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Last week our Year 6 pupils completed the statutory tests for 11 year olds in reading, mathematics, grammar, punctuation and spelling. The reading test was highlighted in the news as being particularly challenging, and it is certainly not helpful for any test to have left pupils feeling overwhelmed. We are very

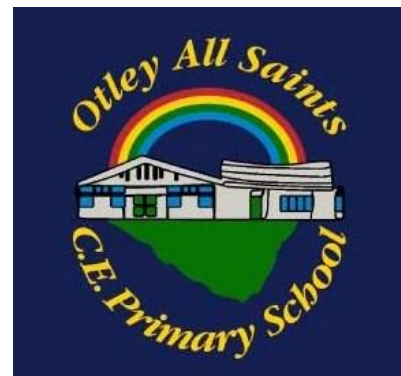
proud of our children, and the approach they were able to take to the tests. We know that what they have achieved over their time in this school is far greater than the elements that have been tested last week, and we are very grateful to the hard work of staff and the support of parents that have carried them through. Well done, everyone!

PTA Meeting, Wednesday 24th May There is an important meeting of the PTA at 7pm to finalise plans for Otley Carnival parade float ahead of the carnival on Saturday 17th June, our orienteering on the Chevin event on Sunday 25th June, and our Summer Fair on Saturday 1st July. We will also consider some requests for resources from staff; the priorities for spending PTA funds are determined by those who attend the meetings, so we would really appreciate your time if you could come and support us. If you aren't able to come, but are still willing to help with any or all of these summer events, please do contact the school office.



Governors' Annual Survey of Parents' Views

This is the very final call for responses to our parent survey, which closes on Friday 26th May. 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

- Monday 22nd May** – Year 2 maths test
- Tuesday 23rd May** – Year 1 trip to Mrs Shutt's garden
- Wednesday 24th May** – PTA Meeting, 7pm
- Thursday 25th May** – Key Stage 2 Orienteering Day
- Friday 26th May** – Break up for half term
- Monday 5th June** – Return to school
Year 4 multiplication tables check this week
- Friday 9th June** – 'One Small Step' piano concert for Rec/KS1 classes
- Monday 12th June** – Year 4 visit to York Birds of Prey Centre
- Meeting for Y5 parents re: residential visit, 6pm
- Year 1 phonics check this week
- Thursday 15th June** – Class photos during the morning
- Saturday 17th June** – Otley Carnival
- Monday 19th June** – Start of Refugee Week



Bikeability and Skipping Workshops This week has seen our Year 6 pupils cycling out and about on the roads around the estate as they learn how to keep themselves safe on their bicycles. We are grateful to the CycleNorth instructors who have been leading the sessions. Today we have also hosted skipping workshops for all classes, as they learn more about exercise and the different ways they can develop body strength and co-ordination. Thank you to Mrs Sutton and Mrs Hawley for organising these events for our children.

Multi-Activity and LEGO Workshops at half term Mr Wilce's Inspiration Tree organisation are offering Multi-Activity courses and LEGO workshop this half term at St Joseph's and Burley Oaks Schools. The courses are £18 per day from 9am-3pm. There is an option for an extended day if required. Please refer to the attached flyer for further information. To make a booking please go to www.inspiration-tree.com.



Rob Burrow Leeds Marathon I know that many families were out in the sunshine on Sunday supporting the participants in the Leeds Marathon, raising money and awareness for Motor Neurone Disease. It was a great occasion, and no-one could have failed to be inspired by the participation of Rob Burrow, his wife Lindsey, and their friends – especially Kevin Sinfield. Our very own Mrs Binks and Mrs Steele were among the runners, and wanted to pass on their appreciation for the support and encouragement they received from well-wishers, particularly as they reached the Leeds Road hill! We are very proud of their achievements – so impressive!

Class Photographs Please note that school class photographs will be taking place on Thursday 15th June, this year being organised by a new provider, Arts Photography. On this day please make sure your child is smartly dressed, and wearing a school sweatshirt or cardigan. For classes who have PE on this day, we request that the children come in school uniform and bring their PE kit to change into. Thank you for your help with this.



Active Travel Fair, Tuesday 11th July Advance notice of an exciting event being planned at Prince Henry's School, highlighting as many different ways to travel and exercise as possible. Running from 5.30pm to 8pm, plans include a skateboard jam, a roller disco, cycling featuring electric bikes, triathlon, a scooter obstacle course, and possibly zorbing on the new astroturf facility, should it be completed in time! Make a note in your diaries – further information will follow shortly.

Speed For Sport Camps Next week we will receive a visit from Timothy Abeyie, ex-team Great Britain and Ghana sprinter, who is coming to talk about the holiday camps his company, Speed For Sport, are planning at Prince Henry's School. These will be running during the summer holidays with an emphasis on fitness and speed training. For more information, please go to <https://www.speedforsportacademy.co.uk/about-us/>.

My Nametags A large number of unnamed items of uniform had accumulated in lost property this term as the weather gets warmer. It is important that all pupils' items have their name on so we can return them to their rightful owners. The PTA have an account with My Nametags, who provide personalised name stickers which can be put on clothes, pencil cases, coats, shoes etc. For every purchase made using our special ID code, the PTA will receive 24% of the total cost of your order. If you'd like to have a look, please visit www.MyNametags.com and use our school ID of **28191** if you make a purchase. Please note that it's important to use the ID and not the school name, as we won't receive the donation.



Refugee Week, 19th-25th June This year's Refugee Week will continue to have a particular resonance for us this year in the light of the ongoing war in Ukraine and the impact on so many families. This year the theme for the week is 'Compassion', and we would like to encourage parents and children to visit the [Refugee Week website](#), and in particular their section on Simple Acts, which suggests eight simple ways in which families can make a difference, or can help to bring healing to parts of the world experiencing particular suffering.

Otley Carnival, Saturday 17th June Congratulations to Martha Bertola in Year 5, whose entry in the Otley Carnival Poster Competition gained the runner up prize in the age 10+ category. As well as receiving a prize, her entry, and those of the other winners, will shortly be displayed on the Carnival website and Facebook group. Well done, Martha!