

## Sessay CE Primary School Newsletter

### Your fortnightly note from your Headteacher...

Happy New Year to all and best wishes for 2023!

It was lovely to welcome all our children back in to school this week for the Spring term.

### Your class summary from...

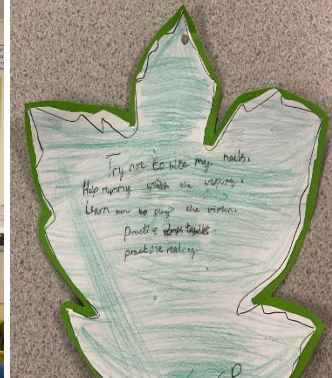
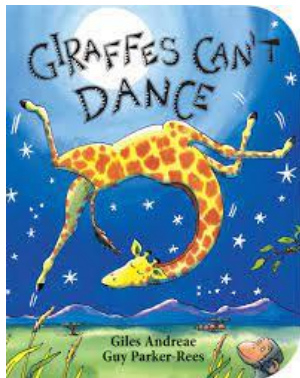
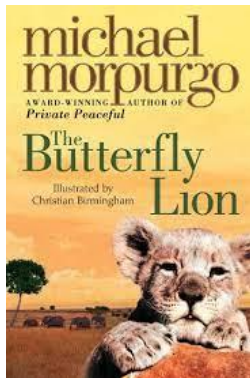
#### Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison.

Byland have started their new topic all about The United Kingdom. The children have labelled the countries and capital cities of the UK on a map and have learnt about and created their own Union Jack flags. The children are enjoying our new class text 'Katie in London' written by James Mayhew.

In maths we have been identifying, naming and sorting 2d shapes and creating patterns with them.



#### Fountains, Mrs Sowray.

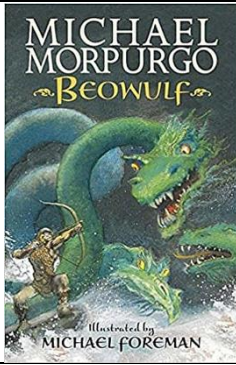


We have started our new class text 'The Butterfly Lion' this week and we have been busy working on Odd and Even numbers, as well as starting tallying and creating bar graphs. In PSHE we have been looking at success and thinking about goals we have achieved and how this made us feel. In P.E. we started invasion games and played 'rats and catchers' learning to dodge, turn and look about.

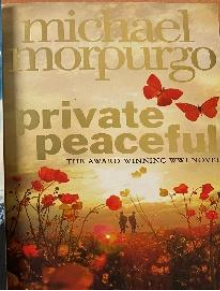
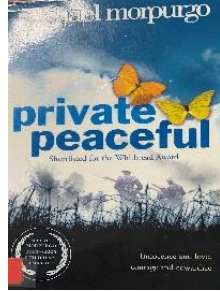
A great first week back; the children have had lots of news to share and they have all written New Year's resolutions which are on display in class.

#### Bolton, Miss Southward.

Year 4 have had an excellent start to the spring term. They have been inspired by the launch of their new topic 'Vikings' by designing and making Viking shields, helmets and weapons. The children learned about the strategies and tactics used by Viking warriors and enjoyed re-enacting a battle. Beowulf is the new class text which will be the inspiration for lots of excellent reading and writing activities this term. In maths this week, the children have started to look at measure and have been practising reading different scales accurately.



**Rievaulx, Ms Gauder.**



Rievaulx have started to read their new class text *Private Peaceful* which is linked to our topic WW1. They have enjoyed reading the first chapter, trying to predict what might happen next. In PE we have been working on stamina- lots of exercises and running around the field in preparation for cross country at Thirsk later in the term. In maths this week we have been looking at place value and decimals. Year 5's have been finding equivalent fractions and decimals and Year 6 have been reasoning and problem solving.

### Friday 9 January Awards

**Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison.**

Sessay Acorn Award – Emily for her increased confidence with answering questions on the carpet.  
 Headteacher's sticker – Lily for working hard with her reading and her accurate work creating her Union Jack flag.  
 Mathlete – Alfie for thinking of different ways to sort 2d shapes.  
 Writer of the week – Esme for working independently with her writing and forming her letters correctly.

**Fountains, Mrs Sowray.**

Sessay Acorn Award – Cora for some great ideas for New Year's resolutions - 'Turning over a new leaf'.  
 Headteacher's sticker – Connie for coming back to school with a smile on her face and trying hard with all her work.  
 Mathlete – Paisley for working hard on Odd and Even numbers this week.  
 Writer of the week – William N for his writing in PSHE about goals and how it made him feel.

**Bolton, Miss Southward.**

Sessay Acorn Award – Joel for coming back to school with a big smile on his face and a 'ready to learn' attitude!  
 Headteacher's sticker – Edward for being such a supportive class member and helping children who are finding things tricky.  
 Mathlete – Aletta for super work on reading scales.  
 Writer of the week – Isla H for her detailed write up about Viking battle in her topic work.

**Rievaulx, Ms Gauder.**

Sessay Acorn Award – Adele for her continued excellent attitude and great behaviour for learning.  
 Headteacher's sticker – Ava and James for their perseverance in cross country running.  
 Mathlete – Henry for his work on equivalent fractions and decimals.  
 Writer of the week – Matthew for his monologue based on his first day at school.

### **Lunchtime Buddy Superstars**

All the MSA's would like to recognise Adele and Aida Rae for all their hard work and enthusiasm in helping with the younger children at lunchtime. Thank you.

For your information our Collective worship Christian value this half term is 'Creativity'. Your child has got a home school values sheet of ideas in their book bag today, should you wish to explore their understanding of this value further at home.

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

Have a lovely weekend.

## NOTICES:

- At the end of last term we sent out parent information regarding the current increase in Scarlet Fever and Strep A cases. 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>

- **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:

15 January	Deadline for applications for Reception Class September 2023 – all applications to be made online
18 January	Cluster years 5 and 6 football
19 January	Chinese New Year lunch
26 January	Curriculum enrichment day – China Years 3 and 4 cluster tchoukball
2 February	Years 5 and 6 Young Voices, Sheffield Arena
9 February	Cluster KS2 cross country