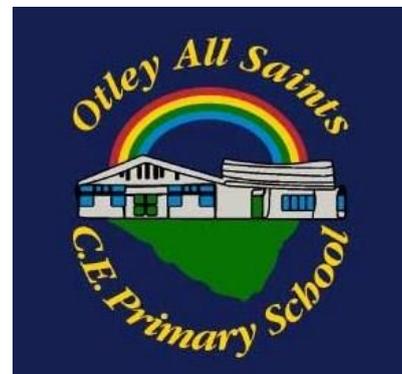


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Parents may be aware that over the last year our school has been leading an exciting Global Learning Programme funded by the Department for Education and Pearson UK. Under the leadership of Mrs Binks and Mrs Kelly, our school has engaged in a programme of training and development to embed opportunities for learning about social justice and developing a positive attitude towards diversity and cultural difference within our curriculum. The impact of this work was noted in our recent Ofsted report:

'Links with schools overseas, and the many visitors to the school from different cultural backgrounds, encourage pupils' appreciation of the importance of respect and tolerance, and their insight into global issues such as democracy and equality of opportunity'.

Following the submission of our final report on the programme's impact, GLP advisor Charlotte Hunt wrote to congratulate us, praising particularly the 'hard-working and committed' Mrs Binks and Mrs Kelly. I would like to add my thanks for their terrific work in leading this project, so important to developing values for life in our children.

Congratulations, Mr Robertson! Sad to say, Mr Robertson will be leaving us in July, having been appointed as the new headteacher at Kirkstall Valley Primary School. We are delighted for him, but of course we are so sorry to be losing someone who has been an inspirational teacher, deputy head and acting head over the twelve years he has been at our school. We wish him every success in his new post.

Job Vacancies As I shared in the last newsletter, Mr and Mrs Sowden are retiring at Easter, and we are embarking on the tricky task of filling their shoes! An advert for the site caretaker post will be appearing shortly on a number of websites, including Totaljobs and CV-Library. We are also hoping to add to our lunchtime supervisory staff after Easter; this could be a daily commitment or a part-time arrangement. If you are interested in either of these vacancies, please get in touch with the school office.

This half term our core Christian value is:



Diary Dates

- Monday 19th February** – Back to school after half term.
- Tuesday 20th February** – KS2 Pyjama Party Film Night, 6.00pm 'The Emoji Movie'.
- Monday 26th February** – Start of Fairtrade Fortnight (this year's theme is 'Come on in').
- Thursday 1st March** – World Book Day – bring your favourite book to school.
- Tuesday 6th March** – Year 6 Fossil Hunt, organised by Leeds Festival of Science.
- Wednesday 7th March** – Parents' Evening.
- Thursday 8th March** – Parents' Evening.
- Tuesday 20th March** – Music Extravaganza, Yeadon Town Hall
- Thursday 29th March** – Easter Service, All Saints Church, 9.30am Break up for Easter
- Monday 16th April** – Back to school.





PTA Events Our film night/pyjama party for younger pupils was much enjoyed this week, but sadly the second night for our Key Stage 2 pupils on Thursday had to be postponed because of a shortage of adult helpers. Our rearranged KS2 showing of 'The Emoji Movie' will be on **Tuesday 20th February** at 6.00pm, entry £2.50. If any parents are able to offer help on this evening, please contact Simon Toyne through school. Our next PTA meeting will be held on **Wednesday 21st March** at 7.00pm, when we will be planning some of our major events for the summer term.

All parents are invited to attend, and we would particularly encourage parents of Reception or Nursery children to come along – we are very welcoming, and sometimes have biscuits!

Shelley Smith I wrote earlier this week to inform parents of the death of our friend, colleague and much-loved community member Shelley Smith. Mrs Smith passed away on 28th January and she will be deeply missed at our school by staff and children alike. Our thoughts and prayers are with her husband Mike and son Ben at this most difficult time. We are making a collection for two of the charities which were so very important to Shelley - the CF Trust and Cerebra – and families are most welcome to make donations via the school should they wish to do so; please send in labelled envelopes.

We have spoken to children in all classes and have impressed upon them the importance of talking to their families and to us here at school should they need to.



Tour de Yorkshire, Otley Roadshow You may well be excited about the forthcoming visit of the Tour de Yorkshire cycle race to Otley (although no-one is more excited than Mrs Blake!). If so, you will wish to attend the Tour de Yorkshire business and community roadshow on **Wednesday 7th March** at Otley Core Resource Centre, Unit 11 Orchard Gate, Otley, LS21 3NX, 5.00pm – 7.00pm. This

roadshow, delivered by Welcome to Yorkshire, is a great opportunity to come along and find out more about what is happening in Otley and across the region during the Tour. The session will include a short presentation and detailed information of the new route. This is an event that you **MUST** book to attend - there will be no entry on the evening without a booking. Please book at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/tour-de-yorkshire-2018-roadshow-in-otley-tickets-42987316220>.

Musical Extravaganza, Tuesday 20th March Advance notice that, following successful concerts in the last three years, Mrs Nunn has been busy again organising a celebration of the music making that takes place in the schools in Otley, Pool and Bramhope. This year the Chevin Partnership Concert will take place at Yeadon Town Hall at 6.30pm on 20th March, and will feature performances



from our choir and orchestra, alongside music from Prince Henry's and other primary schools. Children will also attend a rehearsal at the town hall that afternoon between 1.30 and 3.45pm; transport is provided to the venue, but we would ask that parents arrange to pick up their children after the rehearsal.



Fairtrade Fortnight, 26th February – 11th March Shortly after half term we will be marking Fairtrade Fortnight with a number of activities aimed at raising our awareness of the different ways in which farmers and growers are treated across the world. With the support of Fairtrade, many hard-working producers are fighting for a fair deal, so that they can earn their way out of poverty and transform their communities. We'll let you know

more after half term, but if you can't wait until then, have a look at this film: schools.fairtrade.org.uk/Samuel.

Visit from Holland Following successful visits in previous years, this summer we have again agreed to host a class from JC Van der Wal School in Utrecht, Holland, between 12th and 14th June. In order to keep costs down they have asked if any of our families would be willing to accommodate the children (aged 11 to 12) for two nights, preferably in groups of two or three. As in previous years we will organise a programme of activities during the day and early evening to give our guests a flavour of English school life. Would you be able and willing to provide accommodation (including breakfast and evening meal) for Dutch visitors for two nights in June? It is an excellent opportunity to get to know people from another country and was much enjoyed by those who were involved. Please let us know if you can help.

