



CE Primary School 'Growing together in love and learning'

## Sessay CE Primary School Newsletter

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

It has been another couple of busy weeks in school, from Life Skills Curriculum Enrichment Day, to fundraising for Pudsey and championing Anti-Bullying week!

Life Skills curriculum enrichment day was very much enjoyed by all. In Fountains, children learnt how to hang their clothes on hangers instead of the floor! Plus, they learnt how to put on a sling.



In Bolton, children learnt how to sew on a button and how to peel vegetables.

The theme this year for Anti-Bullying week was make a noise about bullying. We discussed what we mean by bullying behaviour, how we can tell the difference between 'banter' and bullying, and how we can make changes to reduce bullying. We always make sure that children know how to report bullying and anything else they are worried about. 'Together, we can make a difference if we make a noise to stop bullying'.



We raised an AMAZING £100 for Children in Need – Thank you everyone for your support!

Money Makers did a fantastic job of decorating and distributing the yummy biscuits and are already planning their next fundraiser! Watch this space...



Finally, a huge thankyou to FOSS for hosting the much loved school discos. Last night was an evening very much enjoyed by all and we certainly saw some 'Movers on the dance floor...!'







**Your fortnightly class summary from ...**

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

It was a busy week in school last week with our Life Skills Enrichment Day, followed by Children in Need on Friday. For our Life Skills day, the children learnt how to put their coat on and how to make a sandwich. We all looked fabulous in our spotty clothing on Friday and enjoyed eating spotty biscuits whilst raising money for Children in Need. Thank you for all your contributions. We have started a new class text, *The Squirrels who Squabbled*, and we have been enjoying acting the story out with our hand puppets. In Maths we have continued our work with numbers, exploring compositions of 4 and 5, and finding one more and one less than a given number to 10. In PE this week we have been learning some disco dance moves which many of us put into practise at the school disco on Thursday! In our topic this week, we have been learning about The Great Fire of London and we have created a Fire of London scene using a variety of resources.



**Fountains, Mrs Jackson.**

Another busy fortnight starting with our Anti-Bullying week, discussing how our words and actions can affect others. We talked about who we could talk to if we were upset or hurt. Our Life Skills Enrichment Day involved the children learning about simple first aid. For example, they learnt who to ring in an emergency and had to know their home address. We talked about which parts of the body could be injured, such as our heads if we didn't wear a helmet when riding our bikes. We then learnt how to put a sling on a broken arm or wrist which they loved! In Geography, we are learning about the North and South Poles. Our enquiry question is 'would you prefer to live in a hot or cold place'? This also links nicely to our science topic which is about the weather, and the children practised being weather presenters, delivering a weather report to their classmates.



**Bolton, Mrs Sowray and Miss Wilkie.**

Bolton were amazing scientists once again, investigating and classifying liquids and solids, as well as learning about the differences between the different states of matter. We had a fun afternoon on Wednesday designing and making Roman catapults. The children worked very sensibly and were all keen to show how their designs worked.



**Rievaulx, Ms Gauder and Mrs Watson.** Anti-bullying week started with everyone who wanted to, wearing Odd Socks, to highlight that we are all different and unique. The week continued with children enjoying Life Skills Enrichment Day. Our Year 5 children researched a simple meal and went online to cost the ingredients. They used maths skills to work out how much it would cost to feed their family. Year 6 children planned a tour around a local area and found out information to share. They made a route map and highlighted areas of interest. We had some great examples, from a walk around Thirsk, to a tour of Ripon Cathedral. In science we are looking at Forces and linking it to our DT project, designing a playground, so we have started planning the playground this week. Rievaulx enjoyed an informative trip to Crucial Crew where they found out lots of information from the emergency services to keep them safe in various situations.



### Friday 17 November Awards

**Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison.**  
 Sessay Acorn Award – Genevieve for her super dance moves and enthusiasm in our PE lesson this week.  
 Headteacher’s sticker – Olivia for her super attitude to all her learning and trying her best in everything she does.  
 Mathlete – Rosalie for her super investigation with finding different ways to make 5.  
 Writer of the week – Ted for working hard with his letter formation this week.

