

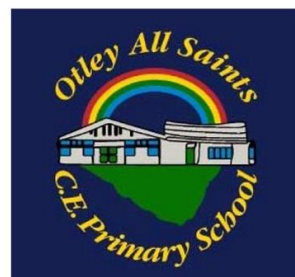
# Otley All Saints CE Primary School

## Spring Term - Newsletter 5 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

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Meeting many more of you over the past two parents' evenings has been lovely. Thank you for coming into school to share your child's work, success and progress.

### PTA Easter Hat Competition

Next week sees the return of our annual Easter Hat competition, organised by the PTA with no cost attached. Prizes will be awarded to the best entries in our different key stages (Foundation Stage, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2). We are happy to see snazzy modern designs or traditional Easter bonnets - whatever takes your fancy. Entries should be brought to the hall on the morning of Monday 25th March, and will be judged during the morning with hats returned to pupils before we set off to church for our Easter service. In church we will have a parade of children wearing their designs before we announce our winners. The Easter service will be open to all families to attend, and will start at 2.00pm in All Saints Church. Please do come and join us for a whole school retelling of the Easter story.



**Sporting News** - Huge congratulations to our rugby stars: Harrison, Leo and Xander Oliver (Y5) who played together for Guiseley Rangers on the Headingley pitch last week and were also featured in the Yorkshire Evening Post. The brothers celebrated their 10<sup>th</sup> birthday in style during the big Super League clash with St Helens. The siblings are understood to be the first triplets to play together at the stadium.



**PTA 50:50 Club** Congratulations to our recent winners – Suzie Rose, 1st prize £88, and Katie Papp, 2nd prize £22. If you would like to be included in the draw, which raises money for PTA as well as offering the opportunity for a monthly pay out, please fill in a form at the school office.

This half term, our core Christian value is:

**Courage**



### Diary Dates

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March** - Easter Church Service (2 pm) & Easter Bonnet Competition

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March** – deadline for Carnival Stars poster competition

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March** – Reception to Mrs Shutt's garden – Easter Egg hunt

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March** – 'Break the Rules Day' & School closes for Easter holidays.

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April** – School opens for Summer Term 1

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** - Next PTA meeting

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May** – Yr1 trip to Hesketh Farm

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May** – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May – KS2 SATs Week

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** – Library Transition Project meeting for Nursery parents – Miss Wilson, Mrs Steele.

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** – Yr6 Bun Sale

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May** – School closes for half-term holiday

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** – School opens for Summer Term 2

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June** – Nursery children (attending Reception in Sept) to visit library with Mrs Steele.

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June** – Otley Carnival

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June** – Yr6 Leaver's Photo

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June** – Library Transition visit for all new Reception children (starting Sept 24')

### Future Dates

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July** – Drama Show (7 pm)

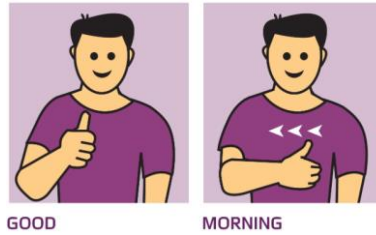
**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** – Drama Shows (1:30 pm & 7 pm)

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** – Yr2 Trip to Nell Bank

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

**Diversity Fortnight** – This week we have celebrated British Sign Language week and Neurodiversity week with children learning various sign language and activities surround diversity. This morning, our Collective Worship Leaders hosted an assembly to celebrate our unique strengths and differences.

I am sure your child/children would enjoy sharing the following with you:



**Governors' Annual Survey of Parents' Views** This is the time of year when the governing body seek to collect your views of the school so that we understand what you feel is working well and can plan ways to improve. Once again we are offering a £20 Waitrose voucher via a prize draw, and to enter all you need to do is complete our school questionnaire, which will be emailed out to parents on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April. It should take less than ten minutes to complete. It really is important for us to know how you feel about what the school is doing well, and where we can improve. If you think the school is doing a great job – please tell us! This positive evidence is critical for us when it comes to external evaluations. If you think there's somewhere we could be doing better, this is your chance to let us know and give us the chance to improve. If you would prefer to complete a paper copy, please let us know. Thank you in advance for your participation.

**Guinea Pig Gallery** – I know that many of you enjoyed seeing the guinea pigs during parents' evenings this week – they are a huge success in school. Here are Jack (Yr5) and Ezzy (Yr2) feeding Pompom and Peanut treats. Do remind your child/children that I run Guinea Pig club every Monday lunchtime at 12:40pm – teachers will choose two different children each week so that everyone has an opportunity to meet our new pets.



**What travel and safety issues do you face in your local area? Now's your chance to have your say.** Leeds City Council want to hear from residents in Adel & Wharfedale, Guiseley & Rawdon, Horsforth, and Otley & Yeadon on any issues related to travel in your community. This could be about how you access public transport facilities, whether you feel unsafe walking, wheeling or cycling, the attractiveness of a street, or where traffic and speeding are causing issues. The consultation is live until Sunday 7 April and it's easy to have your say – drop a pin on the maps where you're experiencing issues and fill in the survey. This will help prioritise improvements, when funding becomes available.

To find out more and take part visit <https://bit.ly/3VdEGdw> and see the flyer attached to this newsletter.

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

- 1) Leeds Streets For All
- 2) Easter Holiday Activities – Swimming lessons and Easter activities across Leeds
- 3) Junior Aquathlon – Leeds and Bradford Tri Club

Wishing all our All Saints families a wonderful weekend; enjoy the sunshine!

Best wishes,  
Mrs Di Palma-Heath