well as our much valued stalwarts – why not make it a new year's resolution to come along?

PTA 50:50 Club Congratulations to our December winners – Julia Wilson (£104) and Beth Johnson (£26). If you would like to be included in the draw, which raises money for PTA as well as offering the opportunity for a monthly prize, please fill in a form at the school office.

Celebrating Achievement Assembly Our next Celebrating Achievement Assembly of the year is on Tuesday 4th February at 10.25am, when we share certificates, medals and news of any news or



This half term our core Christian value is:



Diary Dates

Tuesday 14th January – PTA meeting, 7.00pm

Thursday 16th January – Year 1 class PTA bun sale

Yoga Class – 6.30-7.30pm

Friday 17th January – U11 Girls' Football festival, Leeds Utd

Monday 3rd February – Start of Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 4th February – Celebrating Achievement Assembly

Tuesday 11th February – Community Voice Event, Leeds Civic Hall

Thursday 13th February – Years 5 and 6 – 'God and the Big Bang' workshops at All Saints Church

Reception class PTA Bun Sale

Friday 14th February – Year 4 Badminton festival, Prince Henry's Break up for half term

Monday 24th February – Back to school after half term. Start of Fairtrade Fortnight.



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.



School Vision Last term governors and staff worked together to review our school vision and values. We considered carefully our purpose as a school, what makes us distinctive and effective, and what we most want – as parents, staff members and governors – for the children in our care. From our discussions we have formulated a new school motto:

‘Learning, Love and Laughter Every Day’

and a new vision statement:

Our school is a happy, loving and vibrant learning community underpinned by Christian values, where there is a place for everyone to flourish and grow. All our children are supported to develop kindness, self-belief and resilience, and are inspired to achieve and to build a bright future for all.

We recognise that this vision sets high expectations for our school community, but we are determined that these should be met, and we promise to work hard to maintain the high standards that parents rightly expect of us.

Vinyasa Yoga Class Last term saw the establishment of a new yoga evening class, hosted at our school. 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!



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. These infractions have been reported to the local police, who will be making occasional checks of the parking situation in future. If you are obliged to use a car, please remember to park sensibly!

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

Ian Thomson-Smith
Headteacher