

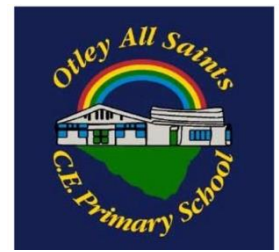
Otley All Saints CE Primary School

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We are finally starting to enjoy warmer weather this week, and the children are excited to spend time more outdoors at school.

School Success with Healthy Schools Status and MindMate Friendly Status

We are delighted to inform you that Otley All Saints has been awarded MindMate Friendly Status and Healthy Schools Status following a visit by Gill Mullens, Healthy Schools Advisor. Gill interviewed groups of pupils, parents, staff, senior leaders and members of the governing body to help form her judgement. The school self-evaluated current Healthy Schools practice within the four core areas, Personal, Social & Health Education (PSHE), Healthy Eating, Physical Activity & Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH), using the School Health Check prior to assessment. We are incredibly proud of the positive feedback that Gill provided after the assessment process. This achievement is the result of the hard work, care, and commitment of the entire school team, but especially Mrs Laura Fortune, who leads the Community and Pastoral/Healthy Schools program, the pastoral team consisting of Mrs Jane Scott and Mrs Paula Marsden, our Deputy Headteacher Mrs Jessica Sutton, who leads the PE curriculum, and Mrs Mia Steele, who leads on PSHE. Our children demonstrated pride, happiness, confidence, engagement, politeness, and friendliness - they are indeed the stars of our school community. A huge well done to all involved!

I feel it is only right that I share elements of the report to demonstrate the strengths of the school:

General

- The warm, caring ethos and strong sense of community are excellent. The school's motto of Learning, Love and Laughter Everyday can be felt across school. Early Years is very much part of the school and included in all curriculum and development plans. Governors provide strong support for the school.
- Parents clearly trust in the school and feel all their children are safe and well looked after by all members of staff. Parents commented on the excellent relationships across school, how inclusive it is and how they feel staff work to meet all children's needs.
- Healthy Schools is very well led and managed by Laura Fortune. She is fully committed to improving and maintaining health and wellbeing outcomes for pupils and has driven this agenda forward with real passion. There is a comprehensive healthy schools team, including the learning mentor, PE lead and PSHE lead, who work closely together on all aspects of Healthy Schools. It is also linked to the school improvement plan and staff appraisals.
- All pupils demonstrated how proud they are to belong to this school community and went to great lengths to act as ambassadors for the school. They were happy, confident, engaged, polite and friendly and demonstrated a very good knowledge of health and wellbeing.

PSHE

- Playtime is a happy time with a high staff presence. Sports Leaders enjoy facilitating games with groups of pupils. The outdoor space is well equipped and maintained and the pupils spoke very positively about playtimes and the activities on offer.

This half term, our
core Christian value is:
Honesty



Diary Dates

- Monday 6th May** – school closed for Bank Holiday
- Tuesday 7th May** – Yr1 trip to Hesketh Farm
- Monday 13th May** – Thursday 16th May – KS2 SATs Week
- Monday 20th May** – Friday 24th May – Bikeability for Yr6
- Tuesday 21st May** – Reception 'Stay & Play' morning (8:50 – 9:30am)
- Wednesday 22nd May** – Library Transition Project meeting for Nursery parents – Miss Wilson, Mrs Steele.
- Thursday 23rd May** – Yr6 Bun Sale
- Thursday 23rd May** – Yr 3 trip to Harlow Carr
- Friday 24th May** – School closes for half-term holiday
- Monday 3rd June** – School opens for Summer Term 2
- Sunday 9th June** – Drama show rehearsal in school (10:30 – 3pm)
- Tuesday 11th June** – Nursery children (attending Reception in Sept) to visit library with Mrs Steele.
- Friday 14th June** – Yr5 visit to Bramley St Peters Primary School
- Thursday 13th June** – PTA Disco
- Saturday 15th June** – Otley Carnival
- Monday 17th June** – Yr6 Leaver's Photo
- Saturday 22nd June** – Library Transition visit for all new Reception children (starting Sept 24')
- Monday 24th June** – Year 5 Prince Henry's Experience Day
- Thursday 27th June** – Reception bun sale.

