



## January 2024

Dear Parents,

We're thrilled to announce the second year of the Otley Carnival STARS programme and we need your help to encourage your children to apply.

Last year, we had a fantastic group of fifteen STARS who made significant contributions to events across the community, representing each school in Otley.

Now, we're looking for enthusiastic KS2 pupils to join this year's team. The Carnival STARS will have the opportunity to contribute to their local community under the themes of Equality & Diversity, Health & Wellbeing, Environment, and Community through lots of voluntary events for groups like:

- Otley Action for Older People
- Friends of Otley Chevin
- Homeless Hampers
- Prickly Pigs Hedgehog Rescue
- Otley Town Council

Benefits of being a Carnival STAR include participation in various activities throughout the year and the chance to ride on the Otley STARS float during the carnival procession. Additionally, STARS will be involved in events at the showground after the procession.

Activities will be planned between March 2024 and February 2025 and we encourage STARS to attend as many events as possible which run on a weekend and in the school holidays. All activities will be voluntary and facilitated by the Otley Carnival Committee, however adult supervision is essential.

To apply, please assist your child in completing the below application form by the deadline of Friday, February 16th, 2024: <https://forms.gle/jaipWkgJecfxgN6n8>

Alternatively, paper copies of the application form are available at school and can be handed back there for collection on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

Let's make this year's Carnival STARS team even more exceptional! If you have any questions, feel visit <https://www.otleycarnival.co.uk/> or feel free to reach out to us at [info@otleycarnival.co.uk](mailto:info@otleycarnival.co.uk).

We hope to notify successful applicants early March.

Thank you for your support!

Best regards,

**Nicola Horner & Kelly Laurenson**

**Otley Carnival Committee**