

## Your fortnightly note from your Headteacher ...

A busy final fortnight of this half term.

Last week our Year 3 and 4 multi-skills team went to Thirsk High School and took part in lots of different sports including team ball games, running races, and throwing activities. There was a focus on teamwork and beating personal bests, which meant that everyone came home with a medal for taking part.



On Sunday 15 May it was the Sessay Scarecrow Festival, a community event I know lots of our families attended. As part of the Scarecrow trail, everyone who took part had to vote for their favourite Scarecrow - Paddington Bear and the Queen won! Well done to all the children and teachers that contributed towards our two scarecrows.

Byland have been enjoying their new text Katie Morag and learning all about Scotland. In Science they have been identifying the different trees in our school grounds through looking closely at their leaf shapes. The children all enjoyed their dance workshop this week and painting portraits of the Queen using watercolours in Art.



Fountains have been busy doing some tea party problem solving in Maths, the Year 3's have written to the Queen and all the children have decorated Jubilee lanterns and cut out and decorated crown biscuits. They have enjoyed playing rounders in PE and had a fabulous dance workshop. The children made some AMAZING crowns as a homework project and they most certainly are fit for a Queen or King!



Bolton have been enjoying learning all about The Queen's life and have designed a palace inspired by her many homes as a child. They have used the chrome books to type up their palace descriptions. The children have also designed and made wonderful crowns inspired by the one the Queen wore at her coronation in 1953. In Maths, the children have been problem solving with fractions, decimal and percentages. In Science they have enjoyed experimenting with electrical circuits and have been designing a switch. The children have continued to enjoy their rounders in PE and had lots of fun this week learning dance routines inspired by the 70's and 80's.

Rievaulx have also been super busy! In English they have been reading 'The Queen's Wardrobe' and perfecting their editing skills which they have applied to their writing. In Maths they have been investigating 3D shapes and nets-designing and making packaging for celebration cakes. They have used their mathematical knowledge and understanding of measures to bake some celebration cakes of their own. This week the children have applied their creative skills to make flowers out of different materials and flags.



As you know this week we have been celebrating The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. As well as learning lots about this special event in history, I know highlights of the week have included the Jubilee Pottery painting club, FOSS Royal Disco, a Dancing Through The Decades workshop on Tuesday and everyone is looking forward to our special Jubilee Tea Party this afternoon! Our SEGG (Sessay Eco Gardening Group) pupil voice group and all the classes have planted some trees on the school site as part of The Queen's Green canopy Platinum Jubilee Project and contributed an individual Queen's head to our very own school First Class Stamp picture.



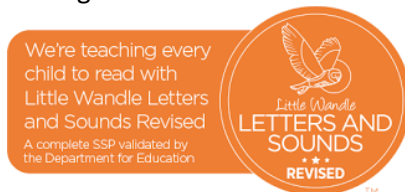
### Friday 20 May Awards

<p><b>Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison.</b>            Squirrel Award – Ollie for working hard in all areas of the curriculum. Ollie has persevered with his maths work with grouping and sharing – well done.            Headteacher's sticker – Isabel for her super creation and description of her Katie Morag character.            Mathlete – Alice for working independently with grouping and sharing this week.            Handwriter of the week - Ebony for working hard with her consonant blends and keeping her letters neatly formed.</p>	<p><b>Fountains, Mrs Sowray.</b>            Squirrel Award – Aletta for her focus and perseverance in Forest School. Well done!            Headteacher's sticker - Joshua and Ellie for reading and speaking so willingly to our visitor in school this week.            Mathlete – Jack Ma for his mature attitude to his Maths quizzes this week, well done!            Handwriter of the week - Olivia P for her beautiful handwriting in her letter to the Queen.</p>
<p><b>Bolton, Miss Southward.</b>            Squirrel Award – Adele for designing a beautiful palace fit for royalty and showing meticulous attention to detail.            Headteacher's sticker – Loc for being confident and polite when working with children from other schools at our sports event this week.            Mathlete – Arthur for his determination to understand our learning about fractions and decimals this week.            Hand writer of the week - Abby for a wonderful poem presented beautifully.</p>	<p><b>Rievaulx, Mrs Watson and Ms Gauder.</b>            Squirrel Award – Angus for his careful editing; showing attention to detail and adventurous use of vocabulary in his story.            Headteacher's sticker - Maddie for her great attitude and willingness to work with others when planning a Science presentation on the computer.            Mathlete – Luca for his problem solving with 3D shapes.            Handwriter of the week - Summer for her beautifully neat writing in English.</p>