Future Dates

- Tuesday 2nd July** – Drama Show (7 pm)
- Wednesday 3rd July** – Drama Shows (1:30 pm & 7 pm)
- Wednesday 3rd July** – Yr2 Trip to Nell Bank
- Friday 5th July** – Yr6 Transition Workshop
- Saturday 6th July** – Summer Fair

School Success with Healthy Schools Status and MindMate Friendly Status – continued.

Social, Emotional & Mental Health:

- The interventions the school's pastoral team have in place are a great source of support, providing a range of group sessions to ensure individual needs are being met. Parents are very confident about the work the SEMH team does in school.

Healthy Eating:

- The school works hard to ensure that pupils learn how to make informed healthy choices, with a clear understanding of the importance of a balanced and healthy diet. Staff are confident on the delivery of the healthy eating messages. Pupils were very clear on what foods were allowed for snacks at break times and what a balanced lunchbox might look like.

Physical Activity:

- The curriculum is supported by a wide range of both outdoor and other physical opportunities. These wide-ranging opportunities include forest schools, physical activity clubs before school and family activities such as orienteering.

Quotes from the assessment visit

Pupils:

- "There are lots of things to do at playtime and if you can't find anyone to play with you can just find a Sports Leader and they help."

Staff:

- "The pastoral team are amazing. A huge source of support to everyone across school, including the staff! I have learned lots from them."

Parents/Governors:

- "Children with additional needs are very well supported, doesn't matter what the needs are they get what they need."

PTA (Parents Teachers Association)



Your PTA needs you!

We are in desperate need for more parents to join our PTA – we are currently struggling to pull enough people together to organise the Summer Fair, something I know you'll all want to go ahead. If you can spare any time at all, an odd hour, couple of hours – this would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact the school office or speak with one of our existing PTA members if you can help us.

Our next PTA event is the summer disco on Thursday 13th June – more details to follow.

PTA 50:50 Club

Congratulations to our recent winners – Jane Scott, 1st prize £88, and Hannah Place, 2nd prize £22.

If you would like to be included in the draw, which raises money for PTA as well as offering the opportunity for a monthly pay out, please fill in a form at the school office.

Guinea Pig Gallery

Another super couple of weeks of guinea pig club, with the children very excited to take part. If your child would like to meet the guinea pigs, please ask your child to mention it to their class teacher before Monday lunchtime each week. Callum (Yr1), Nina (Yr1), Elliott (Yr3), Coby (Yr3), Riley (Yr4), James (Yr4), and Sihasi (Yr5) have enjoyed wonderful guinea pig time and all found it funny at the size of Pompom's ever growing sheep hair!



Statutory Assessment Tests From Monday 13th May – Thursday 16th May our Year 6 pupils, along with their peers across the country, will be completing the statutory tests in reading, mathematics, grammar, punctuation and spelling. We are impressed at the way in which our pupils are approaching these assessments, and, regardless of the outcomes, we are proud of our young people's achievements. A huge thank you to Mrs Sutton, Mrs Bowman, Mrs Platten and other staff members who have done so much to make sure that the children feel well prepared and not over-pressured. Whatever our views on the validity and worth of these assessments, we feel that our school is managing to strike a reasonable balance, always remembering that there is so much more to the education we provide.

Safety and parking around school

A gentle reminder to drive and park carefully on the roads around school. Please avoid blocking residents' driveways when parking. Thank you.

Further Information – please see the attached documents for information regarding the following:

- 1) Multi – Activity courses with Inspiration Tree

I wish you all a lovely long weekend and look forward to seeing all families next Tuesday.

Best wishes,
Mrs Di Palma-Heath