



Sessay CE Primary School Newsletter

Your fortnightly note from your Headteacher...

Another busy and fun fortnight for all!

Last week all our children took part in our Sessay CE Primary School Spelling Bee competition. As always, we want to keep the profile of spelling at a high, encouraging all our children that remembering our spelling patterns and applying them in our independent writing on a daily basis is to be embedded and remembered by all. Every child tried their very best and everyone was praised for taking part and received a special 'Sessay School Spelling Bee' sticker! The standards were high and a huge congratulations to those children that were awarded 1st and 2nd Spelling Bee certificates in each year group. Well done everyone, keep up the hard work and learning and applying your spellings.



Last Friday, Byland thoroughly enjoyed bundling up locally harvested Spilmans asparagus in maths and being shopkeepers and selling them after school. Byland raised an amazing £80 for school funds! A huge thank you to Spilmans Farm for donating the asparagus and to Mrs Spilman, Wilfred and staff in Byland for organising it.



Today we are celebrating King Charles III Coronation in school. The class crown competitions have been great fun, everyone enjoyed taking part in their 'Class Coronation Crown Parade' and each class has crowned the winning Class Queen and King for the day! They are being treated like royalty of course! We are looking forward to our Coronation themed lunch and every child will be presented with a King Charles III commemorative coin to mark and remember this special occasion with thanks to FOSS.

Many of our children have entered the Sessay Art Exhibition and everyone is welcome to view the gallery in St Cuthbert's Church this bank holiday weekend. Be sure to look out for our amazing Sessay School entry to which all children contributed a beautiful and brightly designed crown!

We wish all our Year 6 children the very best in next week KS2 SAT's week. We know how hard every child works and it is an opportunity for our Year 6 children to experience formal test conditions and show off everything they have learnt during their primary years. I know all the children are looking forward to the Year 6 SAT's breakfast club each day at 8.20am!

Your class summary from...

Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison.

We have had a busy fortnight in Byland. The children are really enjoying our Space topic and have designed and made moon buggies and rockets. We have learnt all about Neil Armstrong using books and iPads to help us with our research. Last week the Year 1 children turned into authors and wrote their own stories based upon our class text Whatever Next! The Reception children designed their own aliens and wrote some sentences about them. In science we have been learning about the parts of plants and sorting fruits and vegetables.



Fountains, Mrs Sowray.

We were so lucky to have a visit from 'Tommy the tortoise' last week, everyone who wanted to go to hold or stroke him!

We have been busy reading lots of different types of scales in maths; measuring mass and capacity. In RE, we have been learning about different Christian symbols of belonging and in English, we have written letters as a Victorian scullery maid and this week we are writing storyboards about the life of King Charles III. The children have all designed and painted a beautiful Coronation plate.



Bolton, Miss Southward

Bolton have continued to focus on fractions and decimals over the last fortnight and have been exploring tenths and hundredths. This week, we have been getting ready for the big day on Saturday and have been looking at the life of King Charles. The children wrote fabulous biographies which they are very proud of. In topic, the children have been looking at the water cycle and have created their own mini water cycle in a bag to observe the processes of evaporation, condensation and precipitation. This fits well with our science where we have been investigating the gas in fizzy drinks as part of 'States of Matter'. Finally, the children have loved learning all about the Hindu festival of Diwali and the Jewish festival of Passover and comparing the two. The highlight has been getting outside to enjoy athletics in the sunshine!



Rievaulx, Mrs Watson and Ms Gauder.

Rievaulx have been busy in maths and English revisiting and recapping, in preparation for year 6s SATS next week. The children did a super job identifying different word classes and grammatical features in our class text. In science the children continued investigating light and presented their research about 'the eye'- some created a model to show how light enters the eye. We have had great fun in topic learning about football through the decades; the children made their own sets of Top Trumps cards for footballers of their choosing. This led to a great debate about who is the greatest football of all time! We have also enjoyed learning about King Charles III, we have incorporated his coronation into many curriculum areas, with a Coronation code- breaker maths challenge, reading comprehensions about the formalities of the ceremony, as well as researching the lives of past monarchs.



Friday 28 April Awards

Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison.

