



Your first note from your Headteacher for this new academic year...

Welcome back to all and what a fabulous first week we have had back in school this academic year. I hope everyone has had a fun and restful summer holiday enjoying the changeable weather!

Both children and staff have loved being altogether once again without the constraints of zones and bubbles. I assure you that as always we continue to be vigilant at all times and that our rigorous hygiene, ventilation and cleaning routines continue to ensure everyone is as safe as possible. Thank you for supporting us with our changed routines which we are constantly reviewing to ensure they are as safe and manageable as possible for all. We look forward to a successful academic year, hopefully with minimal disruption and I know that we will continue to work together throughout.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who completed our feedback form attached to your child's annual report at the end of last term. The Federation is always looking forwards to be the very best possible and we appreciate your honest opinions, ideas and continued support.

Firstly, this week I would like to introduce and warmly welcome our new Reception children and their families. We also welcome Mrs Gambles (class Byland) to our Sessay school for the Autumn term. Our new children have had a great first week and have already made lots of new friends.



All our children have been settling back into school this week and enjoying their learning. Byland have been getting to know each other and have had lots of fun exploring the different areas of the classroom. The Year 1 children have been super role models for our new Reception children and have helped them all with the routines of the school day. We have had fun with circle time activities, singing and dancing!

Fountains have been thinking about friendships, working on the place value of numbers, doing observational drawings in Art and have loved starting to learn a new language – French!

Bolton have been launching their new topic of 'Mountains'. They have been inspired by their new class novel to research a mountain range around the world. We have started to make models of the different mountain ranges and learned about the different ways mountains can be formed. In maths we have been doing some place value work with some extra-large numbers, the new Year 5's have been ordering and comparing numbers over 1 million!

Rievaulx have started their new topic about the Ancient Mayans and have enjoyed finding out a little about the civilisation. In Science they have started to learn about Forces and had great fun investigating what happens when a basketball transfers energy to a tennis ball! In maths we have been looking at place value and we have enjoyed using the new Chrome books to access Century Tech.

As said in my final Summer term newsletter, this afternoon at 2.30pm I am continuing to host my Friday Celebration Zoom Assembly. This is an opportunity for all our parents and carers at home to still be able to join us at the end of the week to celebrate individual and group achievements. As always everyone is warmly invited. I am very happy to

be able to announce that as of Friday 24th September we would like to invite you back into St Cuthbert's Church to join us.

<p>10 & 17 virtual Zoom invite</p> <p>Miss Bennett is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Topic: SESSAY Friday Celebration Assembly Time: Sep 10, 2021 02:30 PM London Sep 17, 2021 02:30 PM Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81890293986?pwd=cjB5cTZTcnJzcXovMjZhaEFFV2syZz09 Meeting ID: 818 9029 3986 Passcode: DgSMz5</p>

Friday 10 September Awards	
<p>Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison. Squirrel Award – Dylan for settling back into school really well and meeting all his new friends. Headteacher's sticker – All our new Reception children for a super first week at Sessay School. Mathlete – Denver for really challenging himself with his morning maths tasks. Handwriter of the week – Harriet for her lovely neat writing and super sentences.</p>	<p>Fountains, Mrs Sowray. Squirrel Award – Joshua for a fantastic attitude in Forest Schools this week and helping the younger children to identify leaves. Headteacher's sticker – Henry Bell for a super observational drawing of his shoe. Mathlete – William Newsom for some great work on place value this week. Handwriter of the week – Olivia for starting Year 3 with some beautiful handwriting – keep up the good work!</p>
<p>Bolton, Miss Southward. Squirrel Award – Roman for a perfect first week back, you have shown excellent behaviour for learning all week. What a star! Headteacher's sticker – Loc for an exceptional explanation of how Mount Everest was formed. Mathlete – Sam for blowing us all away with his maths work this week. Sam has been reading and writing numbers over a million! Handwriter of the week – Rosie for continuing to write with the same care after the summer break. Rosie's presentation and handwriting in her topic work has been beautiful, a fabulous example for all.</p>	<p>Rievaulx, Mrs Watson and Ms Gauder. Squirrel Award – Luca for a brilliant start to Year 6. He is so conscientious and has a brilliant attitude to his work. Headteacher's sticker – William for his great science investigation. Mathlete – Honesty for her place value work, reading and writing numbers to a million and determining the value of each digit. Handwriter of the week – Angus has made a super start to year 6 with perfectly formed cursive handwriting.</p>

For your information our Collective worship Christian value this half term is Generosity. Your child has got a home school values sheet of ideas in their book bag today, should you wish to explore their understanding of this value further at home.

Please note my school newsletter will continue to be fortnightly as of today.

Have a lovely weekend.

NOTICES:

- Safeguarding notice. We have been made aware of a Sessay village incident at the end of August where a suspect male in a small silver ford approached some teenagers. It appears the male had been following the girls unbeknown to them on Instagram, despite private settings. It raises the importance of 'Stranger Danger' and 'Safety on social media' for all our young people which we are addressing and repeating these important messages through PSHCE lessons in school.
- Updated DfE COVID-19 guidance for parents is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>
- Due to the Queen's Jubilee NYCC have amended our term dates for 2021-22 slightly. Please see the attached amended term dates which are also on our website.
- The following is a uniform reminder as we have had a few queries.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School uniform: • Navy sweater/cardigan • White/sky blue polo shirt • Grey or black skirt, trousers or shorts • Grey/white socks or tights • Black sensible shoes. 	<p>PE Kit: Plain sky blue / white t-shirt Navy/black shorts Tracksuit bottoms and sweatshirt (for outdoor PE) Plimsolls / trainers</p>
<p>Jewellery:- For safety reasons, jewellery should not be worn in school. If a watch is worn, it is at your own risk. Plain stud type earrings may be worn with pierced ears but must be removed (independently) during PE sessions. This is in line with North Yorkshire County Council's policy.</p>	

- 6 September – 24 October Morrison's 'It's Good To Grow' gardening equipment vouchers for schools. Please select our school on your MyMorrisons app to donate your grow tokens, the school will get 1 token for every £10 spent instore or online.

DIARY DATES:

Friday 17 September	Jeans for Genes day – wear jeans and bring in £1 to raise money and awareness in helping half a million UK children with life-altering genetic disorders.
Thursday 23 September	KS1 Year 1 and 2 Fun Run at Thirsk Secondary School.
Friday 24 September	Celebration assembly in St Cuthbert's Church at 2.30pm. Parents warmly invited.
Monday 11 October	Individual and sibling photographs