



## Newsletter – May 2023

Dear Parents and Teachers,

As we come to the end of half term, we thought it would be a good opportunity to get in touch regarding what's been happening on the PTA front recently, and what is planned for the weeks ahead.



**Easter Hats and Bonnets** The Easter term finished with a wonderful Easter hat competition, with prizes provided by the PTA. There were some brilliant entries from every class, and all were paraded around church at the start of the school's Easter service. Well done to everyone who entered, and thank you to Hayley Craddock for obtaining the prizes.

**Grow a Pound Challenge** This has been the first time our school has organised this event, and we have been amazed and astounded at the brilliant response from children and families. The ideas for fundraising were great, including making, selling, cleaning, growing, baking and sponsoring. Altogether we have raised £1,800 for PTA finds – a fantastic response. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who took part, and we are very grateful to Kimberly Bateman, Helen Forster, Beth Allcock and Miles Waring who administered the event. All the children who participated should have received a special 'thank you' certificate this week – let us know if any didn't arrive!



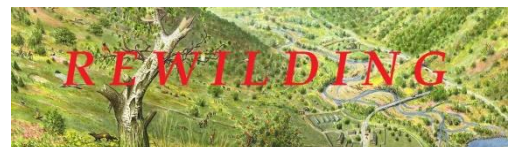
*Thank you!*

**What's the money going towards?** The money raised by PTA is all used to benefit our children and their families in different ways. Sometimes spending requests come from members of staff, and sometimes they are suggested by parents through the PTA. At this week's PTA meeting it was agreed to spend the following:

- Purchase of six new Chromebooks for use by children with special needs, £1,350
- New early reading books for school, £250

We also reaffirmed our commitment to subsidising the cost of school trips at the rate of £10 a head. This ensures that costs to families of class visits are reduced over the year, and the teachers can continue to give lots of opportunities to widen the children's experiences.

**Otley Carnival, Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June** As always, the PTA is organising a school float to take part in the procession at the start of the Otley Carnival, and we are hoping that lots of our children and parents will be able to get



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involved. We are very grateful once again to Josie Booth for co-ordinating the float design, which this year is on the theme of 'Rewilding', giving us plenty of scope to reflect different aspects of our wonderful British landscape. The date for all carnival preparation is **Wednesday 7th June 6pm onwards** in the school hall. We are asking for a little of your time during that evening to come along and wield a paintbrush or scissors to help complete our Rewilded landscape. Hope to see you there!



We are also encouraging families to sign up for our float. Places are limited, so please return the attached slip as soon as you can. Children are asked to dress up as flowers, animals, gardeners, picnickers or, if they prefer to be more magical, fairies and garden gnomes!

Arrangements on the day have changed from last year to reduce the amount of time spent waiting prior to the procession. Judging will now take place during the parade, which will leave from the Auction Mart on Leeds Road at 12.30pm promptly. We would therefore ask all children to be on the float by 12.00, in costume, and provided with a drink, sun cream and a waterproof coat. They should be collected promptly following the parade at Otley Showground. Nursery children are welcome on the float but must be accompanied by an adult. We welcome other adults to join us on the float or alongside the lorry. Please let us know if you can join us.



**PTA Disco – new date!** Because of the clash with the Otley Cycle Race, which might make access to school difficult, the disco will now take place on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June**. For children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2, the disco starts at 5.30pm and finishes at 6.30pm; for older children the timings are 6.45 to 7.45pm.

Entry costs £2.50, payable on the door, but we will ask families to register their place online after half term to make sure there is space for everyone who wants to come. If you are able to help with either disco (or both!) please let the school office know.

**PTA Summer Fair, Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July, 1.00-3.00pm** Very soon it will be time for the most important social event of the year – our Summer Fair! While the date may still seem a little way off, we are asking for parent volunteers to be available during the day, and would ask you to mark this in the diary now before things get busy. We will be sharing shortly an online sign-up sheet 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!



The day before, Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June, will be a non-uniform day in school, when we ask families to send in a prize for our tombola if they can. After half term we will also be sending out tickets for our Grand Raffle; prizes are still being agreed, but top of the pile is an amazing £75 voucher for Stockeld Park – a fantastic prize for any family!

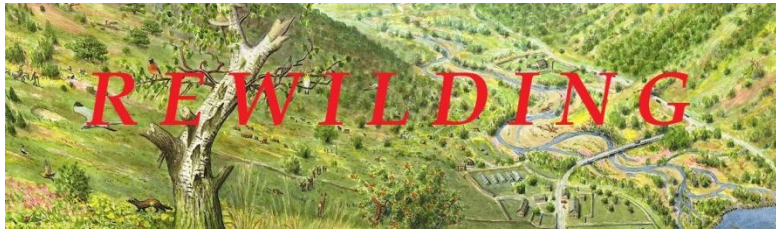
**Family Orienteering Day** We are sad to announce that our planned Family Orienteering Day, due to take place on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June, is cancelled this year due to circumstances beyond our control. We hope to see this event return next summer.

Many thanks for your support.

## PTA Committee

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**Otley Carnival Float, Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June**

**Please return this consent form to the PTA box within school by the 9<sup>th</sup> June if your child wishes to be on the float, or email details to [pta@otleyallsaints.co.uk](mailto:pta@otleyallsaints.co.uk)**

Child Name:

Class:

Parent/Guardian collecting on the day:

Mobile number for emergencies on the day:

Parent/Guardian Signature:

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