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The opportunity to break some school rules in return for a PTA donation has proved irresistible today, and it has been an exciting way to end the half term, with an amazing range of outfits and hair colours on show. A

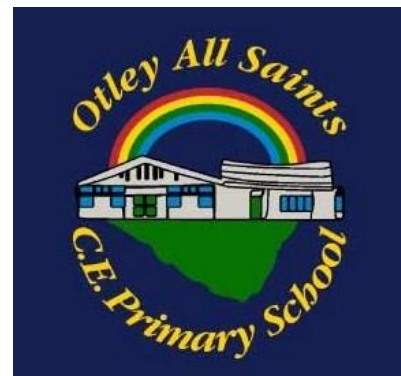
reminder to families who have not yet made their donation to either send in cash in a named envelope (£1 for each rule broken), or pay by bank transfer where possible: Otley All Saints CE Primary School PTA, Acc: 71022075, Sort: 40-35-33. It has been great also to see several children appearing in the headteacher's Gold Book for improvements in their handwriting and presentation; in some cases the transformation is incredible! Thank you for all your support at home.

Poppy Appeal We now have in school a range of items provided by the British Legion to promote this important cause in the run-up to Remembrance Day on 11th November. Children may bring in their donations after half term; suggested amounts are £1.50 for snap bands, and £1.00 for the zip pulls, reflectors, wrist bands and poppies. These will help our children to be reminded of the importance of the poppy as a symbol of those who have died in conflict.



BBC Children in Need Our School Council have been consulted on how we should mark Children in Need on Friday 17th November, and they have invited 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 after half term. 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.



This half term our core Christian value is:



Diary Dates

- Monday 6th November** – School reopens
- Tuesday 7th November** – PTA meeting, 7pm
- Thursday 9th November** – PTA Disco; Fdn/KS1 5.30-6.30pm, KS2 6.45-7.45pm
- Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th November** – Otley Science Festival
- Thursday 16th November** – Nursery Bun Sale
- Friday 17th November** – Children in Need; PTA Quiz Night, 7.30pm
- 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)
- 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





PTA Events Our next PTA meeting is on Tuesday 7th November at 7.00pm, when we will be planning our forthcoming events. It would be lovely to see new parents at the meeting; please don't worry that by attending you may end up with a job! We are just happy to welcome people who want to know more about how PTA supports the work of the school. Our next events are the children's disco (see below), and our parents' Quiz Night on Friday 17th November. 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 (Otlely All Saints CE Primary School PTA, Acc: 71022075, Sort: 40-35-33) or purchased on the day.

PTA Disco, Thursday 9th November Our first disco of the year is coming up very soon, and will be between 5.30 and 6.30pm for children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, and between 6.45 and 7.45pm for Years 3 to 6. Entry is £2.50 per child. In order to ensure we make it a safe event for everyone, and have enough adult volunteers present, please fill in [the online form here](#) before the event. Please do this for each of your children separately, but be careful to only make one form entry per child! Children who have not been registered may not be able to attend if numbers are too high. If any adults are able to help with this event, please contact school.



50:50 Club The winners of the October draw of the 50:50 club were Julia Bottomley (£92) and Adele Maher (£23). If you would like to be included in the next draw please collect a form from the school office.

456 Club (After School Care) We are delighted to say that the new joint managers of our 456 Club, based in the former caretaker's bungalow, are Helen Cooper and Beth Allcock. Both have worked in this provision already, as well as in other capacities in school, and so know our children well. To contact them, please email 456club@otleyallsaints.co.uk.



Road Safety Concerns While we are grateful for the efforts of families who are encouraging sustainable journeys to school, including those who 'park and stride', there have been reports in the last two weeks of incidents of dangerous, noisy or silly behaviour from older children who are walking unaccompanied to and from school in large groups. Our teachers have addressed this matter with their classes and have emphasised the importance of key road safety messages. Because of these concerns, we are asking parents to remind children not to walk in groups larger than three or four children; they should also avoid walking in the road instead of the pavement, and should exercise great care when crossing the road. This will help ensure their safety and minimise risk. We greatly appreciate your co-operation in reinforcing these safety messages.

School Games Cross Country Congratulations to the 32 runners from our school who took part in the cross country races at Wharfe Meadows last week. Well supported by Mrs Sutton, Mrs Marston and some kind parent volunteers, our children competed in a competitive but sporting manner, behaving superbly. Well done everyone!



Christmas Concerts As in previous years we are planning to perform our Christmas Nativity production in All Saints Church on Tuesday 19th December (to be confirmed with the church), 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.

Data Collection As a school it is important that we hold accurate contact information about your child, particularly if we need to reach parents urgently. Many thanks to the 85% of parents who have already returned their updated information; please could the remaining families return their sheets or contact the office as soon as possible.

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