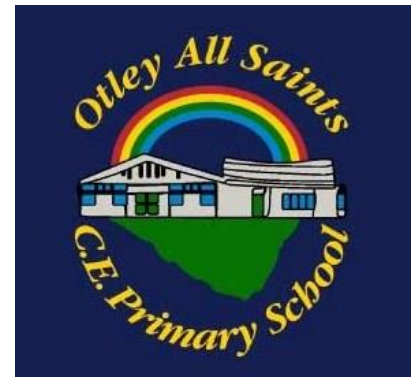


# Otley All Saints CE Primary School

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This half term our core Christian value is:



## Diary Dates

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May** – School closed for Bank Holiday

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May** – Statutory assessment tests in Year 6 this week

Year 4 hosting a Viking visitor

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 6 visit to the Chevin

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May** – Walk to School Week;

Statutory assessment tests in Year 2 this week

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 5 visit to Jodrell Bank, 8am

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 1 visit to Hesketh Farm

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May** – Key Stage 2 Orienteering Day

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May** – Break up for half term

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June** – Return to school

Year 4 multiplication tables check this week

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June** – 'One Small Step' piano concert for Rec/KS1 classes



Today we marked the Coronation with a special lunch, as well as activities aimed at helping our children understand something of the traditions and history that this event represents. While the weather was not what we might have wished for, we have had fun, and we hope it has helped the children

appreciate the historic nature of tomorrow's event, and the Christian service that is at its heart.

**Grow a Pound Challenge** We have been bowled over by the amazing response to the PTA 'Grow a Pound' challenge. There have been some lovely, imaginative ideas of how the pound coins could be put to work, and a lot of hard effort from children, parents and families in making, selling, cleaning, growing, baking and sponsoring. We are just waiting for one or two returns, but at present it seems that our combined efforts have raised around £1,700 for PTA funds. This is well in excess of our expectations, and will be put to work immediately in improving resources in school. Thank you to everyone who took part, and particularly to Kimberly Bateman, Helen Forster, Beth Allcock and Miles Waring who administered the event. What an amazing school community we have!



## Governors' Annual Survey of Parents' Views



This is the final call for responses to our parent survey. Once again we are offering a £20 Waitrose voucher via a prize draw, and to enter all you need to do is complete our school questionnaire, which can be

accessed through [Google Forms](#). It should take less than ten minutes to complete. It really is important for us to know how you feel about what the school is doing well, and where we can improve. If you think the school is doing a great job – please tell us! If you think there's somewhere we could be doing better, this is your chance to let us know and give us the chance to improve. Thank you in advance for your participation.

**Statutory Assessment Tests** Next week our Year 6 pupils, along with their peers across the country, will be completing the statutory tests for 11 year olds in reading, mathematics, grammar, punctuation



and spelling. We are impressed at the way in which our pupils are approaching these assessments, and, regardless of the outcomes, we are proud of our young people's achievements. A huge thank you to Mrs Sutton, Mr Pollhammer and other staff members who have done so much to make sure that the children feel well prepared and not over-pressured. The following week it will be the turn of the Year 2 pupils, with tests in reading and maths which are designed to support teachers in assessing the children's attainment. After half term our Year 4s will be completing a multiplication tables check and Year 1s a check on their phonics knowledge. Whatever our views on the validity and worth of these assessments, we feel that our school is managing to strike a reasonable balance, always remembering that there is so much more to the education we provide.



**Walk to School Week, 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> May** Families will be familiar with the WOW badges that our children are able to earn by completing sustainable journeys to school over the course of a month. Organised by 'Living Streets', there is an extra challenge during the week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> May to encourage as many journeys as possible to be done – at least in part – without using cars. We understand that for

some of our families a journey to school by car is not really a choice (my own 14 mile journey would be a challenge!), but where possible we would ask that cars are parked some distance away from school during the week, leaving perhaps a ¼ mile journey to be completed on foot. Sustrans calculates that previous years' challenge saved a staggering 1,179kg of nitrogen oxide and 576 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> from being released into the atmosphere. We know that a number of local schools are taking part this year; help us all to make Otley a cleaner and healthier place.

**Summer Term Dates** We know that parents appreciate advance notice of school events when this is possible, and our summer term is full of important occasions in the life of a school. All dates are to be found on the school calendar [here](#), but it may be useful to run through a few of the items planned:

- Otley Carnival, Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June We hope as many of our families as possible will want to be involved with our school float, celebrating a theme of 'Rewilding'.
- Refugee Week, 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> June An important part of our work as a school, as we aim to understand the plight of those displaced from their homes.
- Sports Day, Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June Years 3 to 6 will compete in the morning, with younger children taking part in the afternoon. Wet weather reserve date is Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June.
- Welcome Evening for parents of new starters, Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June, 7.00pm An opportunity for parents of our new Reception intake to visit school and learn what to expect from school life.
- PTA Disco, Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June, 5.30-6.30 and 6.45-7.45pm Our final disco of the year.
- PTA Summer Fair, Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July, 1.00-3.00pm A great social event, preceded by a non-uniform day on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June.
- Drama Club performances of 'The Wizard of Oz', Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July (1.30pm and 7.00pm) and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July (7.00pm) The culmination of after school rehearsals since Christmas.
- Summer Concert, Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July, 6.30pm A chance for our orchestra, and pupils who are learning a musical instrument, to perform to parents.
- Transition Days to Prince Henry's, Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July Year 6 pupils will spend three days at their new school; other pupils will also be spending two mornings in their new classes.
- Leavers' Service, All Saints Church, Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July, 1.30pm Our Year 6 pupils will lead a time of thanksgiving as they celebrate the end of their time at our school.

We sincerely hope that all these events will go ahead as indicated, but of course we have learnt over the last few years that nothing is certain! We look forward to a summer term of fun and celebration.



**Ragbag Clothes Collection** A reminder that we have on site an old clothes collection bin which is situated in the school car park. We welcome sealed bin bags of clothes that can be reused elsewhere; if you are spring cleaning and have clothes to throw out, please consider popping them in the collection bin instead. Thank you.