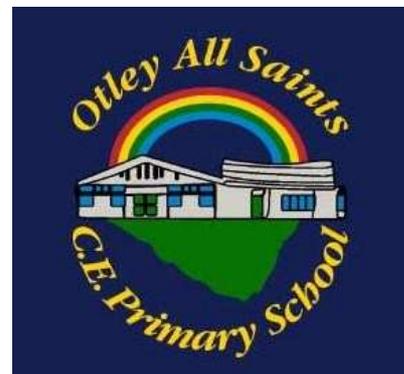


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THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

I am very proud to share the report from our recent Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS), which focuses on the distinctive aspects of our work as a church school. Mrs Angela Knowles, an experienced inspector and headteacher, spent a day meeting staff, parents, governors and pupils, and was very impressed with what she found. In her report she highlights, among other things, 'the excellent behaviour of the pupils, which stems from the mutual respect and care they have for each other, underpinned by the school's Christian values,' and 'the Christian care and concern shown by the school family for each other and for those who need their support across the world.' I hope that you enjoy reading this celebration of the strengths of our school community

Thank you, Mr and Mrs Sowden After more than 25 years at All Saints, today is the last day for Mrs Sowden. She has been so much a part of the school during that time, not just in her role as site superintendent, school cleaner, midday supervisor and school first aider, but also in her voluntary roles of governor and member of the PTA. There are so many ways in which her presence will be missed, and we are so grateful for her commitment, support and encouragement over the years. We would like to thank her, and her husband Stephen, for all they have done for us, as they commence their retirement on the east coast. Thank you, Andrea and Stephen, we'll miss you!



New appointments We are pleased to announce that we have appointed Mr Matthew Webster as our new site superintendent. His role in school will be slightly different from Mrs Sowden's, but we are looking forward to welcoming him to his new role. We are also delighted to announce that we have been able to appoint a new deputy head teacher for September, when Mr Robertson takes up his new role as head teacher at Kirkstall Valley Primary School. Miss Jessica Dales, currently assistant head at Monk Fryston Primary School, will be joining us as Year 6 teacher and deputy. We feel sure that she

This half term our core Christian value is:



Diary Dates

- Thursday 29th March** – Easter Service, All Saints Church, 9.30am
Break up for Easter
- Friday 30th March** – Service to celebrate 50 years of the Otley Cross, 12.30pm, Otley Methodist Church.
- Monday 16th April** – Back to school.
- Thursday 19th April** – PTA Disco, KS1 5.30-6.30, KS2 6.45-7.45
- Tuesday 24th April** – PTA meeting, 7.00pm
- Friday 27th April** – Year 1 visit to Hesketh Farm.
- Friday 4th May** – PTA Sponsored World Cup event with Mr Wilce.
- Monday 14th May** – SATs week for Year 6 pupils
- Monday 21st May** – Year 6 Bikeability week
- Tuesday 22nd May** – Class photographs.
- Friday 25th May** - School closed for staff training; start of half term



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will be a great asset to our staff team, and we look forward to her joining us in the autumn. The governors have agreed that Mr Robertson can spend one day a week at his new school during the summer term to support them while they are without a headteacher. We are delighted that Miss Binks has agreed to teach an additional day a week in Year 6 to ensure that there is no impact on the class. Please let us know if you have any concerns or would like more information.

PTA Events Thank you to all who entered our Easter competitions, the Easter bonnets and decorated eggs – they looked splendid! Our next PTA event is our Spring disco on Thursday 19th April, 5.30pm-6.30pm for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, and 6.45pm-7.45pm for Years 3-6. Entry is £3.00 including refreshments. Please note that you will soon be receiving information about our annual sponsored event, which is scheduled for Friday 4th May. This year it will be a football-themed event to mark the World Cup, and will be led by our own Mr Wilce. Sounds exciting!

PTA 50:50 Club Congratulations to our March winners – Linda Bennett (£102) and Jenny Smith (£25.50). If you would like to be included in the draw, which raises money for PTA as well as offering the opportunity for a monthly payout, please fill in a form at the school office.



Sport Relief Many thanks for all your support for our Sport Relief Challenge last week. The pupils threw themselves into the daily challenges with great enthusiasm, and we are delighted to say that we raised over £200 to support this important cause. Thank you to Mr Robertson and Year 6 pupils for planning the challenges and organising the week, and a big thank you to everyone who was able to contribute.

Musical Extravaganza, Yeadon Town Hall Once again our musicians and singers, who performed as part of the musical celebration of the Chevin Partnership schools, did us proud! I'm sure all who attended the concert cannot fail to have been impressed by the quality and enthusiasm of the musicianship on display, and the variety of ways in which it was expressed. A huge thank you to Mrs Nunn for all her hard work in organising the event and co-ordinating all the participants – a terrific achievement once again.



Rachael MacKenzie – world champion No doubt you will have heard from your children about our visitor this week! Rachael is a world champion in Thai boxing, and we were delighted she was able to respond to our invitation to our school. However, she was not with us to teach her sport, but rather to share with us her story of dedication and resilience, and to offer some guidance and support for developing positive mental attitudes and maintaining physical and mental well-being. Rachael has worked with staff at the school, as well as every class, and the whole school community has felt the benefit of her encouragement and guidance. Next term we are hoping that she will be able to offer similar opportunities for parents to learn from her experience – watch out for the dates next term.

Good Friday Gathering You may be aware that this year marks the 50th anniversary of the Chevin Cross. To mark this important occasion, Churches Together in Otley are organising an All-age Gathering on Good Friday, tomorrow at 12.30pm in the Wesley Hall at Otley Methodist Church, and have invited our children to sing as part of the event. The gathering will be along the lines of 'Messy Church', with activities for children and families to engage in – not a conventional church service! We hope to be able to sing two songs from our Easter production as our contribution to the celebration. The gathering will conclude at around 1.15pm, at which point there will be a pilgrimage to the Chevin Cross, concluding with a short Act of Thanksgiving at the cross at 2.00pm. Families are warmly welcomed to join the Pilgrimage if they wish.



Help Otley's Poppy Effort Are you keen on knitting or crochet? Do you know someone who is? HOPE are wishing to commemorate the end of World War 1 with a stunning exhibit of poppies in Otley, hopefully 4,000 – one for every Otley resident. Please contact poppies4otley@btinternet if you think you may be able to help.