

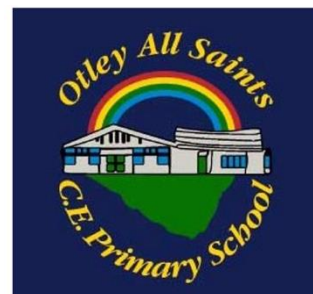
Otley All Saints CE Primary School

Spring Term - Newsletter 4 – 8th March 2024

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We have had an exciting past two weeks, as we welcomed our new pet guinea pigs, Pompom and Peanut. The children at school have been thrilled to see them, and I have enjoyed sharing them with Nursery and Reception classes so far. Next week, I plan to introduce them to other classes, and on Monday at lunchtime, I will start the guinea pig club. The children from each class will take turns to help care for the guinea pigs while learning about wellbeing topics.



Don't miss the 'Guinea Pig Gallery' in our upcoming school newsletters, featuring photos from our weekly guinea pig club.

We are always looking for donations of food, hay and sawdust, if you feel you could help us with this it would be greatly appreciated.

Please do let the school office, or your child's class teacher, know if your child is allergic to guinea pigs so we are aware before starting guinea pig club.



Peanut



Pompom

This half term, our core Christian value is:
Courage



Diary Dates

Tuesday 12th March - Yr6 Basketball Festival

Wednesday 13th March – Nursery Parents 'Stay & Read a Story morning' (9-9:45 am)

Thursday 14th March – Reception trip to Otley Milk Bar

Friday 15th March - Comic Relief Day – wear something 'red'

Monday 18th March – Thursday 28th March - 'Diversity Fortnight'

Wednesday 20th & Thursday 21st March - Parents' Evenings

Wednesday 20th March - Yr2 Trip to Bolton Abbey

Thursday 21st March – Yr2 at Multi-Skills Festival at PHGS (AM)

Monday 25th March - Easter Church Service (2 pm) & Easter Bonnet Competition (Details to follow)

Wednesday 27th March – Reception to Mrs Shutt's garden – Easter Egg hunt

Thursday 28th March – 'Break the Rules Day' & School closes for Easter holidays.

Monday 15th April – School opens for Summer Term 1

Tuesday 23rd April - Next PTA meeting

Tuesday 7th May – Yr1 trip to Hesketh Farm

Monday 13th May – Thursday 16th May – KS2 SATs Week

Future Dates

Tuesday 2nd July – Drama Show (7 pm)

Wednesday 3rd July – Drama Shows (1:30 pm & 7 pm)

Wednesday 3rd July – Yr2 Trip to Nell Bank

Friday 25th October – EYFS Training Day – [Nursery](#) and [Reception](#) will be [closed](#) for the day.

World Book Day – Yesterday, the staff and children celebrated World Book Day with different activities in each classroom. Everyone had a great time, with some fantastic costumes, and even the guinea pigs participated!



Global Champions News – Mrs Steele, along with our Global Champions, have been working hard to raise awareness about recycling, with a particular focus on recycling batteries. If you have any used batteries at home, please bring them to school. We have a new battery recycling box in the entrance where you can deposit AA, AAA batteries (including rechargeable) and button batteries. We kindly ask you to tape the ends of rechargeable batteries and the top and bottom of button batteries to ensure they can be transported safely.



We would also like to express our gratitude towards Alex Brown and Hannah Stockwell for their time last week in helping our Global Champions plant spring bulbs around the school grounds. We are eagerly looking forward to seeing the blossoming flowers!

Otley Carnival Stars News - Carnival Stars (Aka Sarah's Stars) - We are thrilled to announce the Carnival Stars from All Saints this year. They are **Annie Griffin, Connie Doughty, Dixie McDougall, Martha Howarth, and Ted Stoppard**. Congratulations to all of you! We look forward to seeing you at various community events over the coming months.

