



Your final Autumn term 2021 fortnightly note from your Headteacher ...

We have had another busy fortnight and Christmas festivities are in full flow. Last Friday our Christmas hamper raffle winners were drawn in celebration assembly and congratulations to the lucky winners. A huge thanks to Mrs Waite for organising this event and to everyone who sold and bought raffle tickets – we raised over £350 which is fantastic!



Once again this year we would like to thank 'Newburgh Christmas Trees' for donating our beautiful Christmas tree. Also, this year the school has entered the 'St Cuthbert's Christmas Tree Festival 2021' – The Sessay CE Primary School tree is titled 'Tree of Hopes and Wishes' linking to our collective worship theme 'Hope'. I'm sure you'll agree both trees look fantastic!



The Byland Nativity 'Humph the Camel' was very much enjoyed by the whole school on Wednesday through Zoom and it was so lovely that all Byland parents were able to come and be the audience and watch their children perform live on the stage at the village hall.



Apart from practising hard for their nativity, Byland have been learning about the oceans and have enjoyed singing the oceans song. In Maths they have been learning about 2d and 3d shapes and have used them to create pictures, patterns and models.

In Fountains the Year 3 children have been using the iPads to create an internet safety leaflet and in science the Year 2 children have been learning about the basic needs for survival. In maths they have been making amounts of money in piggy banks and converting pounds and pence. They have been thinking about Christmas wishes for ourselves and for others which they then used in an extended piece of writing.

This week Fountains have been getting very festive; lighting their Advent candle each day and making crackers in preparation for their Christmas lunch next week. In Christmas crafts they have made their very own Christmas candle wreaths.



Bolton have been focussing on time during maths, making excellent progress especially this week! In English they have been writing stories that travel back in time to a Christmas many years ago. In PSHE they have been thinking about 'anger' and 'worry' and how they can overcome these feelings. The children have thoroughly enjoyed some Yoga sessions in PE which has been very calming at the end of a busy day! Their final swimming session at Thirsk pool was lots of fun and the children all feel much more confident in the water. Christmas crafts have begun including cards and decorations.



Rievaulx have been planning and writing a newspaper report about an event in their class text. In maths they have been learning more about fractions: dividing fractions by an integer. This week they have also been thinking more about our school collective worship value of 'Hope' and they have written hopes for the future and Christmas wishes. They are supporting our local Thirsk Foodbank run by 'Community Worsk' and are well on the way to filling their box with items for the reverse Advent calendar – all about giving rather than receiving. A huge thanks to everyone who has brought something in so far. The box will be collected next week and distributed to those in need in the Thirsk Community.

Friday 3 December Awards

Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison.
 Squirrel Award – Isabel for her super attitude in all areas of the curriculum and for being kind and helpful in class.
 Headteacher's sticker - Stanley for trying so hard with his reading. He is becoming more confident with his sound recognition and blending.
 Mathlete – Oliver for his super work with sorting shapes.
 Handwriter of the week – Joseph for working hard to form his letters accurately.

Fountains, Mrs Sowray.
 Squirrel Award – Alfie for gaining full marks in his spellings every week this half term!
 Headteacher's sticker - Jack Ma for his superb thoughtfulness in class this week – keep it up!
 Mathlete – Aletta for persevering with the work on converting pounds and pence, a great effort.
 Handwriter – Farrah for her super presentation in all her work this week, well done.

Bolton, Mr Houghton and Miss Southward.
 Squirrel Award – Scarlett for her attention to detail in all her work and the fact that her singing is amazing! You have a beautiful voice, a very talented vocalist!
 Headteacher's sticker – Dexter, for listening to advice and acting upon the advice given to improve. You were and should be really proud of all your achievements this week.
 Mathlete – Atilia for being an active thinker and fabulous problem solving in maths.
 Handwriter of the week – Connor for his super efforts in improving his handwriting and acting on advice given.

Rievaulx, Mrs Watson and Ms Gauder.
 Squirrel Award – Angus for his maths work on fractions. He has worked hard dividing fractions by integers.
 Headteacher's sticker – Honesty for her helpfulness and mature and sensible attitude.
 Mathlete – Freddie for his perseverance with fractions.
 Handwriter of the week – Ruby for her very neat writing in English and also when writing her 'Christmas Wishes'.

Mrs Tyrka's Superstars

Rosie (Byland) Rosie has worked hard with her maths this week and has demonstrated both perseverance and determination.

Ebony (Byland) Ebony has worked so hard with her 2d and 3d shape work this week and has really shone.

Friday 10 December Awards

Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison.

Squirrel Award – Cameron for working hard with his sounds and reading.
 Headteacher’s sticker – Paisley for her super phonics work this week.
 Mathlete – Ebony for her super work using shapes to make patterns.
 Handwriter of the week – Rosie for her lovely, neat writing of The Christmas Story.

Fountains, Mrs Sowray.

Squirrel Award – Edward for his super story writing and editing this week.
 Headteacher’s sticker – Betsy for really taking care with her presentation in all her work this week.
 Mathlete – William Newsom for working hard to secure the fluency of number bonds.
 Handwriter – William A for trying really hard with his independent writing.

Bolton, Miss Southward.

Squirrel Award – Eva for being such a helpful member of the class to both your friends and your teachers - thankyou!
 Headteacher’s sticker – Loc for his concentration and enthusiasm in this week’s yoga session.
 Mathlete – Ava for being super speedy and accurate with her times tables. You have practised so hard at home as well as at school.
 Handwriter of the week – Henry for a very gripping adventure story in his best handwriting. A pleasure to read.

Rievaulx, Mrs Watson and Ms Gauder.

Squirrel Award – Luca for his excellent attitude as always and for his lovely singing in class this week.
 Mathlete – Robert for his fabulous maths work on Century Tech, keep it up.
 Headteacher’s sticker- Summer for her remote learning and persevering with some tricky maths this week.
 Handwriter of the week – Zara for her very neat writing across all areas of the curriculum.

Due to the current COVID19 situation in school, Friday Celebration Assembly will once again be on Zoom today. Everyone as always is warmly invited to join Ms Gauder at 2.30pm.

<https://zoom.us/j/92932097853?pwd=OGtKQ1ZRbTVxZVpIR3UyNHdmQlVLUt09>

Meeting ID: 929 3209 7853

Passcode: d8bRMx

Have a fabulous weekend and we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas.

NOTICES:

- I would like to signpost you to the Place2Be – a practical wellbeing advice website for concerned parents and carers run by child mental health experts and offers support regarding a number of parenting topics. From anxiety to problems at mealtimes, many of the articles may be of help.

<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk>

DIARY DATES:

13 December 3-4pm (postponed date)	Outdoor Christmas Fair/Market at pick up time.
15 December	Christmas lunch.
16 December	Christmas parties, Father Christmas and Christmas Pantomime, Dick Wittington.
17 December	<p>Christingle service at St Cuthbert’s Church (on Zoom for parents to join us)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Topic: Sessay Christingle Service Time: Dec 17, 2021 01:30 PM London Join Zoom Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89641493247?pwd=RG5UQnk4eXRJeERkOUlwT2ZZNFJ1QT09 Meeting ID: 896 4149 3247 Passcode: gu73vw</p> <p>End of term early finish time at 2.30pm.</p>
Wednesday 5 th January 2022	We welcome all the children back into school for the start of the New Year, Spring term 2022.