



CE Primary School 'Growing together in love and learning'

Sessay CE Primary School Newsletter

Your fortnightly note from your Headteacher...

It has been a great start to the new academic year and everyone is very settled and back into routine. Miss Wilkie is thoroughly enjoying teaching Class Bolton on a Friday and Mrs Gale (our native French speaker) has had the pleasure of supporting teaching French oracy across the KS2 classes every Thursday afternoon.



Miss Wilkie



Mrs Gale



Collective Worship Monitors



Playleaders



Lunch Buddies

Our school Collective Worship monitors along with many other Rievaulx special school responsibilities are now well in place.

Last week Fountains Class had a fabulous time attending our first Thirsk Cluster Sports event this year. A KS1 fun run where all our children were superstars! Year 1 ran 800 metres and Year 2 children 1200 metres.

Thank you to all our Reception parents who attended Byland's Early Literacy Parent Information Evening this week. We hope you found it informative and useful.

Your fortnightly class summary from ...

Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison.



We have had a very busy fortnight in Byland. The children are enjoying their Little Wandle phonics sessions which we started this week – we have already learnt the sounds s, a, t and p. In our topic sessions we have been thinking about our local area and where our school is. We all enjoyed our walk around Sessay yesterday afternoon looking at the different features of the village and drawing these onto our maps. We had fun creating our very own model of Sessay village, complete with our school, church, houses, post box and the horse chestnut tree on the green. The children have shown an interest in the story Noah's Ark, so we have pursued this interest and have sung songs and completed craft activities linked to the story.

Fountains, Mrs Jackson.



Over the last 2 weeks we have been incredibly busy in Fountain's class! Last week we all took part in the Key Stage 1 fun run at All Saints Primary School in Thirsk. We have started our topic of toys, looking at how toys have changed over time and are thoroughly enjoying making our wooden spoon puppets too! In RE, we are thinking about what we can learn from sacred books. We have discussed the Bible, the Quran and the Torah. Everyone has

made a Torah scroll. In computing, we enjoyed learning how to change our Avatar picture on Purple Mash. In Science this week the children carried out a scientific investigation with Mrs Bennison, the enquiry question being "Do the people with the biggest hands have the biggest feet?"

Bolton, Mrs Sowray and Miss Wilkie.

Another busy fortnight in Bolton. We are already engrossed in our Romans topic and class text 'Queen of Darkness' by Tony Bradman.



We have started our Electricity topic in Science and can identify common appliances that run on electricity. We looked at different games to consider HOW they worked? We disassembled plugs (then reassembled, which was trickier!) and tried to work out why Miss Wilkie gave us a pile of wires, bulbs, batteries? Through scientific investigation we are trying to get the bulbs to light up!

Year 4 accompanied Year 5 and are going swimming this term as part of their P.E curriculum which they are thoroughly enjoying.

Rievaulx, Ms Gauder and Mrs Watson.



It's been a busy fortnight in Rievaulx; in English we have been using expanded noun phrases in our writing and looking at the differences between formal and informal register, and when to use each one. Our maths has continued to look at place value, comparing and ordering numbers as well as rounding- lots of equipment like dienes apparatus have supported this. Forest schools has been great fun practising how to tie different types of knots. In PE we have been working on developing our hockey skills, as some children will be taking part in a quicksticks cluster tournament next week. 'Monster mash-up' has been the theme in French; we have been designing new animals and writing descriptions about them.

Friday 15 September Awards

Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison.

Sessay Acorn Award – Daisy for great listening on the carpet.
 Headteacher's sticker – Ted for his super work controlling a ball with his hands and feet in PE.
 Mathlete – Harry for working out which numbers were missing.
 Writer of the week –Emmie for her lovely, neat letters when writing her name.

Fountains, Mrs Jackson.

Sessay Acorn Award – Stanley for never giving up even when finding things difficult.
 Headteacher's sticker – Joseph for being kind and helpful to both his friends and his teachers.
 Mathlete – Alfie for his work on place value representing numbers within 100.
 Writer of the week – Charlie for his fabulous written list of things he would pack in a suitcase for a long journey.

Bolton, Mrs Sowray and Miss Wilkie.

Sessay Acorn Award – Rosie for her perseverance with knot tying.
 Headteacher's sticker – Joseph for trying really hard in Forest schools.

