



## Sessay CE Primary School Newsletter

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

Welcome back to the Summer term, we hope everyone had a restful and fun Easter holiday!

It most certainly was a busy final week to the Spring term. Class Bolton did a wonderful production all about The Vikings which was not only enjoyed by every child in the school, but also, they did a fabulous performance to their parents.



Every child in school enjoyed a fun 'Chi Chi dance' taster workshop, thank you to parent Mrs Joyce for giving our children this opportunity.

A huge thank you to FOHS for organising a much loved Easter disco and Easter egg hunt around our beautiful school grounds. Also, a huge thank you to Mrs Waite for arranging an Easter raffle. Altogether we raised an amazing £452! Amazing, well done everyone!



And we ended the term with a beautiful Easter service at St Cuthbert's Church with Rev David. As always, every child in the school took part and The Sessay Songbirds choir performed beautifully.

### Your class summary from...

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

In the last week of term, the children wrote their own books all about The Easter Story alongside lots of Easter crafts and songs. We really enjoyed our Easter Egg hunt on the last day of term – many thanks to FOSS for organising this.

The children are excited about our new Space topic and have been learning about the moon this week. Year 1 wrote some questions about the moon and then used books and iPads to find the answers out and the Reception children have written a list of items they would take with them if they visited the moon. Our new class text is *Whatever Next!* By Jill Murphy and the children have been acting the story out using different props to help them. In music the children enjoyed playing the ocarinas and have brought these home to practise *Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star*.



#### Fountains, Mrs Sowray.

We had a great end to the Spring Term and the children thoroughly enjoyed the Easter egg hunt and the school discos kindly organised by FOSS.

It has been lovely to come back to some sunny weather, the children were delighted to get onto the field at playtime on Thursday!

In Maths, we have started comparing and measuring the mass of objects. The children have all written a holiday recount and they have organised their work with time conjunctions, good description and focused on writing in the past tense. We have started a new unit in RE and we started thinking about 'belonging' and looking at symbols that show we belong to different organisations – Songbirds, school, sports clubs etc

A great start to learning spellings this week; many of the children got full marks – keep up the good work!



#### Bolton, Miss Southward

It has been a fabulous first week back. The children have been getting stuck into their new class text, *The Song of the Dolphin Boy*, where we have been exploring the setting and characters introduced in chapter 1. Bolton have been working really hard on fractions this week in maths and I have been very impressed with the mathematical discussion during our sessions. Bolton have been doing some map work in topic, locating the major rivers in the UK and using the atlases to find out some key information about rivers. We have been marking the start of the Islam festival of Eid in our RE sessions and have been discussing how it is celebrated across the world. The highlight of our week has been starting work on the artist Hokusai whose work is inspired by the natural beauty of Japan. Mrs Sanderson showed us all our names written in Japanese as we are all fascinated by Japanese writing!

Brady	ブラディ 勇 (yuu)
Olivia	オリビア 悠 (yuu)
Aletta	アレタ 翼 (tsubasa)
Darcie	ダールシー 保 (tao)
Edward	エドワード 守 (mori)
Isla	アイラ 望 (nozomi)
Emily	エミリー 忍 (shin)
Betsy	ベジー 悪 (aku)
Joshua	ジョシュア 信 (shin)
Eliza	エリザ 聖 (seiji)
Max	マックス 真 (ma)
Joel	ジョー 貴 (ki)
Niamh	ニーム 明 (mei)
Alfie	アルフィー 賢 (ken)

**Rievaulx, Mrs Watson and Ms Gauder.**

It has been a great start to the summer term for Rievaulx. The sunshine certainly helped to kickstart this half term's science unit on 'Light', with an investigation linked to shadows. This has also been the focus for English work, as we have been planning and starting to write an explanation text linked to this experiment. In maths we have enjoyed reading and plotting co-ordinates, and solving problems linked to this. Music, with Mr Houghton, was a superb introduction to our 'Dazzling Decades' topic as the children began creating their own pieces of music through an online learning space called Yumu- Charanga. In PE we started to develop our sprinting skills by considering our starting positions for a race.



**Friday 21 April Awards**

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

Sessay Acorn Award – Obi for his super contributions to our class discussions on our new Space topic.  
 Headteacher's sticker – Alfie for his super attitude and working hard in all areas of the curriculum.  
 Mathlete – Esme for her super working with weighing different objects.  
 Writer of the week – Emily for working hard on her rocket design sheet. She used her phonics really well to list all the items she needed.

**Fountains, Mrs Sowray.**

Sessay Acorn Award – Harriet for her work on 'Belonging' in RE this week.  
 Headteacher's sticker – Connie for getting full marks in her spellings this week.  
 Mathlete – Denver for trying hard with his work on mass and his extra arithmetic practice.  
 Writer of the week – Jack J for working hard and editing his holiday recount.

**Bolton, Miss Southward.**

Sessay Acorn Award – Joshua for taking responsibility for his learning. Joshua has been asking great questions in sessions to make sure he is on track.  
 Headteacher's sticker – Eliza for coming back to school with enthusiasm and a 'can do' attitude.  
 Mathlete – Olivia for excellent work on finding fractions of a number.  
 Writer of the week – Betsy for great writing about the characters of our class text.

**Rievaulx, Mrs Watson and Ms Gauder.**

Sessay Acorn Award – James for his enthusiasm towards his learning; great work in French and PE this week.  
 Headteacher's sticker – Abby for her 'can-do' attitude across all areas of the curriculum this week.  
 Mathlete – Primrose for working confidently through some complex problem solving questions about co-ordinates.  
 Writer of the week – Rocco for some well thought out answers when planning our explanation texts about how shadows are formed.

For your information our collective worship Christian value this half term is 'Responsibility'. 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 great weekend.

#### NOTICES:

- King Charles III Coronation Celebrations – design and make a crown at home (raid your recycling!) and wear a crown to school fit for a King or Queen on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May. Each class will have a crown fashion parade competition with the winners being the Class King and Queen for the day! There will also be a special Coronation School Lunch on this day. Sessay village Coronation Art Exhibition entries need to be brought into school on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May in readiness for the exhibition which will be held in St Cuthbert's Church over the Coronation weekend.
- With a heavy heart I would like to inform you that Mrs Waite will be retiring and leaving Sessay School at the end of this academic year. She has been at Sessay school for a very long standing 23 years and has given so much to the school and Federation, for which we will be eternally grateful. We will all so miss her daily smiles, helpful hands and words in all aspects of Sessay School life and I know how much she has enjoyed working with every child and family who have been at the school over her time with us. In July we will be wishing her well on her retirement adventures.
- Thank you to all who contributed to our Bag2School Collection today, we raised £78!
- The NEU (National Education Union) has announced there will be a further two strike days for teachers: Thursday 27 April 2023 and Tuesday 2 May 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. Your child may be taught by a different teacher to normal on these days.
- **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. Please do not park on the green (the grass and daffodils are being damaged), when necessary, please park on the road down to Sessay village and use the footpath up to school. 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:

24 April	Whole School Cricket Chance to Shine
28 April	Sessay School Spelling Bee Competition
1 May	Bank Holiday - School Closed
3 May	Sessay village Coronation Art Exhibition entries to be brought into school
4 May	Sessay Stay and Play for toddlers
5 May	Coronation Crown Competition. Children to come to school wearing their home made and individually designed 'Coronation Crowns!'
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
26 May	Break up for half term
4 June	Sessay Dog Show
5 June	Start of Summer 2 term