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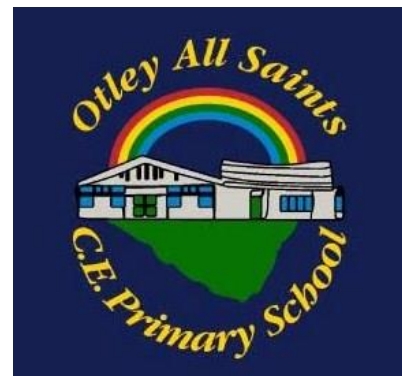


We are delighted to report that Year 6 pupils excelled themselves on their residential visit to Winmarleigh Hall last week. The weather wasn't always kind, but they conducted themselves in an exemplary manner, and enjoyed a variety of memorable activities, including canoeing, zip wire, climbing walls and abseiling. It was particularly gratifying to see them learning to work together, and to value the strengths and skills of others. Many thanks to Mrs Sutton and Mrs Calder for organising, and to Mrs Marston and Mrs Platten for making this trip possible; it has been one of those special events that they will always remember.

Staffing news Since the start of term we have been attempting to recruit staff to work at both lunchtimes and at breakfast and after school clubs, but following the closing date this week there has been a dearth of suitable candidates applying. While we are able to put in place arrangements to ensure pupils' safety, and to continue to offer our wraparound care services, we continue to hope that people seeking part-time work will put themselves forward. 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 attendance at our annual general meeting this week was rather disappointing, meaning that responsibility for planning and organising events remains in the hands of a very small number of parents. Nonetheless, we have planned an ambitious programme for the year, blending social occasions with fundraisers in a way which we hope will be appreciated by the school community as a whole. This term we can look forward to a 'Break the Rules Day' by special request, on Friday 27th October, a parents' quiz night on Friday 17th November, a disco (date to be confirmed), and of course our Christmas Fair on Saturday 2nd December. We know that some of these events are dependent on volunteers giving time to assist, and we want to make it as easy as possible for you to offer your help. Look out in future letters for links to different events



This half term our core Christian value is:



Diary Dates

- Tuesday 3rd October** – Harvest Festival at All Saints Church, 2pm
- Wednesday 4th October** – Forest Schools, Reception am, Nursery pm
- Thursday 5th October** – Individual pupil photographs
- Wednesday 11th October** – Parents' Evenings, 3.30pm to 7.30pm
- Friday 13th October** – Music workshops from 'Dolce' music duo
- Tuesday 17th October** – Cross Country event, Wharfe Meadows
- Thursday 19th October** – Workshops with Joanne Willis, visiting author
- Friday 27th October** – PTA 'Break the Rules' Day
Break up for half term
- Monday 6th November** – School reopens
- Tuesday 7th November** – PTA meeting, 7pm
- Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th November** – Otley Science Festival
- Friday 17th November** – PTA Quiz



so that you can anticipate what involvement would be required. In the meantime, we are extremely grateful to Beth Allcock (Chair), Helen Forster (Secretary), Miles Waring (Treasurer) and Beth Johnson (50:50 Club), who have all agreed to continue in their officer roles from last year. We couldn't do it without you!



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 3rd 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.

Macmillan Coffee Morning We were delighted with the support we received for our French-themed café this morning, ably hosted by our Year 6 pupils. Parents and family members were also able to see a presentation on last week's visit to Winmarleigh Hall, where the enthusiasm from the children was fantastic. Thank you to everyone who supported this vital charity, either by baking or buying buns, or by making donations on the day.



School Council and Global Champion Elections Congratulations to our newly elected class representatives; some classes saw a flood of interest in these posts, making elections quite tricky, while other classes had fewer people putting themselves forward. There were some very thoughtful presentations, with heartfelt views expressed, and we look forward to some successful contributions from those chosen.

School Council – Elsie McGee and Ted Wise-Smith (Year 1), Toby Pomfrett and Nola Snellgrove (Year 2), Margaux Iles, Amelia Paley and Elliott Schofield (Year 3), Annie McGee and Holly Taylor (Year 4), Elsie Griffin and Imogen Sturgess (Year 5), Henry Hughes and Grace Rock (Year 6).

Global Champions – Nina Jackson and Teddy Hughes (Year 1), Sam Lockie and Arabella Mills (Year 2), Evie Place and Kitt Fawcett (Year 3), Enid Birch and Vivienne Smith (Year 4), Aimee Austin and Zach Wright (Year 5), James Forster and Karyna Haliieva (Year 6).

Reception and Nursery Closure We would like to give advance notice 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.



Celebrating Achievement Assembly Our first opportunity this year to join in celebrating children's successes will be on Wednesday 4th October. Children typically bring in medals, certificates and photos which demonstrate achievement and progress in organisations and clubs outside school. Please encourage your child to share their good news with us.

Otley Wildlife Arts Festival We'd like to draw your attention to the forthcoming festival, which includes events specifically for children and families. These include a craft and storytelling workshop at Otley Library on Saturday 7th October (11-12 or 1-2pm) – free entry, but limited spaces, so book in advance – and a festival sticker art workshop at Otley Courthouse (10am – 4pm) – pay as you feel, no need to book. Do support these events if you can.



Individual School Photographs On Thursday 5th October the school photographer will be visiting to take photos of individual pupils and family groups. Please help us to ensure a smart turn out on this day. Parents of children in Nursery who do not normally attend on Thursday morning may have photos taken at 8.30am, also families who would like group shots taken with children who are too young to attend nursery. Thank you for your help with this.

Community Netball Clubs We would like to make you aware of the fun and friendly netball clubs that will be running at Prince Henry's on Mondays between 4.15 and 5.15pm. Although these clubs do not start until February, it is important to register early, as places are limited. Costs are £3 per session, and there are separate clubs for children in Year 2/3 and for those in Years 4/5/6. To register your child, or for further information, please contact Mrs S Cooke (PE teacher and netball coach) at CES@princehenrys.co.uk.