

# Otley All Saints CE Primary School

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It has been fantastic to celebrate some of our popular events in the last couple of weeks, even if we have had to skirt the weather challenges on occasions! Our Sports Day last week benefited from a delay of a couple of days, giving us perfect weather for a great showcase

of sportsmanship and encouragement for every participant. We are grateful to Mrs I'Anson for organising things so smoothly.

On Saturday our PTA Summer Fair was very well attended, despite the mixture of wind, rain and sun, and good use was made of both the school building and the grounds to ensure everything could continue safely. Huge thanks to all those parents and staff who offered their help, and special mentions to Beth Allcock (PTA Chair), Miles Waring (PTA treasurer) and Hayley Craddock, who organised the wonderful raffle. Thank you to everyone who came and spent money – PTA funds are crucial to the school's resourcing nowadays, and your kind donations are much appreciated.

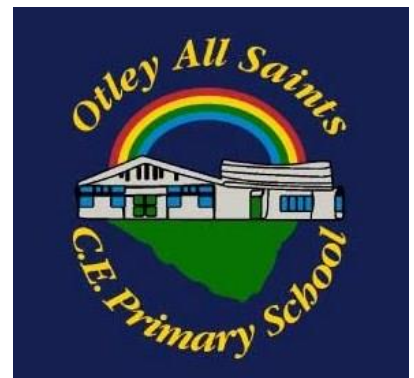
## Drama Club – 'The Wizard of Oz'

The summer production by our Drama Club has always been a highlight of this term, but at one point in January it appeared unlikely that we would be able to continue to run the club because of Miss Wilson's enforced absence from school. We are very grateful to Greg Silverwood, one of our parents, who has given his time to coach our actors and to direct the show. We saw three terrific performances this week, highlighting a terrific range of talent. Thank you to Greg, to Miss Wilson for costumes, backdrop and choreography, to Mrs Beck for her wonderful piano playing, to Mrs Raybould for her calm and supportive stage management, and to all the staff who gave up their time to help with makeup, lighting, painting and crowd control. We are very proud of you!



## Headteacher Retirement

It is with much sadness that I have to tell you that I have informed the governing body of my intention to retire at the end of the Christmas term. After 17 years at All Saints, I



This half term our core Christian value is:



## Diary Dates

- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July** – Class photographs  
Summer Concert, 6.30pm
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July** – Active Travel Fair, 5.30-8pm, Prince Henry's
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July** – Transition morning, 9.00-12.00; Year 6 at Prince Henry's  
Open Classrooms, 3.15-3.30pm
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July** – Transition morning, 9.00-11.00; Year 6 at Prince Henry's
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 6 at Prince Henry's  
Annual reports sent out
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July** – Football match vs. The Whartons, 3.30pm
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July** – Reception class 'stay and play'  
Year 5 Egyptian Museum, 2.00pm
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July** – Leavers' Service, All Saints Church, 1.30pm
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July** – Talent Show  
School breaks up for summer
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> / Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September** – School training days
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September** – Term begins



am very proud of what our school has achieved over that time, and I know that I will be leaving All Saints in good shape to face whatever the future holds. The governors have put in place a selection process to appoint my successor, and hope to have confirmed an appointment early next term. I am grateful to them for their continued support and dedication.



**Transition Mornings and Open Classrooms** It was good to see parents and children taking advantage of the opportunity to visit new classes on Monday after school. There is another chance for families to pop in briefly between 3.15 and 3.30pm on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July, so that families have a good picture of the new environment before the summer holidays. Transition mornings are planned for Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July, when the majority of our Year 6 pupils will be attending Prince Henry's School. Children should go

to their classes as normal, but will be spending at least part of the mornings in their new classrooms and getting to know their new teachers. If you have any concerns do speak to staff members.

**Class Photographs** Please note that our class photographs are taking place on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July. On this day please make sure your child is smartly dressed, and wearing a school sweatshirt or cardigan. We would also like to take photos of the school orchestra (please bring instruments in the morning), school council and global champions. 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. Year 3 pupils, who go swimming on Mondays, will have their photo taken before they go. Thank you for your help with this.



**PTA 50:50 Club** The June draw of the 50:50 Club has taken place, and the winners were Julia Wilson (£92) and Jane Scott (£23). 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.

**PTA Annual General Meeting** With the conclusion of the summer fair our Parent Teacher Association events have come to an end for this year. It has been a very successful year, with an impressive range of fund raising and social events, including the termly discos, the Christmas Fair, a parents' quiz night, a 'break the rules day', our Mothers' Day shop, and of course the very successful 'Grow a Pound' initiative. Through these events PTA have financed the purchase of new chrome books, phonics teaching resources, Forest School sessions on the Chevin, and new library books, as well as subsidising the school trip places for each child. Our annual general meeting, which will plan events and targets for the forthcoming year, will be held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm. It would be brilliant if as many parents as possible could attend, so that we benefit from new ideas as well as reflecting on the past year. Please put this date in your diaries.

**Summer Concert, Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July** A reminder that our orchestra and choir will be performing their end of year concert at 6.30pm on Monday evening. Our musicians and singers are asked to come to school for 6.15, wearing their school uniform, but without jumpers and cardigans. Any interested families are welcome to attend this celebration of All Saints' music.



**Active Travel Fair, Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July** Next week sees the much anticipated travel fair at Prince Henry's, details of which can be found in the attached leaflet. Taking place between 5.30 and 8pm, it is free to attend and there is lots to do, including a roller disco, orienteering, scooter challenge (bring your own scooter) and the cycle club roller challenge. Anyone who would like to take part in the activities run by LS-TEN (Skate Jam at Wharfe Meadows/Roller Disco at PHGS)

will need to have the attached waiver document with them signed by a parent. Please note that, other than disabled access, there will be no parking on site, so we would suggest travelling actively to the fair, or parking in the North Parade or Beech Hill Car Parks and walking the last ten minutes over the bridge.

**Inspiration Tree Summer Holiday Courses** Mr Wilce's Inspiration Tree are offering multi-activity courses and Lego workshops this summer at St Josephs and Burley Oaks Schools. The courses are £18 per day and sessions run from 9am-3pm. There is an option for an extended day if required. For more information, and to make bookings, please go to [www.inspiration-tree.com](http://www.inspiration-tree.com).

**Places where kids eat free (or for £1)** Families may be interested in the information shared on the [Money Savings Central website](#), where they mention a range of cafes and restaurants where children can eat free over the summer holidays. See their [Facebook page](#) for the full list.