

Otley All Saints CE Primary School

Autumn Term - Newsletter 4 – 6th December 2024

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All Saints Choir

Congratulations to our fantastic choir, who have showcased their talent and enthusiasm at several seasonal events this year. We are very fortunate to have such dedicated staff and children in our school. We would also like to express our gratitude to Mrs Fortune and Mrs Bowman for all their hard work with the children.



Last Monday, the choir performed at the annual lights switch-on, and then they took the stage again on Sunday at the Otley Victorian Fayre. We appreciate all the staff and parents who supported these events, and I know that those of you who can attend will enjoy watching the choir again at the Christmas Tree Festival this afternoon and then again tomorrow, at our Christmas Fayre.



This half term, our core Christian value is: Love



Safety Reminder – Playground

Please can we ask that parents and children **do not ride bikes or scooters** across the school playground. This is a safety risk for all of our children and parents and could cause an accident.

Thank you for your understanding with this.



All Saints Orchestra - Our orchestra have been working very hard with the expert tuition of Mrs Nunn, Mrs Beck and Mrs Booth. They are already sounding excellent, and I know parents will be looking forward to their Christmas performance on Thursday, 19th December. Once again, we are very fortunate to have such talented staff and children.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Nunn, Mrs Beck, and Mrs Booth for their hard work throughout the year in promoting and encouraging our youngsters with their amazing musical talents.

There is a full page of autumn dates at the back of this newsletter.





Christmas Concerts

As in previous years we will perform our Christmas Nativity production in All Saints Church on Monday 16th December, with two performances to accommodate all who would like to attend, one at 2pm and one at 6pm. This year's story is 'Rock Around the Flock', and all children from Reception to Year 6 will be involved in both performances, so please mark in your diaries to avoid absence, particularly for the evening performance.

Nursery Nativity

Our Nursery children will be performing their nativity on Wednesday 18th December, at 1:30 pm.

We look forward to seeing you at all our Christmas performances.

PTA News – Christmas Fayre - As you know it is our Christmas Fayre this Saturday from 1 – 3pm. We would like to say a huge thank you to all of our PTA, staff and parents who are making this event possible. The planning, organisation and preparation takes such a lot of time, hard work and dedication and we are very grateful for all help we receive

We are very grateful to our three new members of the PTA, with children in Reception and Year 2; your support is invaluable and we thank you for your contributions at our AGM.

We still do need further parents to join our PTA in order for school events this year to take place, please do call/email the school office or reach out to members of the PTA if you can offer support.

Parental controls for new technology

With Christmas nearly here, and many children set to receive new technology or related games, here's a quick reminder of the importance of setting up appropriate parental controls. Adjusting privacy settings and parental controls can help provide your child with a safer online environment. They can help to protect your child from seeing something that they shouldn't — although it is important to emphasise that no system is effective all of the time, so it is essential to engage with your child and talk to them about their online life regularly.

Follow [the link](#) to find out how to set up Parental Controls on devices, home internet, social media and TV/streaming.

Positively Online

The NSPCC have published six tips to help you improve your family's online wellbeing. They also provide you with a guide on how to talk to your child about what they are doing online as well as a quiz that you can play together. You can find our more [here](#).

Children in Need Day – Wear something spotty!

Thank you for supporting our Children in Need Day. I know all children and staff enjoyed '*wearing something spotty*' for such a good cause. We raised an amazing **£449.17** in total – well-done everyone!

Remembrance Day at Otley All Saints

Mrs Smith and our wonderful school council created an incredible outdoor display for Remembrance. Thanks to the whole school community for providing so many plastic bottles to make this possible. The children remembered soldiers who fought and died in the war with red poppies and animals with purple poppies. The display also included a white poppy symbolising Remembrance for all war victims and hope for a peaceful future.



I hope to see as many of you as possible at our Christmas Fayre tomorrow, it will be a lovely event for us all. Have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs Di Palma-Heath

Autumn Dates 2024

Saturday 7th December	PTA Christmas Fayre
W/B Monday 9 th December	Last Week of Extra-Curricular Clubs
Tuesday 10 th December	Yr2 to Mrs Shutt's Garden Yr1 Hearing Test
Wednesday 11 th December	Reception Stay and Play
Thursday 12 th December	Christmas Lunch in school Year 2 Bun Sale Yr3 Stone Age Day
Friday 13 th December	Yr1 to Mrs Shutt's Garden Dress Rehearsal - Nativity
Monday 16th December	Christmas Nativity in Church 2pm & 6pm
Tuesday 17 th December	Nursery & Reception Party (PM)
Wednesday 18 th December	Nursery Nativity 1:30pm KS1 Parties 1:15pm
Thursday 19 th December	KS2 Parties 1:15pm Orchestra Concert 3:30pm (School Hall)
Friday 20th December	Talent Show Break up for Christmas
Christmas Holidays	
Monday 6th January 2025	School Closed – Training Day
Tuesday 7th January 2025	School Open
Friday 10th January	Celebration Assembly
Thursday 23 rd January	Year 3 Bun Sale
Friday 14th February	Break up for February Half-Term Holiday
February Half-Term	
Monday 24th March	PTA – Mother's Day Gift Shop opens
Friday 4th April	Break up for Easter Holidays
Easter Holidays	
Tuesday 22nd April	School Open
Tuesday 6 th May	Year 1 to Hesketh Farm
Monday 12 th May – Thursday 15 th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Thursday 15 th May	Year 6 Bun Sale