



Sessay CE Primary School Newsletter

Your fortnightly note from your Headteacher...

Welcome back, what a busy first week of the second half of the spring term. I hope everyone had a lovely half term holiday.

The week before half term we marked Safer Internet Day and Children's Mental Health Week.



Also, our KS2 children enjoyed a fun afternoon at the cluster Cross Country event at Thirsk High School. All the children participated with such enthusiasm and were so encouraging of each other. Very well done to all; with a special mention to Katie who came 1st in the year 6 girls race, and Matthew who came 2nd in the year 5 boys race. This week the whole school had a special service with Rev David at St Cuthbert's to mark Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday. Also, thank you to all Year 4, 5 and 6 parents who attended or requested the recording of our parent 'Social Media, online pressures and gaming' workshop yesterday evening. We hope you found it informative and supportive in providing information about keeping your child safe online.

Your class summary from...

Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison.

We had a very busy last week of term with learning a song for Internet Safety Day, making Yorkshire puddings and visiting Spilman's farm, which we all really enjoyed. This week we have made pancakes and have enjoyed reading Mr Wolf's Pancakes, our new class text. On Wednesday morning we came into class to discover a letter from Mr Wolf asking us for our pancake recipes, so we wrote back to him explaining how to make them using lots of different connectives. In Science we have started our new topic on Minibeasts and we have used pastels to create some lovely pictures of different minibeasts for our class display.



Fountains, Mrs Sowray.

We've had yet another busy couple of weeks. Just before half term, we had a fabulous African drumming workshop. All the children were involved in making up their own rhythms and learning different ways of playing the drums and everyone started making their African masks.

The Y3 children attended the KS2 Cross Country at Thirsk Secondary School, a fantastic effort from everyone who went! On Safer Internet Day, the children were learning about their digital footprints; every website or App they visit creates their own digital footprint.

In Maths, we have been learning about 2D shape – recognising properties of shapes, drawing shapes and yesterday the Y2's did a shape scavenger hunt.

In art this week, we have been designing and making our Maasai necklaces, they are so vibrant and colourful!

In PSHE, we have started our new topic 'Healthy Me' and we have been thinking about different ways to keep ourselves healthy and motivated.



Bolton, Miss Southward.

The children have been busy in English over the last couple of weeks writing newspapers and job advertisements all inspired by our class book Beowulf. Our trip to the Jorvik Viking centre this week inspired our writing even more and of course, the children learned so much more about Viking life! In maths, Bolton have finished their topic of shape and are now looking at position and direction- this has included lots of games like battleships! In science, the children were challenged to use their knowledge and understanding of electricity to create a character with a light up nose! In RE, we thought about how we can symbolise lent and what it means for Christians. Rev David helped us to mark the start of lent with a special Ash Wednesday service at St Cuthbert's and by putting ash crosses on some of our heads at the end of our collective worship. It has been a very busy couple of weeks, so it was nice to wind down at the end of the week with our first yoga session in PE!



Rievaulx, Mrs Watson and Ms Gauder.

This week Rievaulx have started to look at World War One poetry. They have learnt how war poets used writing as an outlet of their experiences of war and analysed a variety of poems. In maths year 5 have been refining their use of written methods of multiplication, whilst year 6 have been working on ratio and proportion. We had great fun learning the Charleston in dance, incorporating the correct foot and hand movements. In French we started our new unit 'Au café' and learnt the French for many hot and cold drinks, and snacks. Our topic work this week involved researching the life of a particular soldier during WW1; Walter Tull, who was the first British-born black army officer.



Friday 10 February Awards

Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison.

Sessay Acorn Award – Ebony for her super recipe on how to make Yorkshire puddings. She used connectives and used an exclamation mark for her warning.

Headteacher's sticker – Esme for working hard with her phonics this week. Esme has impressed us with both her reading and writing.

Mathlete – Cameron for writing fact families independently using the tens frames.

Fountains, Mrs Sowray.

Sessay Acorn Award – Jack Ma for some great computing work about digital footprints; he contributed some important points in class.

Headteacher's sticker – Jack Mi for his consistent effort with his spellings this half term.

Mathlete – Ellie for some super work on perimeter this week.

Writer of the week – Rosie for her 'Thank you' letter for the drumming workshop.

Writer of the week – Poppie for using her phonics to add labels to her picture.	
Bolton, Miss Southward. Sessay Acorn Award – Aletta for her huge effort in the cross country event. Headteacher’s sticker – Darcie for her conscientious attitude to her work, Darcie puts 100% effort into her work at home and school. Mathlete – Max and Emily for amazing independent problem solving with shape. Writer of the week – Olivia for an excellent character description and also for her story writing at home!	Rievaulx, Mrs Watson and Ms Gauder. Sessay Acorn Award – Aida-Rae for her can-do attitude towards her learning and asking for further explanation when she doesn’t fully understand. Headteacher’s sticker – Adele for her perseverance at cross country. Mathlete – Abby for her reasoning and problem-solving skills this week when working with area and perimeter. Writer of the week – Faith for her diary entry about our trip to young Voices, she wrote with such enthusiasm about our day.
Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Watson’s Superstars. The whole of KS2 for having such a sporting attitude towards their KS2 cross country. You all represented the school so well.	

