



CE Primary School

'Growing together in love and learning'

Sessay CE Primary School Newsletter

Your fortnightly note from your Headteacher...

It has been a very busy and fun final fortnight to the Autumn term. Last week our Christmas market was again an occasion very much enjoyed by all and we raised an amazing £1001.80! Thank you so much to everyone who made donations, helped, bought raffle tickets and supported this event.



Our first FOSS Sessay Community Winter Concert and raffles were a great success. Performances included Sessay Songbirds, old Sessay pupils, parents, staff and of course The Thirsk Royal British Legion Band. It was a fabulous Christmas occasion, with everyone getting into the Christmas spirit and enjoying a finale of a real community sing along around the piano and Christmas tree. A huge thank you to FOSS for organising this event which raised a fabulous £650! Thank you to our whole Sessay community for supporting this event.



Fundraising enabled the visiting pantomime – The Three Musketeers this week, which included lots of fun, laughing out loud and audience participation. Experiencing the live performance at the village hall was a memorable experience for all, including Mrs Watson who got a starring role of her own!



Yesterday the children enjoyed Christmas stockings on the village green and making Christingles. The Stockings were kindly donated by local knitters and the Christingles by a local Sessay resident – thank you!

Your fortnightly class summary from ...

Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison.

After our Christmas production, the children all drew a picture of themselves in their costumes and wrote a sentence explaining which part they had played. There were some super pictures and writing! The children then enjoyed listening to The Christmas Story and then putting the pictures in the correct order. We have created some lovely Christmas crafts to bring home and have enjoyed the Christmas party, Christmas dinner and pantomime at the village hall. We wish you all a lovely Christmas.



Fountains, Mrs Jackson.



In Fountains, Year 2 have been so busy with all their quizzes in English and maths. They have worked so hard and were certainly ready for our Christmas festivities this week! Both Year 1 and Year 2 have created some wonderful acrostic poems about Christmas, plus some thoughtful poems about Christingle. They have also written letters to Father Christmas as part of their work in English. We all had an amazing Christmas party, watched a funny pantomime and created some lovely decorations to bring home. Everyone is ready for their Christmas holiday!! Merry Christmas everyone!

Bolton, Mrs Sowray and Miss Wilkie.



We have had a very busy last couple of weeks! The children have worked hard on their assessments and finished off their research on the North African White Rhinos. This final week has been jam-packed with Christmas activities; class party with a visit from Father Christmas, a delicious Christmas lunch, a pantomime, making Christmas cards and Christingles. We hope that everyone has a lovely Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Rievaulx, Ms Gauder and Mrs Watson.

A huge well done to all the children in Rievaulx for their hard work this term. There had been some super writing produced in English - diary entries from Shackleton and his crew on their Antarctic expedition. In maths, we have been continuing our work on Fractions; the children all put in huge amounts of effort with their end of unit quizzes. Our geography lessons have focused on renewable and non-renewable sources of energy and I look forward to seeing the children's homework giving them the opportunity to design their own devices for generating energy. Fun and festivities have brought the term to a close this week, including lots of fabulous jokes told at the Christmas party and entertainment at The Three Musketeers.



Friday 15 December Awards

Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison.

Sessay Acorn Award – Emmie for her super attitude to her learning and for being a kind friend.
 Headteacher's sticker – Frankie for his wonderful contributions to our class discussion on animals which live in hot and cold environments.
 Mathlete – Gege for working hard with her number formation this week.
 Writers of the week – Rosalie and Marnie
 Rosalie for her independent writing using the resources and displays around the classroom to support her.
 Marnie for her lovely writing about being an angel in our play.

Fountains, Mrs Jackson.

Sessay Acorn Award – Cameron for his super attitude and always working to the best of his ability. Cameron always ensures such attention to detail in all his tasks.
 Headteacher's sticker – Teddy for simply not giving up with our very busy quizzes week.
 Mathlete – Frankie for his quick accurate responses to our mental maths questions this week.
 Writer of the week – Leila for all her written work during our quizzes this week. Clear and precise answers.

Bolton, Mrs Sowray and Miss Wilkie.

Sessay Acorn Award – Mia. She was an invaluable help during the school fair and made sure the biscuit icing went smoothly. Thank you!
 Headteacher's sticker – Olivia, for embracing her tasks and challenges with a positive attitude.
 Mathlete – Isabel for working hard on her times tables.
 Writer of the week – Connie for her thoughtful written responses in PSHE.

