

Sessay CE Primary School Newsletter

Your fortnightly note from your Headteacher...

A very busy fortnight in school!

Last week our Year 5 and 6 hockey team and this week our Year 3 and 4 team competed at Thirsk High School in a cluster hockey competition. Great resilience, skill and sportsmanship was shown by all. A huge congratulations to Max who was awarded the 'Most Valued Player Cluster Award'.



A huge thank you to parent Mr Cooke who designed and made our new Friday Celebration Assembly Sessay Acorn Awards. They are beautiful and our first group of children were so happy and proud to be the first to take them home and display on their mantelpieces for the week!



Thank you to our 'Money Makers' Pupil Voice group for organising a 'Come dressed in green and Ice Cream Friday' last Friday to raise money to support the MacMillan Coffee Morning Cancer Research fundraising event. We raised a fabulous £136, well done everyone!

To celebrate the richness of the world of music, we welcomed some visitors to our school on Wednesday for a music enrichment day. Firstly, the children listened to a concert by the Thirsk Royal British Legion Brass Band, conducted by our very own Mrs Price. They listened to a range of music, some traditional and some modern. They learnt about the band and the instruments that were being played – some children even made our very own Husthwaite Brass Band and played the instruments too.

Secondly, all the children took part in an amazing singing workshop, learning and then performing class songs from 'Oliver'. The whole school singing performance was very much enjoyed by all.

Finally, Jo May, a percussionist, came to teach the children all about playing the spoons! They discovered how they could be a percussion instrument and the technique needed to play them. The children then made an ensemble in their classes with their spoons.

We have heard many of the children were very keen to share their musical talents at home with their own spoons!

Yesterday we celebrated 'National Poetry Day' in school. We certainly have many talented poets!

Your class summary from...

Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison.

We have had a busy couple of weeks in Byland. To support our topic on the local area, we went for a walk around Sessay. We looked at the features of the village and how it is different from a town. We talked about what the village hall would be used for – parties seemed to be a popular suggestion! We then looked at the different buildings in Thirsk and the children made their own paintings of them using watercolours. We all

enjoyed our music morning where we sang the song 'Oom Pah Pah' from Oliver, and then learnt how to play the spoons!



Fountains, Mrs Sowray.



We have had another busy couple of weeks in Fountains. Last Monday, we began by re-enacting a Stone Age campfire; we cooked sausages and made eggy bread! On Friday, we all came dressed in green to support Macmillan Cancer. This week we thoroughly enjoyed our music enrichment day; playing the spoons was great fun and we learned 'Consider Yourself' from Oliver. In English, we have written harvest poems and some of us will read them at the Harvest Festival. In science, we have been looking at which paper works best for a mirror.

Bolton, Miss Southward.

This last couple of weeks, Class Bolton have been focussing on addition in maths. They have been investigating how many different methods they could use to find the answer to calculations. In English, they have been researching how people lived during the Stone Age and written an explanation text to show what they've learnt. On National Poetry Day- the children spread some joy in the community by writing their favourite poems and posting them as 'poem mail' to people who live in the village! We have two extra members of the class this week- 'Sarah and Jeff' the leaf nymphs which have inspired lots of conversation about our science topic- living things. A highlight for us all was our music day, who knew Bolton were such talented spoons players?!



Rievaulx, Ms Gauder and Mrs Watson.



Another fortnight of hard work in Rievaulx! We have been working on calculations in maths- focusing on formal written methods for adding and subtracting and carrying out problem solving involving real life situations. In English we have focused our ESPAG work on word classes and have written a description of the main character in our class text. Our topic work has seen us transform into those who attended the Coronation of Queen Victoria in 1838; writing diary entries about the day. On Wednesday we enjoyed a fabulous music enrichment day; we played the spoons, sang along to 'Food, Glorious food' (with actions) and listened to the Thirsk Royal British Legion Band. Last week we enjoyed a fabulous dance session in PE and look forward to working with Kelly again.

