



CE Primary School 'Growing together in love and learning'

Sessay CE Primary School Newsletter

Your fortnightly note from your Headteacher...

We have had busy weeks both before and after the half term holiday.

Before half term all our children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in our annual FOSS Pumpkin Carving/Decorating Competition which was judged by Robin and our Pet Therapy Dogs Tinker and Conker. Congratulations to all the winners. We had some extremely creative designs!



A huge congratulations to our Year 5/6 football team who came first at the Thirsk Cluster football competition yesterday at Thirsk High School. An outstanding performance with multiple goals scored!



Many thanks to Thirsk Yarnbombers for working with our children in Byland to add their poppies to our school Remembrance Day poppy net. This week the children have thoroughly enjoyed their learning about Remembrance Day and Mrs Watson is looking forward to all classes sharing their learning in celebration assembly this afternoon.



Your fortnightly class summary from ...

Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison.

We have had a very busy start to the new term. We have been learning all about Guy Fawkes and have created some lovely bonfire night pictures using a range of resources. We have all enjoyed acting out scenes from our new class text 'Room on the Broom', thinking about how the different characters would feel and what they would say. In maths we are learning the names of 2d shapes and using their properties to describe them. We have made pictures using shapes and been on a shape hunt around the school grounds. We have been learning all about what happens on Remembrance Day and why we mark this important occasion every year, and we have enjoyed making our poppy wreaths to share in our Friday celebration assembly.



Fountains, Mrs Jackson.



What a busy first week to the term. In computing we have been learning about technology outside school. We used clip art to drag and drop pictures, then used the keyboard to write labels and captions. We also had our first PE session outside with Mr Shimwell, focusing on multi skills using bats and balls. In science we have started our new topic of seasonal pattern and change, looking firstly at the weather and how the weather reports are presented on the BBC. In English we created some short poems about poppies and their significance, learning about what happens on Remembrance Day. Finally, we used water colour, paint and collage to create our beautiful poppy artwork ready to show in the Church for Remembrance.

Bolton, Mrs Sowray and Miss Wilkie.



We finished off making the buzz wire games in science, the children all worked so hard to find a solution if their circuit wasn't complete. We had our last session of tag rugby; everyone is now more confident at throwing a ball sideways or backwards!

As always, the pumpkin carving competition was a great success! The children finished off their English unit by making 'Creative Sandwiches' and writing out their own instructions – the sandwiches were amazing! The children have been working hard on addition this week.

They have also started some coding work with Mr Houghton and have been busy designing and making 3D structures in Design & Technology.

Rievaulx, Ms Gauder and Mrs Watson.



We have been busy in Rievaulx with a trip to The Life Centre, Newcastle to enhance our work in science, with last half terms theme on 'space'. Many said 'it was the best trip ever', with so many hands-on activities to enjoy. We also had a workshop in the planetarium to learn more about constellations. In class we have finished writing poems, on the theme of Hope, linked to Remembrance Day and have now started a new fiction unit based on the story 'The Girl who Stole an Elephant.' We have focused on a scene where the main character is being chased by the King's Guards. In maths, Year 6 have been problem solving, making use of the written methods for multiplication and division. Year 5 have been learning about factors, multiples and prime numbers. Forest school this week was lots of fun, designing a rocket made from a bottle which links with our new science theme of Forces. Also, it has been a delight to read the 500 word stories written for homework which have been submitted to the BBC 500 word story competition - fingers crossed to our budding authors in Rievaulx!

Friday 10 November Awards
All classes Remembrance Day Sharing

Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison.

Sessay Acorn Award – Gege for her super reading and discussion of the story this week.
Headteacher's sticker – Marnie for contributing her lovely ideas to our lesson on Remembrance Day.
Mathlete – Frankie for his lovely pictures using 2d shapes.
Writer of the week – James for working hard with his phonics and letter formation.

Fountains, Mrs Jackson.

Sessay Acorn Award – Wilf for his thoughtful contributions to our class poem about poppies and their significance.
Headteacher's sticker – Cameron for his lovely poppy art work.
Mathlete – Esme for trying so hard with her number bonds.
Writer of the week – Lily for lots of lovely independent writing with letters correctly formed. Lily has been so focused.

Bolton, Mrs Sowray and Miss Wilkie.

Sessay Acorn Award – Harriet for her happy and hard-working attitude this week, well done!
Headteacher's sticker – Jacob for super swimming, impressing the adults and moving up a group.
Mathlete – Olivia for some super work on the addition of 4 – digit numbers with exchanging.
Writer of the week – Isabel for writing some great instructions for her 'Princess Sandwich'. She used lots of time conjunctions and bossy verbs!

Rievaulx, Ms Gauder and Mrs Watson.

Sessay Acorn Award – Arthur for his attitude towards his learning and being an excellent role model.
Headteacher's sticker – The football team! For their superb teamwork yesterday (and for coming first!)
Mathlete – Eliza for her confident work on factors and multiples.
Writer of the week – Joshua for his story extract about a 'chase'.

Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Watson's Superstars.

Reception- for lining up super smartly for assembly.

For your information our Collective Worship Christian Value this half term is Thankfulness. 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** at St Cuthbert's Church at 2.45pm, this half term hosted by Mrs Watson.

Have a lovely weekend.

NOTICES:

- **Arbor** Apologies for any difficulties and errors in relation to our new school payment system at present. We are trying to resolve all issues with individual Arbor accounts as soon as possible.
- **'Life Skills' whole school curriculum enrichment day – 14th November.** A final plea to any parents who would be willing to spare half an hour and come in to speak about their job would be very welcome as part of our career aspirations work. Please let your child's class teacher know as soon as possible.
- **BAGS2SCHOOL** – there will be a Bags2School collection at 9am on Wednesday 22nd November. Please bring bags of clothing, shoes, handbags, belts and accessories in a bin bag to the front of school before 9am. The more weight we collect, the more money we get! This time you are being asked to use your own bin bags to cut down on plastic wastage.
- **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 also do not park on the village green. As you know parking is limited, we advise parking on the main street into the village and safely walking up to school. We have also been asked by local Sessay residents to remind all parents that the speed limit in Sessay Village is 30 mph. Obviously, safety for all is of the utmost importance and we thank you for your support on this safety matter.
- **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:

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| 13-17 November | Anti-bullying week. This year's theme is Make A Noise About Bullying. |
| 14 November | Life Skills whole school curriculum enrichment day |
| 15 November | Years 5 and 6 Crucial Crew visit, working with our local emergency services. |
| 17 November | Children In Need |
| 18 November | Sessay CE Primary School Open Morning 10-11am |
| 22 November | Bags2School |
| 23 November | FOSS Disco. Byland and Fountains 5-6pm, Bolton and Rievaulx 6-7pm. |
| 24 & 25 November | Community event – Ripon Cathedral Christmas Food and Gift Fair. |
| 29 November | Year 6 KS2 SAT's Parent Information Evening (Zoom 5pm) |
| 7 December | Stay and Play – Christmas Byland and Fountains Nativity 6pm Sessay Village Hall |
| 8 December | Sessay School Christmas Market |
| 9 December | Community event - Sessay Village Hall Pig Race. 6pm onwards. |
| 11 December | Y3/4 trip to a Roman Day at Murton Museum in York |
| 18 December | Christmas Parties in school |
| 19 December | Christmas school lunch |
| 20 December | Pantomime in school |
| 22 December | Christmas Church Service 1.30pm St Cuthbert's School closes 2.30pm |