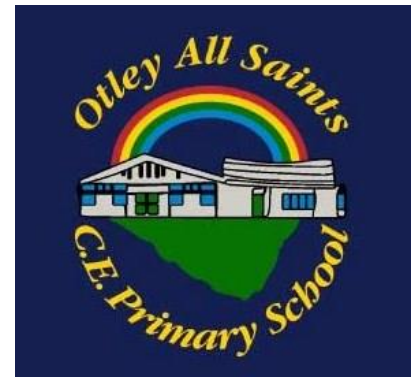


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This half term our core Christian value is:



Thank you to everyone who has responded to this year's Poppy Appeal. The range of items provided by the British Legion has once again proved popular with our children, and our local collectors have been delighted with the response to this important cause. Most importantly, the children are learning once again about the importance of the poppy as a symbol of those who have died, and continue to die, in conflict, and the efforts of those who keep their memories alive.

Goodbye Mrs Medley We are so sorry to have to share the news that today has been Mrs Medley's last day with us, as she moves to a new job working in midwifery. Over the last three years she has been a fantastic support to our children in Reception class, and we will greatly miss the help that she has given to so many children, staff and families. We wish her every success in her new venture.

Celebrating Achievement, Wednesday 15th November

Next Wednesday we have another opportunity to share in assembly certificates, trophies and badges that pupils have gained outside of school. We love to hear about the different interests our children are pursuing and the progress they are making. We look forward to sharing their stories.



BBC Children in Need On Friday 17th November our School Council are inviting children to come to school dressed in either spots or bright colours (or a combination!) in return for a donation to Children in Need. They would also like to run a stall at the end of the school day selling nearly new books and toys, and would be grateful for any donations – please bring these to the office if you are able. The kitchen staff will also be running their annual 'Name the Bear' competition; starting on 13th November children can bring 50p to the kitchen before the start of school and can choose a name for the bear. The winning name will be drawn on 17th November. On Thursday 16th November our Nursery will be hosting a bun sale for Children in Need funds too; support for this would be very welcome.



- ### Diary Dates
- Tuesday 14th/Wednesday 15th/Thursday 16th November** – Otley Science Festival
 - Thursday 16th November** – Nursery Bun Sale
 - Friday 17th November** – Children in Need; PTA Quiz Night, 7.30pm
 - Wednesday 22nd November** – Year 1 visit to Leeds Mosque
 - Friday 24th November** – Early Years Training Day; Nursery and Reception closed
 - Monday 27th November** – Year 4 visit to Jorvik Viking Centre
 - Thursday 30th November** – Year 6 visit to the Sikh Temple, Leeds (rearranged date)
 - Friday 1st December** – Non-uniform day – bring a tombola prize
 - Saturday 2nd December** – PTA Christmas Fair, 1-3pm
 - Sunday 3rd December** – Otley Victorian Fayre; choir at 12.40
 - Tuesday 12th December** – Year 3 Gymnastics Festival, PHGS
 - Thursday 14th December** – Orchestra Concert, 3.30pm



PTA Events After yesterday's successful children's disco, our next PTA event is our parents' Quiz Night on Friday 17th November, with Mr T as quiz master for the last time! Teams of up to 6 members are permitted (although teams can be created on the night), and tickets are £2.50 per head. These can be paid for online (Otley All Saints CE Primary School PTA, Acc: 71022075, Sort: 40-35-33) or purchased on the day. A licensed bar will be open throughout

the evening, and there are prizes to be won, not only for the quiz, but also for the 'stand up bingo' in aid of Children in Need. Hope to see you there!

Christmas Concerts This week we have started rehearsals for our Christmas Nativity production in All Saints Church on Tuesday 19th December, with two performances to accommodate all who would like to attend, one at 2pm and one at 6pm. This year's story is 'Superstar', and all children from Reception to Year 6 will be involved in both performances, so please mark in your diaries to avoid absence, particularly for the evening performance.



Reception and Nursery Closure A reminder to parents that Nursery and Reception classes will be closed on Friday 24th November for the annual Otley Early Years Training Day. Apologies for any inconvenience this will cause.

Communication Policy Our governors have this week approved a new communication policy, which provides helpful guidance on how school and families can, and should, communicate with each other. The policy can be found [on our website here](#) in full, but it may be helpful to outline some of the common reasons parents make contact with us, and how best to go about this.

Message, Queries, Concerns	Person to Contact
If your child is absent from school...	Please notify the school office each day of absence by 9.00am either by telephone on 01943464703 (where you can leave a message) or in person. Please note that this notification does not guarantee that absences will be authorised.
If you have a quick message for your child's teacher about collection, wellbeing ...	Talk to your child's teacher on the playground after the class has been dismissed or when they collect children from the playground on a morning; staff members from each class are outside every afternoon. Urgent messages may be left at the school office if you do not get a chance to speak to the teacher.
If your child has an upcoming medical appointment...	Telephone or email the school office; please include letter or appointment confirmation wherever possible.
If you would like to talk about your child's learning progress...	Make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher via the school office. If, following your discussion you would like more information, make an appointment to meet with a senior leader.
If you are concerned about social behaviour or bullying...	Make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher via the school office. If, following your discussion you would like more information, make an appointment to meet with a senior leader.
If you would like to discuss something related to your child's teacher...	Make an appointment to meet with the headteacher via the school office.
If you would like to discuss your child's special educational needs...	Make an appointment to meet with the SENCO via the school office.
If you have a query about extra-curricular clubs...	Check the school website, email the office on office@otleyallsaints.co.uk or ask at the school office.
If you have a query about Breakfast Club...	Please email the Breakfast Club team at breakfastclub@otleyallsaints.co.uk or contact the school office.
If you have a 456 Club (after school club) query...	Please email the 456 Club team 456club@otleyallsaints.co.uk or contact the school office.
If you have a query regarding payments...	Enquiries can be made to the school office staff.
If you have a school dinner enquiry...	Please contact the school office directly.
If you wanted to check if the school is open...	Please check the school website or Leeds school closures online. If the school is closed for bad weather, we will contact you via email or text message at the earliest opportunity.