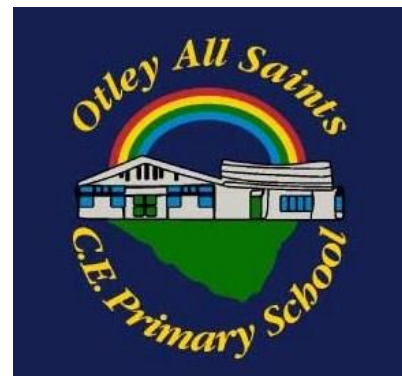


# Otley All Saints CE Primary School

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This half term our core Christian value is:



## Diary Dates

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September** – Year 6 residential visit to Winmarleigh Hall

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September** - Forest Schools, Y3 am, Y2 pm

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September** – First full governors' meeting of the year, 6.30pm

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September** – School Council Elections

Sex and relationships talks in Y6

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September** – Forest Schools, Y1 am, Y5 pm  
PTA Annual General Meeting, 7.00pm

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September** – Global Champion Elections  
Puberty talks in Y5

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September** – Macmillan Coffee Morning

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** – Harvest Festival at All Saints Church, 2pm

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October** – Forest Schools, Reception am, Nursery pm



It has been lovely to see the whole school back together, enjoying the unexpectedly warm weather. We are very grateful that we were not one of the schools affected by the concerns over RAAC building materials, and so have been able to make a happy and successful start to the term. Just like last year, we have been able to provide a fantastic Forest School opportunity on the Chevin for every class, thanks to the support of our wonderful PTA. It's been great to see the children enjoying this wonderful resource that we are lucky enough to have on our doorstep, and I hope it encourages more families to visit the parks there, if that isn't already your habit.

**Staffing news** This term we welcome Mrs Snuggs and Miss Cooper to our teaching assistant team. Sadly, though, Lisa Jowett is leaving us soon to take up a role at The Lighthouse School in Cookridge. We are so grateful for everything she has done for us over the years, and wish her well in her new post. These changes mean that we are currently seeking staff to work at both lunchtimes and at breakfast and after school clubs. There are opportunities for daily hours, or for a smaller commitment. Details can be found on our [website here](http://www.otleyallsaints.co.uk), or contact school if you would like to discuss options.

**Parent Teachers Association** The Forest School sessions are just one way in which the work of the PTA enhances what school can offer. However, we are in desperate need of more parents who are willing to give a little time back to help organise and run the fund raising and social events throughout the year. We want to encourage as many parents as possible to come to our PTA annual general meeting on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm**. It's a great way to meet other parents, and to have a say in the planning of events and priorities for fund raising. I hope to see you there!

WE NEED YOU!



**50:50 Club** This is a fundraising scheme run by the PTA. Members contribute £5 a month, and at each month end a draw is held, with the winning two numbers sharing half the proceeds. The winners of the August draw were Hannah Place (£92) and Katie Papp (£23). If



you would like to be included in the next draw please collect a form from the school office.



**Harvest Festival** Our first church service of the year is our Harvest Thanksgiving Service, and we are delighted to be taking the whole school from Reception to Year 6 to All Saints Church on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**. The service will start at 2pm, and we would like to invite parents to attend, (and to take your children home afterwards!). As always we would like to encourage all who can to donate harvest gifts. This year we are supporting Otley Food Bank, and they would be delighted to receive packets and tins of food, snacks (protein bars, crisps, biscuits, dried fruit), long-life milk, tea and coffee, sugar, jam, pasta, breakfast cereal – any food stuffs that can be stored ready to pass on to families in need. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**School Council and Global Champion Elections** We are now inviting all pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 to consider putting themselves forward for one of our elected posts. School Council meet regularly with Mrs Sutton to represent the views of their classmates, and to help us to improve our provision where we can. Our Global Champions meet with Mrs Steele, and aim to promote the UN Global Goals in each classroom, making sure we talk about them and understand what they mean, so that we can think of ways that we can make positive changes in school and in our wider community. Voting for this year's School Council will take place on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September, with Global Champion elections on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September. Pupils should let their teacher know if they would like to be considered for either of these roles, although we have said that those who held an elected post last year should stand aside this year to allow others the opportunity. Library Council elections will be held later this term.



**Music Lessons** Music lessons – violin, 'cello, drums, woodwind, guitar and brass – are restarting in school now, with cello and drums on Tuesdays, woodwind on Wednesdays, violin on Thursdays and guitars and brass on Fridays. If your child is in Key Stage 2 and would like to learn a musical instrument, please contact the office for more details. Our first orchestra rehearsal is taking place on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September, and Mrs Nunn will be speaking to potential members next week.

**Community Education at Prince Henry's** The new season of evening classes at Prince Henry's is now available to book - with 10 languages including Greek and Portuguese, and hobbies and interest classes and workshops from guitar to sewing to Pilates and more. To find out more and see how to book, go to the Prince Henry's website.

<https://www.princehenrys.co.uk/page/?title=Community+Education+%2D+2023%2F2024&pid=110>

**Sustainable journeys to school** This term we are once again tracking how pupils journey to school, giving credit to those who are making at least part of at least one journey a week by sustainable means – walking, scootering, cycling etc. Those who are able to do this earn a badge each month – specially designed and produced from recycled plastic – to celebrate the contribution made to reducing pollution and improving the earth's atmosphere. We recognise that for some families a journey to and from school without using the car is almost impossible, but we would still encourage you to consider 'park and stride' on a regular basis, where you park some distance from school (at least quarter of a mile) and walk the rest of the way. Older children could also arrange to meet friends and walk with them. This way we not only improve the environment, but we also reduce the congestion outside school and the inconvenience to neighbours from having cars parked on pavements and driveways. Thank you in advance for your assistance with this.

**Otley Folk Festival** We would like to draw your attention to a 'Family Folk Day' being held tomorrow (Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September) at St Joseph's School as part of Otley Folk Festival. This will feature concert spots by some festival artists, a children's concert, displays of morris dancing, a French dance workshop and a ceilidh. The festivities run from 12.00 noon to 6.30pm, and entry is free. This is a lovely introduction to live music, and we hope you can attend to help make the event a success.



**Contacting staff** We have been delighted with how children have settled into their new classes. All class newsletters have now been sent out with information specific to your child's year group. Teachers are very approachable, and are more than happy to talk on the phone outside of lesson times if an issue arises. If sending an email is preferred, this is usually better directed to the office, as class email addresses are not regularly monitored, and a response may be delayed. Thank you for your co-operation.