As you know tomorrow is a training day and school is closed, therefore there will be no **Friday Celebration assembly**. Have a fantastic half term holiday next week and enjoy the additional bank holiday celebrating the Queen's Jubilee. We look forward to welcoming the children back into school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June for the second half of the summer term.

**NOTICES:**

- Little Wandle. We would like to inform you that after half term we are implementing a new phonics programme to support the teaching and learning of phonics, reading and writing. KS1 children will be bringing home some of our new reading books and further information for parents and how you can support your child at home with phonics and reading will follow.



- On Sunday 17 July it is the 'Hustwaite Rat Race' An exciting obstacle course event for the families of The Hustwaite and Sessay CE Primary Federation and other daring, athletic and fun loving local young people to be held on the Newburgh Priory Estate. Friend's of Hustwaite School are organising this event and being our federative school, children of Sessay school are automatically registered at no cost in return for sponsorship and will be in the 11am Sessay School wave on the day should you wish your child to take part.



Your child has received a 'Hustwaite Rat Race Pack' which included an information sheet, sponsorship form and t-shirt order form.

For friends and family to sign up please go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hustwaite-rat-race-tickets-305727768987>

All sponsorship raised by Sessay children will go towards outdoor educational equipment and resources for Sessay school. There will be a prize for the child at Sessay who raises the most money.

Do visit The Hustwaite Rat Race Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/s/hustwaite-rat-race/365178985558760/>

- COVID-19 CURRENT ADVICE  
For your information the NHS [COVID-19 symptoms in adults](#) and [symptoms in children](#) have been updated. Adults and children who have symptoms of a respiratory infection, including COVID-19, should follow the [UKHSA guidance](#).  
Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can. They can go back to school, college or childcare and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend. If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test, if they can. After 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature, the risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower. This is because children and young people tend to be infectious to other people for less time than adults.
- COVID-19 VACCINATION A guide for parents of children aged 5-11  
[https://cyps.northyorks.gov.uk/sites/default/files/Noticeboard/Red%20bag/Attachments/2022/UKHSA\\_12308\\_COVID-19\\_Guide\\_for\\_parents\\_of\\_5-11years\\_A5\\_8pp\\_leaflet%20GW20211039%2009\\_WEB.pdf?utm\\_campaign=2158380\\_CYP%20e-Red%20Bag%20-%2025%20March%202022&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=North%20Yorks%20County%20Council&dm\\_i=4BPJ,1A9F0,2EBEDW,5XF4N,1](https://cyps.northyorks.gov.uk/sites/default/files/Noticeboard/Red%20bag/Attachments/2022/UKHSA_12308_COVID-19_Guide_for_parents_of_5-11years_A5_8pp_leaflet%20GW20211039%2009_WEB.pdf?utm_campaign=2158380_CYP%20e-Red%20Bag%20-%2025%20March%202022&utm_medium=email&utm_source=North%20Yorks%20County%20Council&dm_i=4BPJ,1A9F0,2EBEDW,5XF4N,1)

**DIARY DATES:**

26 May 2.30-3pm	Afternoon Street Party. Parents and community welcome to join us for our royal celebrations on the playground 2.30pm – 3pm.
Friday 27 May	Staff training day – School Closed
Monday 6 June	Back to school for Summer term 2
9 June	Byland and Fountains Countryside Day
24 June	Bolton visit to Jorvik
27 June – 1 July	Sports and Health Curriculum week

27 June	Sports Afternoon parents invited
7 July	School open morning for perspective parents
12 July	Songbirds Concert parents invited
13 – 15 July	Years 3 and 4 Federation Carlton Lodge Residential
17 July	Husthwaite Rat Race Public Family Event – Newburgh Priory Estate.
20 July	Federation Seaside Trip
22 July	Leaver's Assembly at St Cuthbert's parents invited 1.30pm