

# Otley All Saints CE Primary School

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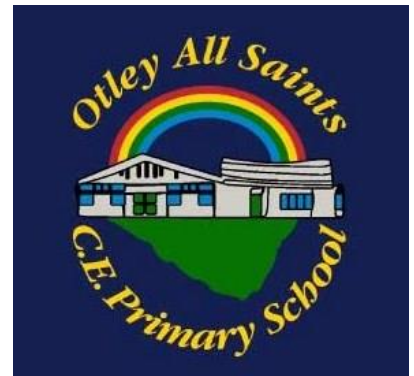


Welcome back to the last half term of the academic year. This is always the busiest time in a school's life, with events coming thick and fast. Very often we will hope to take advantage of any sunny weather to be outside for part of the day; please ensure that children come to school prepared for changeable conditions. On hot days it is important to have applied sunscreen and to wear a sunhat, but it is equally important to have a rainproof coat or jacket, because we would like children to go outside at breaktimes unless the rain is very heavy. Please help your children to come appropriately dressed for the weather.

**PTA Events – Scarecrow Festival, Orienteering Event** Scarecrows are now on display, each representing a film or TV character. If you would like to take part in the hunt, or vote for your favourite scarecrow, please purchase a form from the school office (price £1). Scarecrows will be on display until Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June, with winners announced shortly. All our families are also welcome to participate in our orienteering day on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 are available in school.



**Otley Carnival, Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June** Many thanks to Beccy Shuttleworth and our parent volunteers who have worked so hard to create the backdrops and props for the school's float in the carnival next week. We are looking forward to welcoming all the stars,



This half term our core Christian value is:



## Diary Dates

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June** – Drama Club rehearsal, 11.00am-3.00pm  
**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 2 visit to Saltburn  
Phonics Check in Year 1 this week  
**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June** – Visit from JC van der Waal School, Netherlands  
**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June** – Otley Carnival  
**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June** – Training day for staff, school closed  
**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June** – World Refugee Day  
PTA meeting, 7.15pm  
**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June** – Class photographs  
**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June** – Sports Day  
Drama Club performance of 'The Lion King', 7.00pm  
**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June** – 'The Lion King', 1.30pm and 7.00pm  
**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June** – Play Day event at Prince Henry's, 9.30 – 12.00  
**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July** – PTA Chevin Orienteering event  
**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July** – Year 5 high school experience day  
Year 3 visit to Harlow Carr Gardens  
**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** – Reserve date for Sports Day



moons, planets and astronauts, who will need to meet by the school lorry at the cattle market at 11.30am. Please ensure that your child has a snack (no nuts, please!), a drink, suncream, a hat and a coat (prepared for all weathers!). The children will be supervised during the parade, but will need to be collected at the carnival showground on Bridge Street immediately afterwards.

**PTA Summer Fair, Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July** There is not long to go now before our Summer Fair, which runs between 2.00pm and 4.00pm. We would be grateful for any offers of help on stalls even for a short time; please contact Simon Toyne if you can help. We will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July when we would be grateful for donations for our tombola stalls.

**50:50 Club** The May draw was made before half term, and the winners were Anne Jackson (£102.00) and Kathryn Sowden (£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.

**Midday Supervisory Assistant needed** We are currently looking for someone to add to our lunchtime supervision team, working between 11.45am and 1.15pm. This could be for three days, or for the full week, whichever suits the applicants. If you would like to know more about this post please contact the school office.

**Lost Property** As the summer weather has arrived we have accumulated a large amount of lost property, particularly unnamed sweatshirts and cardigans. I'm sure that parents will be concerned about clothing going missing, and will wish to reclaim them as soon as possible, but because we have limited storage we will be looking to dispose of unclaimed items before long, possibly through a second-hand clothing stall at the summer fair. Please help us to reduce the problem by ensuring that all children's clothes are clearly named, and that lost property is quickly reclaimed.



**Internet Safety** Changes in technology can be difficult to keep up with. It is often the case that our children become familiar more quickly with new gadgets than we do ourselves, and children's curiosity may sometimes cause them to take risks in online exploration. In school we know that pupils' internet use is filtered and monitored, but that may not always be the case at home. We would like all families to consider these questions:

- Does your child have unsupervised access to the internet, through a phone, tablet, computer, smart TV or games console?
- Does your internet service provider allow you to restrict access to unsuitable sites?
- Do you have access to their devices (passcodes etc.)?
- Are you able to check browsing histories and contacts?
- Do you know what apps and games your child uses, whether they are age-appropriate, and whether they allow contact with users unknown to your child?

If you are unsure about any of these questions, we strongly advise parents to visit [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk), where you can access clear advice on online safety, or [www.net-aware.org.uk](http://www.net-aware.org.uk) where you can find out about various social networking apps and the likely risks attached to them. Please help us to keep your children safe.

**Refugee Week – 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> June** As part of our move towards becoming a more globally aware school, we are planning to mark Refugee Week by putting on a range of activities for our children to take part in. We are very lucky to have secured additional funding for this and be able to welcome Nola Ellen, co-founder of My Bright Kite (<https://www.mybrightkite.org/>), and Anna Mason, a teacher from Lawnswood who works with children for whom English is not their first language, to host a range of workshops in school. These will vary according to age group, but will support our children in learning more about the experience of refugees. The learning is stimulated through a mixture of taught content, games, reflective paired and small group discussions with time built in throughout for questions and discussion. There is a strong focus on safeguarding, due to the sensitivity of the subject. If you would like to find out more about Nola's work, please visit: <https://www.nolaellenttraining.co.uk/refugee-awareness>.