Friday 30 September Awards

<p>Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison. Sessay Acorn Award – Leila for her super attitude in all areas of the curriculum and for her lovely watercolour of Thirsk. Headteacher's sticker – Poppie for working so hard on creating a model of Thirsk high street. Mathlete – Wilf for great work with one more and one less. Writer of the week – Ebony for really thinking about her phonics when writing her plan for a party.</p>	<p>Fountains, Mrs Sowray. Sessay Acorn Award – William N for super all round effort this week and for great concentration in discussions. Headteacher's sticker – Cora for being so enthusiastic when singing in class or in collective worship, you're a great role model to others. Mathlete – Ollie for working hard on his 10 more and less work and tackling the challenge questions too! Writer of the week – Denver for working extremely well in English and writing a lovely Harvest poem.</p>
<p>Bolton, Miss Southward. Sessay Acorn Award – Brady for being an all-round superstar all week in all lessons and making us all smile with his super dancing during our active breaks! Headteacher's sticker – Emily for reading with such great expression, she has been a joy to read with! Mathlete – Joel for super reasoning and problem-solving skills linked to place value. Writer of the week – Max and Olivia for writing a fantastic descriptive setting to a story, using a range of exciting vocabulary.</p>	<p>Rievaulx, Mrs Watson and Ms Gauder. Sessay Acorn Award – Arthur for being such a superstar. He is always keen to answer questions and share his ideas. Headteacher's sticker – Primrose for her understanding of formal and informal language in ESPAG Mathlete – Loc for working confidently using rounding and inverse operations to check calculations. Writer of the week – Esme for superb note taking skills in RE.</p>
<p>Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Watson's Superstars. Ollie- for a fabulous acrostic poem</p>	

Friday 7 October – Harvest Festival

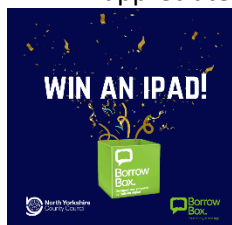
This afternoon you are warmly welcome to **our Harvest Festival** in St. Cuthbert's at the earlier time of 2.30pm, hosted by all our classes.

Have a lovely weekend.

NOTICES:

- Please can we remind all that:
 School gates open at 8.40am to ensure all children are in ready for daily registration at 8.50am. Please note that any children arriving after 8.50am but before 9.10am will be marked as a late.
 We are a nut free school.

- Louisa Carolan your Sessay parent governor will be doing her first 'Governor Surgery' this academic year on Thursday 13th October at drop off at the school gate. This is an opportunity where you can meet your parent governor for an informal chat and ask any questions you may have. Louisa is also available by email CofG@sessay.n-yorks.sch.uk
- Our new Facebook page is now live: Sessay CofE Primary School. Please add us as a Facebook friend and take a look.
- Thank you to all parents and carers who attended our FOSS meeting on Tuesday 27th September. We look forward to our much loved Pumpkin Carving Competition, details to follow very soon. All monies raised by FOSS events benefits all our children and we are hoping this term to raise some money to fund a 'Christmas Cinema Treat' for all as well as our longer-term project to revitalise our school library. It is very much appreciated however much or little time you can give to supporting FOSS.



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DIARY DATES:

10 th October	School Individual Photographs
11 th October	Christmas card order deadline. Parents Evening – All classes
12 th October	Parents Evening – Byland
13 th October	Parents Evening – Fountains, Bolton, Rievaulx
13 th October	Rievaulx Class Ripon – Ripon Workhouse and Museum
15 th October 10am-11.30am	Sessay CE Primary School Open Morning – Prospective Parents
19 th October	Fountains & Bolton Class Trip – Bowes Museum
21 st October	Break up for half term
31 st October	Back to school for Autumn 2
4 th November 1.30 - 2.30pm	School Open Afternoon – 'Parents welcome to see classes in action!'