**Fountains, Mrs Jackson.**  
 Sessay Acorn Award – Edith for her fantastic progress in reading and phonics and her super attitude. Edith is really focused now. Keep it up Edith!  
 Headteacher’s sticker – Emily for developing her confidence answering questions during teaching time on the carpet.  
 Mathlete – Joseph for trying so hard with multiples and adding to the next ten. You persevered Joseph!  
 Writer of the week – Poppie for her lovely writing about the weather in science.

**Bolton, Mrs Sowray and Miss Wilkie.**  
 Sessay Acorn Award – Ellie for some super detail on her Roman mosaic vase, well done!  
 Headteacher’s sticker – Paisley for some amazing warm-up moves in dance with Mr Shimwell this week.  
 Mathlete – Joseph for trying so hard in all his maths lessons this week; you have cracked 4 – digit column addition with exchanging – fantastic work!  
 Writer of the week – Jack Ma for working very sensibly with his partner in history writing facts about a Roman fort and for some thoughtful work in RE this week.

**Rievaulx, Ms Gauder and Mrs Watson.**  
 Sessay Acorn Award – Henry for always being a positive role model with his good manners and hard work ethic.  
 Headteacher’s sticker – Emily for having such an inquisitive mind and always sharing her fabulous knowledge of the world we live in.  
 Mathlete – Aletta for her problem solving linked to multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000.  
 Writer of the week – Edward for his writing in RE this week- lots of thought provoking ideas.

### Friday 24 November Awards

**Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison.**  
 Sessay Acorn Award – Henry for working hard with his number and letter formation.

**Fountains, Mrs Jackson.**  
 Sessay Acorn Award – Leila for her mature attitude and willingness to try her best in everything she does.



<p>Headteacher's sticker – Emmie for her accurate work with finding one more and one less of a number to 10 and for her super reading this week.</p> <p>Mathlete – Finlay for using the numicon to find one more of a number to 6.</p> <p>Writer of the week – Daisy for having a go at writing some words relating to our new class text.</p>	<p>Headteacher's sticker – Freddie for his brilliant ball skills in PE with Mr Shimwell.</p> <p>Mathlete – Charlie for his systematic approach, calculating and writing out his number bonds to 10.</p> <p>Writer of the week – Obi for his thoughtful responses to all his written tasks.</p>
<p><b>Bolton, Mrs Sowray and Miss Wilkie.</b></p> <p>Sessay Acorn Award – Billy for always impressing the adults with his calm approach to everything and being so kind to everyone.</p> <p>Headteacher's sticker – Harriet for her helpfulness this week – she was a fabulous friend helping several children with their Roman catapults yesterday, a big thank you!</p> <p>Mathlete – Jack J for his excellent work on subtracting 4-digit numbers.</p> <p>Writer of the week – William A for some super cursive handwriting this week, well done!</p>	<p><b>Rievaulx, Ms Gauder and Mrs Watson.</b></p> <p>Sessay Acorn Award – Olivia for being so helpful around the classroom and always trying to improve her work.</p> <p>Headteacher's sticker – Alex for excellent effort in French this week.</p> <p>Mathlete – Faith for excellent work on simplifying fractions and sharing her answers with the class.</p> <p>Writer of the week – Elliott for his superb handwriting, you should be incredibly proud of the improvement you have made recently.</p>

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:

- **BAGS2SCHOOL** – Many thanks to those of you who brought in bags for our Bag2School collection this week. We have raised a fantastic £51.
- **Non-Uniform Day - 1 December.** Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December is non-uniform day in lieu of items for the Christmas Hampers. Each class has been allocated a hamper/tombola to fill:
  - Byland – Item for Christmas Fun Hamper
  - Fountains – Item for the Luxury Hamper
  - Bolton – Item for the Chocolate Tombola
  - Rievaulx – Item for the Christmas Drinks Hamper
- **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:

24 & 25 November	Community event – Ripon Cathedral Christmas Food and Gift Fair.
29 November	Year 6 KS2 SAT's Parent Information Evening (Zoom 5pm)
30 November	Flu Vaccination Clinic
1 December	Non-Uniform Day
7 December	Stay and Play – Christmas Byland and Fountains Nativity 6pm Sessay Village Hall
8 December	Christmas Jumper Day

	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