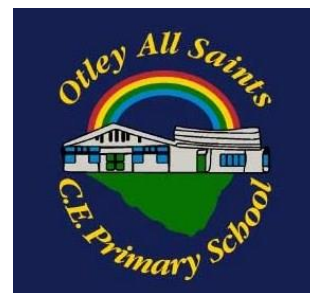


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This half term our core Christian value is:



Diary Dates

- Tuesday 23rd January** - PTA meeting, 7pm
- Tuesday 30th January** – Year 6 at 'The Addams Family', Prince Henry's
- Wednesday 31st January** – Yr5 trip to the National Railway Museum, York
- Thursday 1st February** – Yr4 Road Safety Training/Nursery trip to Otley Library
- Monday 5th February** – Start of Children's Mental Health Week
- Wednesday 7th February** – Full Governors' meeting, 6:30 pm
- Thursday 8th February** – KS2 Cross Country Finals, Temple Newsam
- Thursday 8th February** – Year 5 at PHGS World Sports Festival
- Friday 9th February** – School closes for half term
- Monday 19th February** – Back to school after half term
- Friday 15th March** – Comic Relief Day
- Wednesday 20th & Thursday 21st March** – Parents' Evenings
- Future Date – Friday 25th October** EYFS Training Day – Nursery and Reception will be **closed** for the day.



Happy New Year, and welcome back to our new term. I hope you have enjoyed a restful Christmas and spent time with family and friends.

During my short time at Otley All Saints, I have already had the pleasure of meeting many of you before and after school. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first two weeks here; the warm and welcoming support of the children, staff, parents, and broader community has made my transition here a lovely experience. I look forward to meeting more of you over the weeks to come. I will continue to be present before and after school each day and organise meet-and-greet opportunities soon.

We welcome Mrs Craddock, known to the children as 'Mrs Hayley', who has joined the staff team in Nursery. She has also enjoyed her first two weeks here and is already a valuable member of our fantastic Nursery team!

Let's Celebrate! **Celebrating Achievement Assembly** Our first Celebrating Achievement Assembly of 2024 is on Thursday, 25th January, when we share certificates, medals and news of any achievements of our pupils outside of school. Please encourage children to bring items to me starting Monday, 22nd January.

Can you help at lunchtime? This is an urgent request for assistance from adults willing to help us with lunchtime supervisor roles. We require help on Thursdays and Fridays during lunchtime (11:45 am – 1:15 pm). If you are interested in this role, please contact the school office by phone or email at office@otleyallsaints.co.uk. We appreciate any help you can offer.



PTA (Parents Teachers Association)

We want to encourage as many parents as possible to attend our PTA annual general meeting on **Tuesday, 23rd January at 7.00 pm**. It's a great way to meet other parents and have a say in planning events and fundraising priorities. I hope to see you there!





'Otle Carnival Stars' Next week we will have a visit from a member of the Otle Carnival organising committee (Nicola Horner), who will talk to the children about the 'Otle Carnival Stars'. Anyone in KS2 can nominate themselves to become an Otle Star by championing one of these four themes: Equality & Diversity, Health & Wellbeing, Environment, or Community. We are looking for pupils who are passionate about one or more of these themes and are willing to help raise awareness and contribute to their local community to champion this through voluntary events during the year. The successful nominees will also have the opportunity to be on the Otle Stars float during the carnival procession and be involved in some of the events at the showground after the procession has taken place. To apply, please complete the online application form, <https://forms.gle/DUeAC3ycNjNCPjKi9>, or paper copies will be available in school by Friday, 16th February 2024. The committee look forward to receiving your applications.

Children's Mental Health Week, 5th-11th February As in past years, we will plan activities across the school to highlight the importance of good mental health habits during this week. This year's theme, 'My Voice Matters', empowers children and young people by giving them the tools they need to express themselves. If you would like to see the ideas and suggestions that can help 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.



Pupil Illness At this time of year, there are many potential infections, and it can be very difficult to know whether or not to keep your child at home when they are complaining of feeling unwell. Every school day is important, and we want our children to be in school wherever possible, but we also want to prevent sickness from spreading within the close confines of a classroom. Good hygiene measures are essential, and we still remind children of the importance of washing hands regularly and covering their mouths with a sleeve or tissue if they cough or sneeze.



However, we know that parents appreciate a little guidance in knowing what steps they should take, so we would like to recommend careful reading of the advice on the NHS UK website page 'Is my child too ill for school?' Here, there is a wealth of clear guidance on common ailments, including reminders that children with diarrhoea or vomiting should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least two days (48 hours). In contrast, sending your child to school with a minor cough or common cold is fine unless they are experiencing a fever.

Please remember to contact the school to inform us of a child's absence; we are required to follow up on any child missing at registration, and it is helpful if we are not obliged to make too many phone calls first thing.

Help with new devices If your child has a new device, have you set up parental controls?

Consoles - All consoles offer parental controls such as limiting the time spent on the device or restricting who your child can communicate with. Find out the specific settings below:

- PlayStation: <https://www.playstation.com/enq/support/account/psn-safety-parents-guide/>
- Xbox: <https://www.xbox.com/en-GB/family-hub>
- Nintendo Switch: <https://www.nintendo.co.uk/Hardware/Nintendo-Switch-ParentalControls/Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls-1183145.html>

Mobiles/Tablets - You can set up parental controls and restrictions on most mobile devices, which can limit what your child can access. Additionally, make sure appropriate settings are applied on the apps your child is using.

- Apple devices: <https://www.apple.com/uk/families/>
- Android devices: <https://families.google/familylink/>

Further information

Internet Matters provide a checklist here: <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/e-safety-checklist-getting-your-kids-tech-devices-set-up-safe/>

Best wishes,
Mrs Di Palma-Heath