Sessay Acorn Award – Stanley for creating a super alien character and writing a story about him on the moon.
 Headteacher's sticker – Sophia for a super first week at Sessay school. She has settled in well and made lots of new friends.
 Mathlete – Dylan for his work on comparing the capacities of different containers.
 Writer of the week – Wilfred for his super writing about his alien.

Fountains, Mrs Sowray.

Sessay Acorn Award – Ellie for her thoughtful work on the Christian symbols of belonging.
 Headteacher's sticker – Imogen for super effort with her letter as a Victorian scullery maid.
 Mathlete – Billy for his sensible attitude to practical maths and his accurate reading of scales.
 Writer of the week – Jack Mi for his research and written work on Queen Victoria.

Bolton, Miss Southward.

Sessay Acorn Award – Isla C for her conscientious attitude towards her learning which has really shone through this week!
 Headteacher's sticker – Max for tackling new challenges every day this week with a positive attitude and a big smile!
 Mathlete – Niamh and Joel for gaining their 'times tables royalty' status after scoring full marks on their multiplication checks for three days running!
 Writer of the week – Aletta for a detailed and eye-catching water safety poster aimed at KS2 children.

Rievaulx, Mrs Watson and Ms Gauder.

Sessay Acorn Award – Esme for having a fabulous attitude towards her learning this week, and in particular for her great work in science on shadows.
 Headteacher's sticker – Katie for her kindness and supportive attitude towards her peers.
 Mathlete – Conor for working systematically through questions in maths this week.
 Writer of the week – Dexter for super ESPAG work and excellent presentation.

Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Watson's Superstars.

Jack Ma for politely standing aside and letting Mrs Watson through the door.
 Zoe for walking to collective worship so smartly.

Friday 5 May Awards

<p>Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison. Sessay Acorn Award – Finn for working hard with his expression in his reading this week. Headteacher’s sticker – Fran for her super work counting in 2s and for her lovely singing in our song about the planets. Mathlete – Elkie for her work counting in 2s and completing missing number lines. Writer of the week – Charlie for his writing describing his very own planet.</p>	<p>Fountains, Mrs Sowray. Sessay Acorn Award – Jacob for his fantastic Coronation plate design. Headteacher’s sticker – Olivia for her bravery with her leg operation. Mathlete – Isabel for her work on money, using different coins to make the same amount. Writer of the week – William N and Henry for their detailed storyboards of the life of Charles III.</p>
<p>Bolton, Miss Southward. Sessay Acorn Award – Alfie for being a brilliant friend. His work in PSHE shows how Alfie can resolve problems with friends respectfully. Headteacher’s sticker – Brady for his enthusiasm for the King’s Coronation and a wonderful piece of art to mark the big occasion. Mathlete – Edward for absolutely mastering work on decimals this week. Writer of the week – Isla H for a beautifully written biography of King Charles.</p>	<p>Rievaulx, Mrs Watson and Ms Gauder. Sessay Acorn Award – Ava for a positive approach to her learning across the curriculum this week, in particular in maths. Headteacher’s sticker – Asta for her determination to succeed with things she has been finding tricky. Mathlete – Aida for persevering with her fractions, decimals and percentages revision. Writer of the week – Alex for some super grammar work on relative clauses.</p>

This afternoon you are warmly welcome to **Friday Celebration assembly** in St. Cuthbert’s at 2.45pm, this half term hosted by myself.

Enjoy the Coronation bank holiday weekend!

NOTICES:



- A huge congratulations to our Sessay Songbirds Choir mistress Mrs Pollard who completed the London Marathon. An amazing personal achievement and we are all very proud and pleased for her. After only 2 years when she joined a running club during lockdown she ran the marathon in an amazing 4 hours 47 minutes – an inspiration to us all. Well done Mrs Pollard!
- Please note we are a **NUT FREE SCHOOL**. Due to pupil and staff allergies, it is important no food containing nuts is brought into school under any circumstances.
- Please add us as a Facebook friend: Sessay CofE Primary School.

DIARY DATES:

8 May	Coronation Bank Holiday - School Closed
11 May	Bolton educational visit to Headingley water treatment works
9 – 12 May	Year 6 KS2 SAT’s Week
17 May	Whole School Music For Life
22 May	Class photographs
22 May 4pm	Year 4, 5 and 6 Safeguarding, County Lines parent workshop.
26 May	Break up for half term
4 June	Sessay Dog Show
5 June	Start of Summer 2 term