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We were very proud of our involvement in the Otley Carnival parade last weekend. Three of our pupils, Hattie Doughty, Annie McGee and Kali Kaine, were Carnival Stars, and our beautifully decorated float on the theme of 'Rewilding' had over eighty children and adults participating. Congratulations and grateful thanks to Josie Booth and her kind supporters and assistants for helping us win the shield for 'Best Decorated Float'. We would also like to thank two of our parents, Nicola Horner and Sarah Jackson, for all they have done to re-organise and reinvigorate the carnival. It is a real source of pride to be able to play an active part in our vibrant town community.

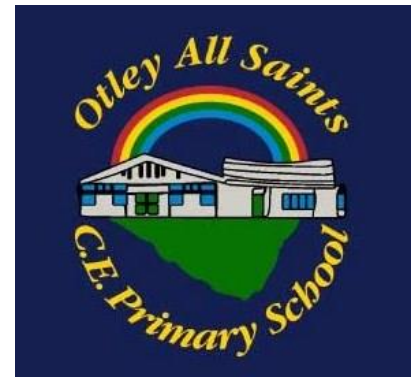
Ofsted inspection As you know, our school was inspected last week by Tracey Ralph, HMI. This was an ungraded inspection over two days to check whether our school continues to be good, five and a half years since we were last inspected. The outcome of the inspection remains confidential until the report has been quality assured, but I would like to thank the parents and children who responded to the inspector, either online or in person. I am also very grateful to the committed and hard-working staff members and governors, who dedicated so much time and effort to preparing for and responding to the process.

Strike Action by NEU teachers I wrote to parents yesterday to inform you about the forthcoming strike action on Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July. This action relates not just to pay and conditions for teachers, but to the approach to funding of education in England which continues to erode school budgets, reducing capacity to meet the needs of pupils. Union members are not obliged to indicate whether or not they intend to strike ahead of time, so the extent of a partial closure can be fluid. I need to inform parents that we now anticipate that Year 2 will also close on Friday 7th July, meaning that the classes impacted are as follows:

Wednesday 5th July – Year 1, Year 3 (morning only), Year 4, Year 5

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Once again, we apologise for the disruption this will cause.



This half term our core Christian value is:



Diary Dates

- Mon 26th June** – Year 5 Taster Day, Prince Henry's
- Tues 27th June** – Sports Day, KS2 9.15am, KS1 1.30pm
Welcome evening for new parents, 7.00pm
- Wed 28th June** – Year 6 Junior Band Day, Prince Henry's
Year 2 visit to Nell Bank
Reception visit to Bolton Abbey
- Thurs 29th June** – Sports Day (wet weather reserve date)
- Fri 30th June** – Non-uniform day, bring a tombola prize
Year 6 visit to Junior Warrior
- Sat 1st July** – Summer Fair, 1 -3pm
- Mon 3rd July** – Year 6 visit to Dallowgill Moor
Open classrooms, 3.15-3.30pm
- Tues 4th July** – Roman Soldier visiting Year 3
Year 6 rounders event, Wharfe Meadows
- Wed 5th July** – NEU Strike Day, Years 1, 3 (am), 4 and 5 closed
Drama Club performance of 'The Wizard of Oz', 7pm





PTA Summer Fair, Saturday 1st July, 1.00-3.00pm Thank you to those who have added their names to the volunteer sign-up sheet for our Summer Fair. It is important that we receive more support in running this event to make sure it is fun for everyone. You will find the [sign-up sheet here](#), which will allow you to see where help is needed.

Please don't worry that you won't know what to do – you will be well supported, with full instructions and timings. We really need your help!

On Friday 30th June we are holding a non-uniform day, in return for which we encourage children to bring in a prize for the tombola. This is always a very popular stall, thanks to your generosity. Please make sure the event is in your diary even if you're not able to offer help on this occasion – it promises to be a brilliant day!

PTA Grand Summer Raffle This week we have launched our grand summer raffle, and you will have received books of tickets sent home with the children. The star prizes include a £75 voucher for Stockeld Park, and other vouchers for Toyland, Bondgate Bakery and Tapas and Tunes among many others. See our poster for the full list of prizes. The raffle will be drawn at the Summer Fair on Saturday 1st July, and each ticket costs £1.00. To enter the raffle, please return the stubs for tickets sold and return them in a named envelope by Friday 30th June together with cash or cheque and any unsold tickets. Payment can also be made by bank transfer to the PTA account (Otley All Saints CE Primary PTA, Account number – 71022075, Sort Code - 40-35-33). Please sell to your friends and family – more books of tickets can be collected from school if required.



Transition Arrangements Thoughts are now beginning to turn to the next school year, including preparation for new starters and those starting secondary school, and opportunities to visit new classes and meet next year's staff. Transition mornings are planned for Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th July, but this year we would also like to give the opportunity for children and their parents to pop into their new classrooms after school, so that families have a good picture of the new environment before the summer holidays. On

Monday 3rd July and Wednesday 12th July, therefore, classrooms will be open for visitors to pop in briefly if you would wish, between 3.15 and 3.30pm. Why not drop in and see us?

New Parents' Welcome Evening Our Reception staff are looking forward to welcoming the parents of new starters on Tuesday 27th June at 7pm. This is an important opportunity to pass on information about the school, as well as a chance to see the classroom and to hear about the important ways we can work with you to help your child succeed, so please do come along, even if you have attended one of these evenings before.

Class Photographs Please note that because of our inspection last week, our class photographs will now be taking place on Monday 10th July. 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.



Sports Day, Tuesday 27th June Many families will be looking forward to our sports day next week, which we hope will be on Tuesday, weather permitting (Thursday is the back-up day), so children should wear P.E. kit on that day. We aim to start around 9.15am, with the older children in Years 3 to 6 competing in the morning, and the younger children in the afternoon, starting at 1.30pm. Parents and relatives are very welcome to attend; small chairs are provided, but you may wish to bring your own deck chair. If the weather is doubtful, we will send a text message by 8.45 on the morning.

Kitchen Cooker Challenges We have been frustrated over the last two weeks by unexpected interruptions to our gas supply, and this has caused great difficulties for our kitchen staff in preparing meals. The interruptions have been of varying length, and the cause has proved extremely difficult to diagnose. An expensive repair today will, we hope, bring these problems to an end. We apologise for any changes to the menu that were enforced at the last minute, as electric cookers elsewhere in school have been pressed into service. A hot option has been provided every day except yesterday, when sandwiches were substituted. Thank you to our kitchen staff for prevailing under challenging circumstances!