The Otley Carnival Poster Competition is a long-standing tradition within the carnival where we call upon local children to submit a poster design to become the official Carnival poster.

There are 3 age categories:

- 6 years & under
- 7 – 9 years and
- 10 years +

Prizes and certificates will be awarded to the winner and runner up of each category. The overall winner will become the official Carnival poster which will be printed and displayed around town.

It is important that all entries:

- Are submitted on A4 paper (portrait style)
- Are brightly coloured and Carnival themed and any lettering is clear and spelt correctly.
- Contain the NAME, AGE & SCHOOL on the back of the entry.

This year's entries must be submitted to school by **TUESDAY 26 MARCH 2024** to qualify.

PTA – Mother's Day Shop – A big thank you to our amazing PTA for their efforts in organising and running a highly successful Mother's Day shop this week. The children in school were thrilled to choose their special gifts, and the organisation was excellent! We appreciate all of your hard work and dedication. Thank you so much!

Sporting News – James Maher, from Year 4, took part in the West Yorkshire School Games Cross-Country Finals on Thursday 22nd February at Temple Newsam, representing Leeds. He came 40th out of 133! We are really proud of him and thank him for representing our school superbly. Well done, James!



Diversity Fortnight – This year, we would like to celebrate British Sign Language week and Neurodiversity week with a 'Diversity Fortnight'. **Neurodiversity Celebration Week** is a worldwide initiative that challenges stereotypes and misconceptions about neurological differences. It aims to transform how neurodivergent individuals are perceived and supported by providing schools with the opportunity to recognise the many talents and advantages of being neurodivergent, while creating more inclusive and equitable cultures that celebrate differences and empower every individual.

British Sign Language Week is organised by the British Deaf Association, the campaign aims to celebrate and educate about British and Irish Sign Language to encourage more adults and children to start using it and preserve it.

Bridge Street Dental Practice – Drop In Sessions – Dental drop-in session for primary aged children at Bridge Street Dental Practice on Saturday 16th March. This will be for brushing advice and fluoride treatment. Families need to email the practice to book a place, giving their name, the child's name and their address and postcode:



bridgestreetdentalpractice@outlook.com

Multi-Activity & Lego Workshop – Easter Term Course - Inspiration Tree is offering multi-activity courses and Lego workshops during this half-term at St Joseph's and Burley Oaks. The cost of the courses is £18 per day, and the timings are from 9 am to 3 pm. If you need an extended day, that option is also available. For more information, please refer to the attached flyer. To make a booking, please visit www.inspiration-tree.com.



Mrs Sutton has arranged for sports teachers from **Premier Education** to work with children in breakfast club every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning. The sports teacher will help in breakfast club from 07:45 – 08:00, and then run a sports session in the hall from 08:00 – 08:45 am.

British Science Week – Poster Competition – During assembly this week, Mrs. Morley discussed the theme of the poster launch with the children. The theme this year is 'Time'. Children can create a poster that demonstrates how certain types of technology have changed over time, or how time-telling technology has evolved. The poster could also show a futuristic representation of how the world might look in the coming years. Alternatively, children could explore natural phenomena such as life cycles, lifespans, evolution, and hibernation to create a poster on timely topics.

British Science Week 2024 marks the Week's 30th anniversary, with the inaugural celebration happening in 1994. Students could think about scientific innovations since then, or explore 1994 itself – what was life like 30 years ago?

The form to submit your entries is here: [British Science Week 2024 poster competition entry form](#)

The closing date for entries is 6.00 pm on Thursday 28 March 2024.



Further Information – please see the attached documents for information regarding the following:

- 1) Superintendent position at Pool CE Primary/Westgate Primary schools
- 2) Multi-Activity & Lego Workshop – Inspiration Tree
- 3) InGear Easter Holiday Club

I wish all our families a lovely weekend; take time to rest and relax.
Happy Mother's Day, to all our wonderful Mums.

Best wishes,
Mrs Di Palma-Heath