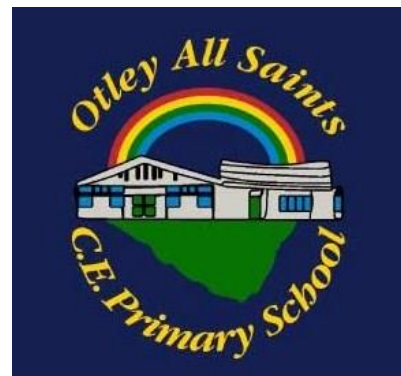


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Welcome back for the summer term – with some proper summer weather as well! Although it is too much to expect that the sunshine will continue for very long, it is perhaps a good time to remind parents to ensure that children come to school equipped for the weather this term, which should include sun hats and sun cream as well as water bottles once the weather demands. Maybe a little too optimistic at present, but certainly important as the summer draws near!

**Easter** It was lovely to see all the decorated eggs and hats on the last day of school – some wonderful imagination! Many thanks to the PTA for organising the competitions; photographs of the entries can be viewed on the school Twitter feed, (as well as Mr and Mrs Sowden carrying out the judging as one of their last duties at the school!). Thank you too to Mrs Binks, Mrs Kelly and our Year 6s for leading our Easter Service, and to all the children and families and came to the Good Friday Gathering, marking the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Chevin Cross – a marvellous community event.



This half term our core Christian value is:



## Diary Dates

- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** – Year 5 visit to Keighley Star Centre
- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April** – PTA meeting, 7.00pm
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April** – Year 1 visit to Hesketh Farm
- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April** – Year 3 Badminton Festival
- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May** – Reception visit to Skipton Castle
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May** – Nursery closed for local elections
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May** – PTA Sponsored World Cup event with Mr Wilce
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May** – School closed for Bank Holiday
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 4 Viking Day
- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May** – SATs week for Year 6 pupils
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 4 Gymnastics Festival
- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May** – Year 6 Bikeability week
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** – Class Photographs
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May** – Roman Soldier visiting Year 3



**PTA events** Planning is in place for annual sponsor event on behalf of PTA funds, which takes place on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May. This year a major aim is to raise enough to convert the former caretaker's bungalow into an additional learning space which can also provide a base for the Early Birds and 456 Clubs. Mr Wilce is helping us to provide activities relating to this year's football world cup in Russia, and we hope that all pupils will enjoy some fun activities while raising money for school. Sponsor forms will be available shortly; please support us by helping your child to gain as many sponsors as possible.

Thank you to Kim Slater and other PTA members for their organisation of the PTA disco last night. Advance warning that the next disco will be on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July. Our next PTA meeting takes place on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm, and it would be good to see as many parents as possible there – only four people were able to attend the last meeting!





**Otley Carnival, Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June** The PTA is once again organising a school float to take part in the Otley Carnival parade. The theme for our float this year is 'Space', which is exciting for all year groups, but particularly Year 5 who are studying Space this term. We are very grateful to Beccy Shuttleworth, who has agreed to organise this for us this year. We are holding a 'creative evening' on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May from 7pm. All volunteers willing to help in making and painting scenery and props are very welcome.

**Celebrating Achievement Assembly** Our next achievement assembly of the year is on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 10.25am, when we share certificates, medals and news of any achievements of our pupils beyond the day-to-day curriculum. Any child with something to share should come and tell me about it beforehand, and any parents who wish to attend are welcome to do so.

**Holiday Dates, 2018-19** We have now agreed staff training days for the next academic year, and have decided that it will be most beneficial for families if these are collected at the beginning and end of the year; the one exception is the joint training day for all Otley area schools which will take place on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Holiday dates are obliged to follow the calendar for Leeds local authority maintained schools, and next year Easter will fall within the summer term, meaning that the school will be closed for three bank holidays in quick succession. Dates are as follows:

#### Autumn Term

Training Day - Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018  
School opens - Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
School closes - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018  
School opens - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018  
School closes - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018

#### Spring Term

Training Day - Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019  
School opens - Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019  
School closes - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019  
School opens - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019  
School closes - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019

#### Summer Term

School opens - Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2019  
School closes - Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2019  
School opens - Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019  
School closes - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019  
School opens - Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019  
School closes - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019  
School opens - Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019  
School closes - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019  
Training Days - Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2019

It is our expectation that parents will ensure that family holidays do not occur during term time. Government guidelines stipulate that pupil absence must be authorised by the headteacher, and authorisation should only be given in exceptional circumstances. The cost, convenience or availability of a particular holiday cannot be taken into consideration. Please help us to ensure fantastic attendance for all our children.



**Volunteer helpers wanted** Because of the success of our 456 Club (our after school care), we are now looking for an additional helper to support us on a Wednesday evening. Do you know somebody who is looking for experience of childcare who may be willing to help between 3.15 and 5.30pm on Wednesdays? Childcare would, naturally, be free! If you would like more information, please contact Mrs Bowes-Taylor at [tracy.bowes-taylor@otleyallsaints.co.uk](mailto:tracy.bowes-taylor@otleyallsaints.co.uk).