Rievaulx, Ms Gauder and Mrs Watson.

Sessay Acorn Award – Isla. C for always being the best version of herself. So kind, polite and hard-working.
 Headteacher's sticker – Joel for kindly helping and supporting other children when using the Micro:bits for coding.
 Mathlete – Dexter for his maturity and perseverance with his maths arithmetic quiz this week.
 Writer of the week – Betsy for her clear, well-written diary entry.

Autumn Term 2023 Awards	Awards for attainment.	Awards for progress and effort.	Awards for good manners.
BYLAND	Rec – Olivia	Rec – Martha	Rec – Emmie
FOUNTAINS	Y1 - Frankie Y2 - Ebony	Y1 - Sophia Y2 - Obi	Y1 - Poppie Y2 - Joseph
BOLTON	Y3 – Rosie Y4 - Denver	Y3 – Mia Y4 – Imogen	Y3 – Isabel Y4 - Cora
RIEVAULX	Y5 - Olivia	Y5 - Joshua	Y5 - Emily

Autumn Term 2023 Headteacher Award

Lily, Class Fountains – Lily always tries her very best and never gives up. She is a good friend to all and is always so smiley, positive and polite. A fabulous role model to all. Thank you and well done.

Please remember there is no **Friday Celebration Assembly** today (Friday 22 December) due to our end of term Christingle service at 1.30pm in St Cuthbert's Church, everyone is warmly invited.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming the children back into school on Tuesday 9th January 2024.

NOTICES:

- **Husthwaite HMI Ofsted monitoring visit, 24 November 2023.** For your information our Federation school Husthwaite had a very successful monitoring visit this half term and the report letter will be sent out to all before being published in the New Year.
- **School newsletter.** I would like to inform you that as of next term the school newsletter will be monthly. Class summaries, some photographs and weekly awards will be posted on individual Class Dojos weekly.
- North Yorkshire Healthy Schools, **Winter Healthy Living Advice For Families leaflet is attached again this week.** There is a fun 12 days of Christmas Challenge activities to have a go at in the Christmas holidays.
- **School Drop Off** Please can we remind everyone that **school starts at / registration is at 8.45am.** The wooden gates are officially opened at 8.35am and locked at 8.45am/after all school buses have arrived. Any child arriving after 8.45am is recorded as late (L) and if arrives after registration is closed at 9am is recorded as unauthorised (U).
- **POLITE REMINDER REGARDING PARKING AROUND SCHOOL.** Please can everyone remember not to park on the grass verges and village green at this time of year as the mud becomes so slippery and ultimately the ground is hard to walk on and grass is damaged. Please DO NOT PARK on the yellow zig-zag and double yellow lines outside and around the front of school. Having sought clarification from the highways agency we would like to confirm it is only the school bus that is allowed on the zig zag lines outside the front gate. Blue badge holders must ensure they display their badge and follow government blue badge parking rules. As we know you will understand, safety and access for all is of the utmost importance.
- **Fountains, farewell and thank you to Mr Pope.** Mr Pope has thoroughly enjoyed his time at Sessay, working with all our fabulous children, staff and parents. We wish him all the very best in his world travelling adventures. In January current staff and supply will ensure stability and continuity to the fabulous Fountains / EYFS and KS1 team until we recruit.
- **TAX FREE CHILDCARE.** Did you know that you can get up to £500 every 3 months (up to £2,000 a year) for each of your children to help with the costs of childcare. If you get Tax-Free Childcare, you can set up an online childcare account for your child. For every £8 you pay into this account, the government will pay in £2 to use to pay your provider. You can get Tax-Free Childcare at the same time as 30 hours free childcare if you're eligible for both. To find out more: <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

DIARY DATES:

22 December	Christmas Church Service 1.30pm St Cuthbert's School closes 2.30pm
8 January	Staff training day
9 January 2024	8.45am school opens for the Spring Term 1.
15 January	North Yorkshire closing date for Reception children September 2024 applications.
22 January	Years 5 and 6 Newby Wiske federation residential parent information evening. 5pm zoom.
9 February	Break up for half term
19 February	8.45am school opens for the Spring Term 2.
26 Feb – 1 March	Years 5 and 6 residential to Newby Wiske
11-14 March	Year 6 KS2 Mock SAT's week
22 March	1.30pm Easter Service St Cuthbert's Church School closes 2.30pm for Easter