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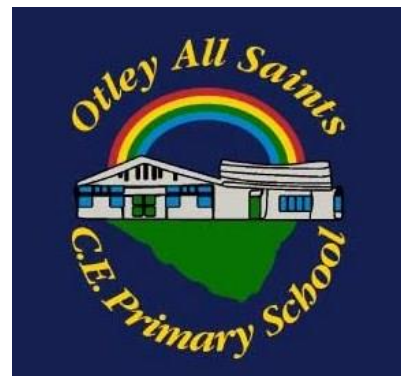
Welcome back for the summer term. I do hope that you have had a lovely Easter, and are enjoying the signs of spring and new life that are all around us once again. Although it will be too much to expect that the sunshine will continue for very long, it is perhaps a good time to remind parents to ensure that children come to school equipped for the weather this term, which should include sun hats and sun cream as well as water bottles once the weather demands. However, coats are also needed on days when, like today, the day can start brightly but end in showers!

Team Banners Following the competition to design new team logos, we now have some fabulous banners on display in our hall to share the team points scores. The designs chosen were by Kitt Fawcett (Almscliffe), Felicity Hastings (Chevin), Charlotte Anderson (Danefield) and Scarlett Hemingway (Wharfe), and the kind people at Wharfedale Embroidery have brought the banners to life for us free of charge! We are very grateful to them, and to Mrs Marston and Mrs Johnson for organising this way of celebrating our pupils' achievements.



Governors' Annual Survey of Parents' Views

Our survey has now been running since before the holidays, but has – as yet – only had a few responses. Once again we are offering a £20 Waitrose voucher via a prize draw, and to enter all you need to do is complete our school questionnaire, which can be accessed through [Google Forms](#). It should take less than ten minutes to complete. It really is important for us to know how you feel about what the school is doing well, and where we can improve. If you think the school is doing a great job – please tell us! If you think there's somewhere we could be doing better, this is your chance to let us know and give us the chance to improve. Thank you in advance for your participation.



This half term our core Christian value is:



Diary Dates

- Tuesday 25th April** – PTA meeting, 7pm
- Thursday 27th April** – NEU strike, Years 1-5 closed
- Monday 1st May** – School closed for Bank Holiday
- Tuesday 2nd May** – NEU strike, Years 1, 3 and 4 closed
- Thursday 4th May** – Local elections; Breakfast Club and 456 Club in the school hall
- Friday 5th May** – Coronation Lunch
- Monday 8th May** – School closed for Bank Holiday
- Tuesday 9th May** – Statutory assessment tests in Year 6 this week
- Friday 12th May** – Year 6 visit to the Chevin
- Monday 15th May** – Walk to School Week; Statutory assessment tests in Year 2 this week
- Tuesday 16th May** – Year 5 visit to Jodrell Bank, 8am
- Friday 19th May** – Year 1 visit to Hesketh Farm





Otley Carnival, Saturday 17th June Otley Carnival is returning, bigger and better than ever, and we are very proud that three of our pupils – Annie McGee, Kali Kaine and Hattie Doughty – will be participating as Carnival Stars. We are very grateful once again to Josie Booth for co-ordinating a school float to take part in the parade, and we hope that as many of our families as possible will want to participate. The theme for our float this year is 'Rewilding', which gives us plenty of scope to reflect different aspects of our wonderful British landscape; children can appear as flowers, animals, gardeners, picnickers or, if they prefer to be more magical, fairies and garden gnomes! More information will follow in due course, but for now please make sure you have the date in your diaries.

PTA 'Grow a £1' Challenge We have been very impressed at the response to our PTA challenge – a large majority of our children and families have been getting involved, and the pound coin investments are starting to come back accompanied by many friends! The challenge comes to an end a week today, so we would ask if any remaining funds could be sent in by **Friday 28th April**. Many thanks to everyone for their creative ideas and kind support.



Coronation Street Party Thank you for your responses to our letter last week informing you of our plans to celebrate the king's coronation with a special outdoor lunch (weather permitting) on Friday 5th May, which will recreate the street parties of the last coronation in 1953. If they wish, children are invited to wear clothing that is red, white or blue on this day, as we mark this historic occasion.

PTA meeting, Tuesday 25th April The summer term has traditionally been a busy one for our PTA, with Otley Carnival, an orienteering event, a disco and our summer fair all due to take place. As has been mentioned before, these events, so crucial to ensuring that we can continue to provide our children with the resources, trips and experiences we would want them to have, cannot happen without the kind generosity of parents' most valuable gift – time. Without volunteers and organisers, helpers and supporters, the events cannot happen. Our meeting next week is at 7pm, and it would be great to welcome anyone from our school community who can contribute – hope to see you there!

Celebrating Achievement Assembly Our next achievement assembly is on Wednesday 3rd May. Children typically bring in medals, certificates and photos which demonstrate achievement and progress in organisations and clubs outside school. Please encourage your child to share their good news with us.



NEU teachers' strikes days I wrote to families earlier this week with information on how the strike action by teachers in the National Education Union would be likely to impact our school. It is important to note that the amount of disruption on the proposed strike days may be affected not only by teacher absence, but also by staff who are obliged to prioritise childcare. On **Thursday 27th April** the following classes will be closed: Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5. Other classes will remain open, unless staffing levels make it unsafe to do so, and pupils in those classes should attend as normal. On **Tuesday 2nd May** the following classes will be closed: Year 1, Year 3 and Year 4. Once again we apologise for the inconvenience caused.

Bungalow closure for local elections On Thursday 4th May our bungalow is in use as a polling station for the local council elections, and so the Breakfast Club and 456 Club that normally meet in there will be based in the hall for that day.



Well done, Abigale We are very proud of Year 1 pupil Abigale Barltrop, who has donated her long hair to the Little Princess Trust. In doing so she raised £150.50 in sponsorship, which was generously doubled by an anonymous well-wisher. Congratulations, Abigale, a wonderfully kind act.

Rob Burrow Leeds Marathon Families will be aware that the Leeds Marathon is taking place on Sunday 14th May, with participants encouraged to raise money for Motor Neurone Disease. Our very own Mrs Binks and her husband will be taking part, and have set up a Just Giving page so that well-wishers can show their support for their magnificent effort and this worthy cause. Please go to <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/domandvickimarathon> if you're able to give, or if you're a spectator on the day please do give them a cheer!