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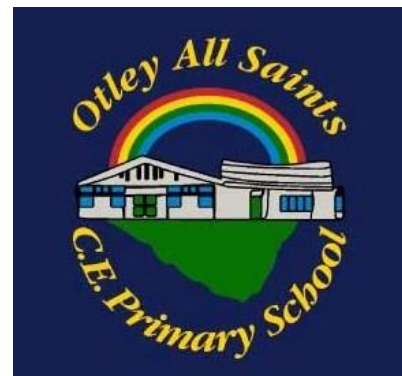


Today marks the end of another successful year for our school. We are glad that our positive report from the Ofsted inspection last month has been published in time to share with you all before the summer holidays; copies were sent out electronically on Wednesday, but the report can also be viewed on our website [here](#) prior to being published on the Ofsted website over the summer. We were also delighted with the performance of our Year 6 pupils in their statutory tests in English and maths, with the proportion of children reaching the expected standard far above national figures. Our school's commitment to children's development is so much wider than a focus on academic achievement, however, and it was brilliant to see the Year 6s presenting their memories at yesterday's Leavers' Service at All Saints Church. This morning's talent show has also been wonderfully entertaining! Thank you to everyone for the hard work and support that has been so evident this week.

**Egyptian Museum and Pirate Day** Our Year 5 and Nursery classes were able to end the year with some great opportunities to share their learning with parents. Our Year 5 Egyptian Museum has become an annual showpiece of creativity and learning; this year the standard was particularly high, with some brilliant exhibits, and knowledgeable and polite 'curators'. At the same time, the Nursery children were performing a selection of seafaring songs for their parents, ably led by Miss Wilson and Mrs Fawcett. We were very proud of all our children, and delighted by the number of family members who came to support these events.



**Letter from the chair of governors** Alongside today's final newsletter of the year, we are sending a letter from our chair of governors, Allan Boddy. This outlines the response to the governors' annual parents' survey. We are extremely grateful to Mr Boddy for his amazing commitment to the school; his leadership is particularly valued at present as the school's seeks a new headteacher for January 2024.



This half term our core Christian value is:



## Diary Dates

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> / Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September** – School training days
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September** – Term begins
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September** – Year 6 residential visit to Winmarleigh Hall
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> / Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> / Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September / Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October** – Forest School sessions on the Chevin
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September** – PTA annual general meeting, 7.00pm
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October** – Music performances from Dolce Music Duo
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October** – School closes for half term
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November** – School reopens after half term
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December** – Rec/Y6 height, weight and vision checks
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** – School closes for Christmas
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January** – Staff training day
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January** – School reopens after Christmas



**Parent Teacher Association** Our treasurer, Miles Waring, has been very busy counting the coins that came in during our summer fair, and we can now reveal that we raised a magnificent £2,600! This has capped a very successful year for PTA fundraising, and in school we are extremely grateful for the extra resources and opportunities that we can now enjoy – for example, Forest School sessions on the Chevin have already been booked for the autumn term for each class as a result of PTA generosity. Our PTA annual general meeting, which will plan events and targets for the forthcoming year, will be held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm. It would be brilliant if as many parents as possible could attend, so that we benefit from new ideas as well as reflecting on the past year. Please put this date in your diaries.



**Class Photographs** We hope that you have been able to access the class and group photographs offered by Arts Photography in the last week via the online links they have sent out. We know they have responded very promptly to any queries or concerns parents have shared. Please let us know your views on the service and quality as we make decisions on which provider to use for our photographs in future.

**Leeds Libraries Summer Reading Challenge** Over the summer holidays we always want to encourage our children to read as much as possible. 'Ready, Set, Read' is this year's reading challenge, a sporty theme that is being hosted at local libraries across the country, and offering incentives, including medals and certificates, for reading books over the summer months. Tomorrow is Sign Up Saturday at Leeds libraries, so why not head down to Otley Library and see what it's all about. You can also find out more by following this link: [Summer Reading Challenge](#)

**Music Lessons** It was lovely to have our orchestra and choir concert last week, an evening which also gave opportunity to some who have started learning instruments this year to play to an audience for the first time. Music lessons at our school are heavily subsidised in order to give as many children as possible the opportunity to find out what they might like to play. The orchestra is also a great opportunity for children who are growing in confidence to play in ensemble with other musicians. In September there are opportunities for children in Year 3 and above to learn violin, cello, clarinet, oboe, trumpet/cornet, trombone, guitar and drums at school. If your child would like to take advantage of these opportunities, please complete the [Google form here](#).



**Lunchtime Assistant Vacancy** When we return after the summer we will be looking to appoint new members to our midday supervision team to look after the children over lunchtimes. There are opportunities for those able to work every day, as well as one or more days. Please look out for details on our website as we return to school.

**Outstanding payments** We hope that parents have found the use of the online payment system easy to use. We would ask that all outstanding payments are made as soon as possible to avoid us having to carry these forward to next year. Please let us know if you experience any difficulties – we are here to help!



**Preloved uniform** Thank you to everyone who has donated items of uniform this year. We sold a number of items at the summer fair and so we would be grateful for any new donations of unwanted, good quality uniform. Our donation box is outside of the school front door ready for items during the first week of the holidays. If you would like to request any items of uniform please email our volunteers at [ptapreloveduniform@otleyallsaints.co.uk](mailto:ptapreloveduniform@otleyallsaints.co.uk). We welcome orders over the holidays, and will arrange to get your uniform to you by September if possible. Suggested payments are £1.00 for logo-marked items and 50p for those that are plain, and can be made via Scopy. May we also remind parents that children should wear sensible all black shoes or trainers with their school uniform – please bear this in mind when making summer purchases.

**School Games Gold Mark** We are proud to share that, for the second year running, we have been awarded the Gold Mark for sports opportunity and participation. We are very proud of the range of sporting clubs and fixtures that our children have accessed over the year, and very grateful to the staff and coaches who have made such opportunities possible. Thank you especially to Mrs Sutton for organising the programme of events and clubs, and being so keen to widen the opportunities for children.