Friday 24 February Awards	
Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison. Sessay Acorn Award – Joseph for working hard with both his reading and writing. Headteacher’s sticker – Freddie for being more independent around the classroom and having a super attitude. Mathlete – Frankie for his super number bond work. Writer of the week – Alfie for his super letter to Mr Wolf. His writing was lovely and neat and he used lots of different connectives.	Fountains, Mrs Sowray. Sessay Acorn Award – Joseph for his fantastic effort with his African mask. Headteacher’s sticker – Jack Mi for his kindness when helping Mrs Harper to move boxes in ASC. Mathlete – Harriet for her 2D shape work and working hard on reasoning questions. Writer of the week – Henrey for trying really hard with his holiday news; he included adjectives and adverbs to make his writing more interesting.
Bolton, Miss Southward. Sessay Acorn Award – Betsy for contributing so much to discussions during our school trip to Jorvik. Headteacher’s sticker – Alfie for persevering when tasks have been tricky this week! Mathlete – Isla C for working so hard this week to plot coordinates accurately! Writer of the week – Joel for writing a super job advert for a Viking warrior!	Rievaulx, Mrs Watson and Ms Gauder. Sessay Acorn Award – Primrose for being such a valued member of Rievaulx. She puts 100% effort into all she does and always offers her answers and opinion in lessons. Headteacher’s sticker – Ava for trying really hard to perfect the footwork to the Charleston in dance. Mathlete – Esme for persevering with column multiplication. She has shown real determination with it. Writer of the week – Roman for such enthusiasm working on his presentation about a WW1 poem.

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

Have a lovely weekend.

NOTICES:

- We warmly welcome Mr Pope, our new Rievaulx teaching assistant to our Sessay family.
- World Book Day, Thursday 2 March 2023 – All children will be coming home tonight with a small wooden spoon! Please support your child in transforming the spoon into a book character of their choice. Spoon characters are to be returned to school for World Book Day on Thursday. Children will not be dressing up this year but will be enjoying lots of reading related activities throughout the day. Today your child will bring home their £1 World Book Day National Book Token, which entitles them to a free book.
- This half term we will be moving to a new school payment and communication system, which will replace Parentpay. We will be adopting ‘Arbor Parent Portal’ and the Arbor app will allow us to communicate with you more efficiently. We are really looking forward to getting started with Arbor and next week will be sending you further information. It will be a gradual process over this half term and we will keep you informed at each stage. Please bear with us as things may take longer to process.

- Before half term across the federation we had an increase in Scarlet Fever and Strep A cases and once again we would like to draw your attention to this information. Please make sure you are aware of the symptoms and we recommend you seek medical advice immediately if you have any concerns at all about your child.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/scarlet-fever-symptoms-diagnosis-treatment/scarlet-fever-factsheet>

- As informed last half term the NEU (National Education Union) has announced the following strike days for teachers: Tuesday 28 February 2023, Wednesday 15 March 2023 and Thursday 16 March 2023. As always we will do everything we can to ensure that school remains open to all children and that all staff are supported by each of us, regardless of this action. We would like to confirm that at this present moment in time school remains open on these days for all children.
 - Please can we remind everyone all children go into class at 8.45am and the school gate is closed at 8.50am. Children arriving after this time will be marked as late for registration. It is important for everyone to be on time and have a positive, calm start to each day.
 - **PARKING AROUND SCHOOL.** Please can everyone remember not to park on the yellow zig-zag and double yellow lines outside and around the front of school. Only the school bus and Disabled Blue Badge holders are allowed to park in this area and obviously, safety for all is of the utmost importance.
 - 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:

2 March	World Book Day 2023
w/c 6 March	Year 6 mock SAT's week
6 March	Year 5 Thirsk School Enrichment Day
10 March	Non uniform day in return for Mother's day sale gifts
14 March	Science Enrichment Day as part of National Science Week Parent's Evening
15 March	Mother's Day Gift Sale am
16 March	Parent's Evening
17 March	SEGG educational visit to Allerton Park Red Nose Day 2023
w/c 20 March	FoSS Spring Disco
23 March	Louisa Carolan our school parent governor will be doing her governor surgery at drop off.
31 March	FOSS Easter Egg Hunt Easter Raffle Easter Service at St Cuthbert's Church 1.30pm