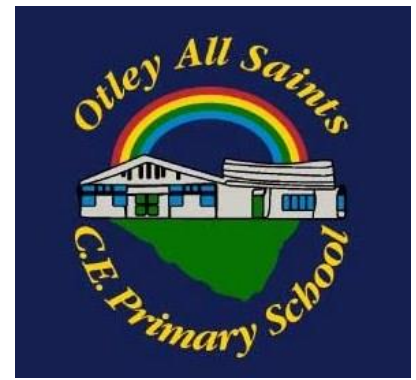


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This week we have marked Children's Mental Health Week with a variety of activities across the school, including yoga, mindful colouring, tips on getting a good night's sleep, and opportunities to connect with different people in other classes by sharing something that is

important to you. We know that we can't remove all the pressures that the modern world places on our children, but we hope that some of the things touched on this week will help to develop resilience and wellbeing. If you would like to see ideas and suggestions that can help to improve mental health and wellbeing go to <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>, where there is a wide range of resources to support families and schools.

Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal We will all have been affected by the heart-breaking pictures from Syria and Turkey in recent days. The Disaster Emergency Committee, which co-ordinates charitable responses from the UK, launched their appeal yesterday, and when our school council met today they were keen to organise an event that might raise some desperately needed funds for those in need. They have asked us to announce a 'Backwards Day' on Friday 24th February, when children may choose to wear clothes backwards, or inside out, eat puddings before main course, experiment with backwards writing or speech; other ideas can be found [here](#). There is no requirement for children to join in or for families to donate – many will have already done so – but we do feel it is important to respond as a school to this dreadful situation. Thank you for any support you can give.



World Book Day, Thursday 2nd March Special events come thick and fast after half term, and we wanted to give you a bit of warning about our annual celebration of books and reading. On this day children may, if they wish, come dressed as their favourite book character, but for those who would rather not dress up we would like to suggest some alternatives:

- Make a badge which celebrates your favourite book,
- Customise a t-shirt,

This half term our core Christian value is:



Diary Dates

- Monday 20th February** – Back to school after half term
- Wednesday 22nd February** – Thinking Day for scouts and guides
- Friday 24th February** – Backwards Day fundraiser for DEC Earthquake Appeal
- Tuesday 28th February** – NEU Strike: Year 1 and Year 3 closed PTA meeting, 7pm
- Thursday 2nd March** – World Book Day
- Monday 6th March** – School marks Fairtrade Fortnight
- Wednesday 15th March / Thursday 16th March** – NEU Strike: closure details to follow
- Friday 17th March** – Red Nose Day
- Tuesday 21st March** – Otley Poetry Slam, Prince Henry's
- Wednesday 22nd March** – Year 2 visit to Bolton Abbey Parents' Evening 3.30-7.00pm
- Thursday 23rd March** – Parents' Evening 3.30-5.00pm
- Thursday 30th March** – Easter Service, All Saints Church, 10am



- Make a prop out of cardboard or other recycled materials which is a clue to a famous book, and see if others can guess which book it represents.

However we choose to celebrate, it will be a day to enjoy reading and sharing books with others in school. We are looking forward to it!



'Break the Rules' Day Thank you for your support for the PTA's 'Break the Rules Day' today. The array of different hair shades and outfits made for a very colourful end to this half term. We are very grateful for the donations to PTA funds which help us to improve provision for our children. The new Chromebook laptop computers have now arrived in school, and are being set up for us to start using after half term. This has been made possible by the

generous support from the PTA, which agreed at the annual general meeting to make the upgrading of the school's computing facilities a priority for fundraising this year. We are hoping that, if our events planned for this year continue to be successful, we will be able to improve the quality of both class computing lessons and the support for pupils with special needs. The generosity and support of our families continues to be fantastic, but we still need more of our parents to be willing to provide leadership and organisation for the different events we hope to run. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 28th February at 7pm – please come if you can.

Save East Wood! You may have heard that this beautiful 20-acre woodland, known locally as Weston Woods, is up for sale, and its future in private hands is unknown. The Friends of Otley East Wood are a collaboration of local nature and community groups and charities, supported by national organisations, who are working together to seize this rare opportunity to purchase and manage East Wood as a community woodland for the benefit of people and nature. Please support their crowdfunder if you can by going to www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/otley-east-wood-community-buyout.

Mothers' Day shop Our PTA are hoping to run our popular Mother's Day shop in the run up to Mothering Sunday (19th March), and we are still asking to hear from anyone who would be willing to help. This may be in the purchasing and/or preparing of a range of gifts prior to the event, or volunteering to be at school for a short time for one lunchtime in the week beginning 13th March to allow children to purchase a gift. If you are willing and able to help, please let the school office know, and give permission for your details to be passed on to Mrs Marshall-Ngan. Thank you!



Otley Carnival Poster Competition The annual carnival poster competition has been launched, with prizes for three age categories: 6 years and under, 7–9 years, 10+ years. Prizes will be awarded for the winner of each age group. It is important that all entries are A4 portrait, are brightly coloured with clear lettering and spelt correctly, and include the entrant's name, school name and age on the back. More details can be found on the [carnival website here](#). A reminder, too, that the deadline to apply to be an Otley Carnival

Star is Friday 17th February 2023. To apply, please complete an application form, which can be found on our website [here](#) (paper copies are available in school) and email to info@otleycarnival.co.uk by. The committee look forward to receiving your applications.

Multi-Activity and Lego Workshop Inspiration Tree are offering Multi-Activity courses and LEGO workshop this half term at St Josephs and Burley Oaks. The courses are £17 per day from 9am-3pm. There is an option for an extended day if required. To make a booking please go to www.inspiration-tree.com.

Thinking Day, 22nd February For any members of the scouting and girlguiding movement, 22nd February – the birthday of both Robert Baden-Powell and Olave Baden-Powell – is remembered as Thinking Day or Founders Day. On this day, any children who are members of Rainbows, Beavers, Brownies, Cubs etc. may (if they wish) wear their uniform to school, helping to raise awareness of the importance these groups have had in children's development. Wear your uniform and be proud!

Netball Clubs Prince Henry's Grammar School are now running netball sessions for pupils in Year 2 to Year 6. Sessions cost £3 and will start on Monday 27th February 4:15–5:15pm. To register your child or for further information, please contact Mrs S Cooke CES@princehenrys.co.uk or by calling 01943 463524.