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I hope and trust that our children have told their families all about their experiences during this Refugee Week. We have been amazed and humbled by some of the stories that have been shared by our visitors, including Nola Ellen, Judith Rhodes, and students from Lawnswood School. Our prayers are

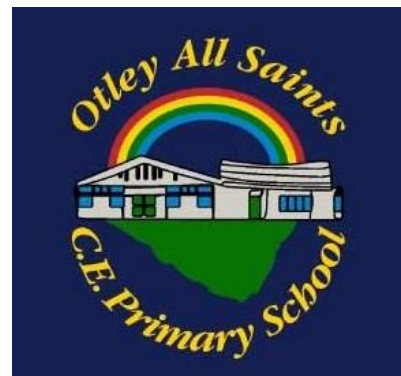
particularly with the young man from Afghanistan, whose hearing before the Home Office officials took place yesterday. Many thanks to Mrs Binks for her wonderful organisation and encouragement – it has been a memorable week.

PTA Events Congratulations to everyone who was involved with our school float at Otley Carnival last weekend. Once again our float was the winner in its class, and it looked absolutely superb, thanks to the wonderfully varied costumes and the magnificent decorations. Huge thanks go to Beccy Shuttleworth for her organisation, creativity and sheer hard work – we are all very grateful!



The scarecrow festival was, once again, a great success. The winning designs chosen by those who took part were: 1st Paddington (Milner family), 2nd Inspector Gadget (Guy family), 3rd = EB from Hop (Hunt family) and Poppy and Branch (Hughes family). The winning answer sheet drawn belonged to Charlotte Brownless. Thank you to all our scarecrow makers and hunters!

Our next event is our orienteering day on Sunday 1st July from 10am to 1pm. 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 have been distributed, and are also available on the PTA page of the school website.



This half term our core Christian value is:



Diary Dates

Tuesday 26th June – Sports Day
Drama Club performance of 'The Lion King', 7.00pm
Wednesday 27th June – 'The Lion King', 1.30pm and 7.00pm
Friday 29th June – Play Day event at Prince Henry's, 9.30 – 12.00
Sunday 1st July – PTA Chevin Orienteering event
Monday 2nd July – Year 5 high school experience day
Year 3 visit to Harlow Carr Gardens
Tuesday 3rd July – Reserve Sports Day
Wednesday 4th July – Welcome evening for new parents, 7.00pm
Thursday 5th July – 'The Super Food Fight' healthy eating workshops
Year 6 technology lesson at Prince Henry's
Friday 6th July – Non-uniform day
Saturday 7th July – PTA Summer Fair, 2.00-4.00pm
Monday 9th July – Transition morning; Year 6 at high school
Tuesday 10th July – Nursery Forest School session
Year 6 at high school
Wednesday 11th July – Transition morning; Year 6 at high school





PTA Summer Fair, Saturday 7th 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 6th July when we would be grateful for donations for our tombola stalls.

Staff changes in September As the end of the school year approaches we will shortly be saying goodbye to some valued members of staff. Mr Robertson will be leaving to take up the headship at Kirkstall Valley Primary School, and we will also be losing Mrs Timmins from our school office as she moves to become business manager at Burley St Matthias Primary School. We will also be saying goodbye to Miss Akam and to Miss Doran, as their maternity covers draw to a close. We will miss them all hugely, and would like to thank them for all their hard work and support. In September Mrs Mayo will be reducing her teaching hours, and so will be sharing responsibility for Year 2 with Miss Latchford. Mrs Binks will join Mrs I'Anson in Year 3, and our new deputy headteacher, Miss Dales, will be the teacher in Year 6. We will also be welcoming back Mrs Lewis to Year 4. Other teachers will continue to teach in their present classes (Mrs Anderson – Nursery, Miss Wilson – Reception, Mrs Nunn – Year 1, Mrs Morley and Mrs Fortune – Year 5). We also welcome back Mrs Jackson following her maternity leave. Our transition mornings on Monday 9th and Wednesday 11th July will give pupils a chance to spend time in their new classes, and staff are already working hard to ensure that this transition is as gentle as possible for all our families. If you have any concerns or questions, do get in touch with us.

50:50 Club The June draw has been made this week, and the winners are Fiona Timothy (£100) and Justina Stringer (£25). 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 full the full week, whichever suits the applicants. If you would like to know more about this post please contact the school office.



New phone system Parents contacting the school by phone will have noticed that they will now receive options (ably voiced by our own Mrs Calder!), including the facility to record your child's absence. This is helpful to our office staff at the start of the day; however, it does not give us the opportunity to remind parents of ill children about the regulations regarding sickness. Please remember that a child who has been sick should not return to school until 48 hours have elapsed, to avoid spreading infection. Please help us to keep our children healthy.

Road Safety In these warmer days we have received messages from a number of concerned neighbours about the conduct of our pupils on the streets. While the estate roads all have a 20mph speed limit, this does not mean that children are invulnerable, and when they cycle, scooter or skate board on roads unsupervised there is often a danger of serious injury. We are particularly concerned about children and families who access the school by using the drive to the car park – this is used by vehicles at all hours, and should not be used by pedestrians at any time. Our Year 4 pupils benefited from some road safety instruction this week, and we are hopeful that they will now be able to set an example for others to follow.



Internet Safety Following on from our reminder in the last newsletter about the need to safeguard our children from unfiltered internet access, we have added some guide notes to our website which demonstrate how to set up family controls and membership access on some of the more common devices, including Playstation, Xbox and Apple phones and iPads. The guides can be found at

<http://otleyallsaints.sites.schooljotter2.com/parents/useful-forms>. If you would like guidance on any other devices, get in touch and we will do our best to help. For further information we strongly advise parents to visit www.thinkuknow.co.uk, where you can access clear advice on online safety, or 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.

