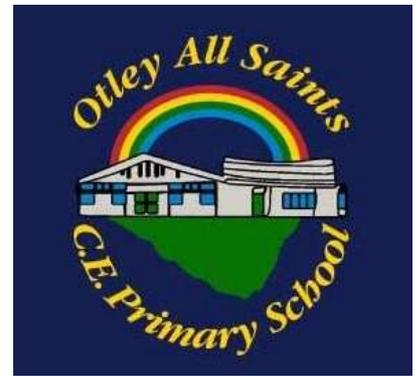


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This half term our core Christian value is:



Diary Dates

- Monday 21st May** – Year 6
Bikeability week
Chinese students visiting Years 3 & 4
- Tuesday 22nd May**
Year 1 PHGS Multi Skills Festival
Year 6 group attending Leeds Book Awards
Chinese students visiting Year 5
- Thursday 24th May** – Roman Soldier
visiting Year 3
Chinese students visiting Year 6
Break up for half term
- Friday 25th May** – Training Day
- Saturday 26th May** – Start of PTA
Scarecrow Festival
- Monday 4th June** – School opens
after half term
- Wednesday 6th June** – School Nurse
visiting Y5 and Y6
- Thursday 7th June** – School Nurse
visiting Year 5
- Sunday 10th June** – Drama Club
rehearsal, 11.00am-3.00pm
- Monday 11th June** – Phonics Check in
Year 1 this week
- Tuesday 12th June** – Visit from JC van
der Waal School, Netherlands
- Thursday 21st June** – class
photographs



This week our Year 6 pupils, along with their peers across the country, completed the statutory tests for 11 year olds in reading, mathematics, grammar, punctuation and spelling. We have been very impressed by the calm and collected way in which our pupils have approached these assessments, and, regardless of the outcomes, we are proud of our young people's achievements. A huge vote of thanks must go to Mr Robertson, Mrs Binks and Mrs Kelly, who have done so much to make sure that the children feel well prepared and not over-pressured. Whatever our views on the validity and worth of these assessments, we feel that our school is managing to strike a reasonable balance, always remembering that there is so much more to the education we provide.

We hope that all of our pupils managed to gain sponsors for their participation in our PTA Sponsored World Cup Hotshot event, and have collected their well-earned donations. If the sponsor forms are not yet filled (or if they have gone missing!) it's not too late to gain a few sponsors or to download a new form from the newsletters section of our website. All who bring in sponsorship money receive a prize, and there will be a special prize for the class which raises the most. All funds raised will go towards our aim of converting the former caretaker's bungalow into an additional learning space which can also provide a base for the Early Birds and 456 Clubs. Please help your child to collect sponsorship money, and return forms and money in a named envelope to school before half term. All forms and envelopes for PTA attention should now be placed in the new grey post box at the side of the office desk. Thank you for your help.



PTA Events Our next event for families is our annual **Scarecrow Festival**, which has been a real success over the last four years. It is great fun for all the family to spend some time hunting them out and identifying them. This year the theme is 'Film and TV characters'. Scarecrows will be on display between 26th May and 10th June. Coming



soon is our **Family Orienteering Day** on Sunday 1st July from 10am to 1pm. Teams entering will be able to test their map reading and treasure seeking skills on the beautiful woodland environment of the Chevin (Danefield side). There will be 20 checkpoints each with a unique stamp for teams to seek out; those with the most stamps will win in their age category, defined by the youngest member. Teams must have a minimum of 2 people including one adult (over 18) and a maximum of 6. Cost is £2.50 per person up to a maximum of £10.00 (teams of 4+). This will entitle each team to a map, sticker chart and hot dog for each team member on completion. Entry forms for both these events will be available in school shortly.



Otley Carnival, Saturday 16th 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 'Fly Me To The Moon', a space theme which we hope will appeal to all ages. We are very grateful to Beccy Shuttleworth, who has agreed to organise this for us this year. A letter inviting children to sign up for a place on the float can be found in the newsletters section of our website. There are limited places available, so please let us know if you would like to be included.

New Multi-Sports Course over half term, 29th & 30th May Mr Wilce and Inspiration Tree are offering an exciting new multi-sports course this May half term at St Josephs. They have organised a two-day course for £16 per day or £32 for two days from 9am-3pm. There is an option for an extended day if required. Their inspiring multi-sport & football curriculum will provide young people with an opportunity to engage in high tempo structured activities which will include set teaching drills, and fun learning games by qualified coaches. For further information and to make a booking please go to www.inspiration-tree.com.



Class photographs Please note we have had to change the date of the school class photographs from Tuesday 22nd May to Thursday 21st June. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.



Health and Wellbeing Week, 25th–29th June The Chevin Partnership of schools is planning a number of activities for the summer term which will promote greater awareness of the importance of exercise and healthy eating. Among these will be a special Play Day event, held at Prince Henry's, where the Bradford Community Play and Development Service will be providing a range of special play activities, including Bungee Trampolines, Spider Mountain, Hovercrafts, Body Zorbs and Ultimate Wipeout (full range of likely activities can be seen at

www.bradford.gov.uk/media/3967/play-resource-catalogue.pdf). For nursery pupils there will be special inflatable activity centre at our own school site. We are grateful to Otley Town Council for grant assistance in support of the week. We will be requesting a donation of £2.50 per pupil towards the cost of our play day, but we feel sure that it will be a memorable day for all children. There will also be the opportunity for families to come along one evening to experience the activities. More details will be provided nearer to the event.



Chippendale 300 Thomas Chippendale, Britain's greatest furniture maker, was born in Otley on 2nd June 1718, and the town is hosting a number of special events and activities to mark his tercentenary. Town poet Matthew Hedley Stoppard (one of our parents) has produced a special poem, 'Thomas Carved our Town', and there is a competition for Year 5 and 6 pupils to design an object associated with Thomas Chippendale (details at www.chippendaleactivities.org/fun_stuff.php). On Tuesday 5th June at 7.30pm a concert, 'Musick for a Summer Evening', will be held at All Saints Church, marking his christening day with a varied programme of 17th and 18th Century music performed by local artistes (including me!). For more details please go to www.visitotley.co.uk/history-heritage/chippendale-300/.