Summer 4 Newsletter – 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023

## Otley All Saints CE Primary School

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This week we are pleased to announce that our school now fulfils all the criteria to be classed as 'MindMate Friendly'. The expectations for this award are stringent, and involve providing evidence that as a school community we are developing an ethos and environment that supports and promotes

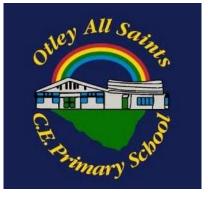
the learning and the mental health and wellbeing of all. The progress on this is tribute to the hard work of our pastoral team of Mrs Scott and Mrs Marston, ably led by Mrs Fortune, who do so much to support the needs of pupils and families across the school. Well done, and thank you for all you do!

**Otley Carnival, Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June** We are very grateful to the parents and staff members who helped with the painting and preparation of our carnival float decorations this week. We are particularly thankful to Josie Booth for leading on the organisation for this event. Thank you, too, to



all those who have returned completed 'Rewilding' pictures to help the decorations, and to those who have returned slips or emails to say they would like to be on the float. There is still time to sign up for this – just email school to request a place – and we look forward to seeing all our amazing animals, plants, gardeners etc. on the day. Please meet by the school lorry at the cattle market at 12 noon, and ensure that your child has a drink, sun cream, a hat and a coat (prepared for all weathers!). The parade is due to start at 12.30pm (earlier than in previous years) so a prompt arrival is essential. The children will be supervised during the parade, but will need to be collected at the carnival showground on Bridge Street immediately afterwards, at around 1.30pm. We are looking forward to a joyful and colourful day!

**Governors' Annual Survey of Parents' Views** Thank you to all the parents who responded to the governors' online questionnaire this year. The draw for the Waitrose voucher has taken place, and the lucky winner is Beth Allcock. Governors have already started to analyse the responses, and while there are a great many lovely, positive comments from parents, there are also some aspects of school life that you feel could, and should, be improved. We will, for example, be making some changes to our rewards system, both this



This half term our core Christian value is:



## **Diary Dates**

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> June – Year 4 visit to York Birds of Prey Centre Meeting for Y5 parents re: residential visit, 6pm Year 1 phonics check this week **Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> June** – Class photos during the morning Sat 17<sup>th</sup> June – Otley Carnival **Mon 19<sup>th</sup> June** – Refugee Week Wed 21<sup>st</sup> June – Celebrating Achievement Assembly PTA Disco, 5.30-6.30 Fdn/KS1, 6.45-7.45 KS2 Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Year 3 visit to Harlow Carr Gardens Mon 26<sup>th</sup> June – Year 5 Taster Day, Prince Henry's **Tues 27<sup>th</sup> June** – Sports Day, KS2 9.15am, KS1 1.30pm Welcome evening for new parents, 7.00pm Wed 28<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 Junior Band Day, Prince Henry's Year 2 visit to Nell Bank Reception visit to Bolton Abbey **Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> June** – Sports Day (wet weather reserve date)





term and in September, to increase the opportunities for children to receive recognition from staff for extra effort, kindness, improvement etc., and to reduce as far as possible the occasions where only a few children are chosen for special mention in the course of a year. Thank you again for your feedback, which is helpful in improving our provision.



**PTA Summer Fair, Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 1.00-3.00pm** We now have a sign-up sheet available for volunteers to participate in our most important social event of the year – our Summer Fair! You will find the <u>sign-up sheet here</u>, which will allow you to see where help is needed; if you fancy a bit of face painting, or have always wanted to be in charge of a

bouncy castle, be sure to sign up! We really need your help!

**PTA 50:50 Club** The May draw has now been made, and the winners are Gemma Parker (£92) and Emma Hart (£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.

**Class Photographs** Please note that school class photographs will be taking place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> 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.





**PTA Disco, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June** Our last disco of the year is coming up very soon, and will be between 5.30 and 6.30pm for children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, and between 6.45 and 7.45pm for Years 3 to 6. Entry is £2.50 per child. In order to ensure we make it a safe event for everyone, and have enough adult volunteers present, please fill in the online form here before the event. Please do this

for each of your children separately, but be careful to only make one form entry per child! Children who have not been registered may not be able to attend if numbers are too high.

**Smart Watches** With the improvements in affordability of smart watches and fitness trackers, we are now seeing a number of children wearing these to school. We need to remind parents that devices with internet connection cannot be kept by children during the day, because of the safeguarding implications of unsupervised access. Therefore we ask that, just as Year 5 and 6 pupils are obliged to hand in mobile phones on arrival at school, any internet-connected device is also handed in, or is kept at home for use outside of school. Thank you for your help in keeping all our children safe.

**Otley Cycling Family Fun Day, Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June** Otley Town Council are organising this great opportunity to develop cycling skills and interests on Garnetts Field between 10am and 3pm. Primary aged children can improve their skills on a specially designed grass circuit, or try to conquer the climbing tower provided by Herd Farm Activity Centre. Adults may like to try out E bikes and E cargo bikes, including child carriers, on a flat field, and there will also be a selection of adapted trikes to try out. An activity tent will provide 'festival sticker art', and a Yorkshire Dales ice cream van will be in attendance. The event is free to enter, and there will be plenty of space for a picnic, with toilets and handwashing facilities on site. Come along and enjoy!



**P.E. Kit Reminder** As the weather grows warmer, we are seeing a number of pupils wearing non-uniform items on days on which they have a P.E. lesson. Please remember that our school P.E. kit is part of school uniform, and should comprise royal blue, non-branded sports shorts (not cycling shorts or skorts), plain navy blue, non-branded jogging bottoms (not leggings, sports tights or shell trousers), white school logo P.E. t shirt, royal blue school logo hoodie/school logo crew neck jumper/school logo cardigan. Thank you for your support with this. Please ensure that all items of school uniform are clearly named so that they can be easily returned when lost.

**Sun Cream** With a weather warning of extreme heat this weekend, we would like to remind parents to apply sun cream before school on sunny days, particularly if your child is very young. Thank you for your assistance.