Rievaulx, Ms Gauder and Mrs Watson.

Sessay Acorn Award – Aletta for striving to always the best version of herself.
 Headteacher's sticker – Noah for his superb work ethic. Mrs Bastow has been so impressed this week.

Mathlete – Ella-Rose for her fabulous progress in maths. Writer of the week – Jack Ma- for using super descriptive language in his writing.	Mathlete – Loc for the progress he has made with his understanding of numbers up to a million. Writer of the week – Esme for a beautifully written poem about why she is proud of herself.
Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Watson’s Superstars. Mrs Watson has been so impressed by the games and activities children are playing at playtimes, it has been lovely to see the inclusiveness and encouragement of each other.	

Friday 22 September Awards	
Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison. Sessay Acorn Award – Olivia for trying very hard in everything she does. Headteacher’s sticker – Frankie for his super singing in music this week- he even made up his own song! Mathlete – Rosalie for great matching and making pairs. Writer of the week –Henry for trying very hard with writing his name.	Fountains, Mrs Jackson. Sessay Acorn Award – Ebony for completing all her tasks this week and tackling everything with a smile. Headteacher’s sticker – Edith and Lily for their fantastic work in science. Mathlete – Sophia for working so hard this week on her number bonds to 10. Writer of the week – Wilf for his fabulous writing in response to our English text – ‘Rabbityness.’
Bolton, Mrs Sowray and Miss Wilkie. Sessay Acorn Award – Ellie for being adventurous and enthusiastic in swimming. Headteacher’s sticker – Cora for her own contribution to our class book of ‘graces’ to say before lunch. Mathlete – Jack J for some super work on place value up to 10,000. Writer of the week – William N for working hard on his recount of Romulus and Remus; particularly good use of commas.	Rievaulx, Ms Gauder and Mrs Watson. Sessay Acorn Award – Elliott for stepping up to the mark as a Year 6 and always setting a good example to others. Headteacher’s sticker – Isla C for her exemplary manners, they definitely don’t go unnoticed. Mathlete – Joshua for his impressive work comparing and ordering numbers to 1,000,000. Writer of the week – Ava for her descriptive piece of writing about entering the classroom for the first time.
Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Watson’s Superstars. Ella-Rose for starting the year positively and trying very hard in her new maths workbook. Keep up the hard work! Roman, Alex and Henry for being amazing lunchtime playleaders- you were positive and fun at the start of the week, this helps our younger children. Well done! Ava for always being a lovely friend!	

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

Have a great weekend.

NOTICES:

- **School pick up**
Please always ensure you have informed your child’s class teacher if pick up arrangements have changed. If possible please ensure your child is aware of the arrangement, if it is late notice, please inform the school office who will do this on your behalf.
- **MacMillan** fundraising event on Friday 29th September. Wear something green and enjoy a playtime cake for a £1 donation. We are asking parents to bake and send in buns on this day to support a charity very close to many of our hearts. Thank you.
- **Mild Illnesses and Infectious Diseases.** The DfE and NHS have asked us to signpost parents to the published guidance to support parents in identifying and knowing when and when not to send your child school. <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>
- **FOSS** (Friends of Sessay School) will be having their first meeting of the academic year on Wednesday 27th September, 7.30pm at The Carlton Inn, Carlton Husthwaite. They warmly invite everyone, old and new parents and carers. It is very much appreciated however much or little time you can give.
- **Federation Governors.**

WE HAVE A GOVERNOR VACANCY – DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND BECOME A GOVERNOR AT THE HUSTHWAITE AND SESSAY CE PRIMARY FEDERATION MAKE A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO YOUR COMMUNITY.

DEVELOP YOUR OWN PROFESSIONAL SKILLS.
HELP SHAPE EXPERIENCES FOR THE NEXT GENERATION.

Federation governors are volunteers who work with the leadership team to provide vital support and direction. They help set the strategic vision, oversee the budget and supportively challenge the federation leadership team.

No in-depth knowledge of the education system is needed, you bring with you skills and workplace knowledge that will help positively impact young lives. For more details contact Mrs Lawson or Miss Bennett.

DIARY DATES:

28 September	Year 5/6 Cluster Hockey
29 September	Curriculum enrichment day – European languages day! MacMillan wear green and eat cake fundraising event
5 October 9-10am	Stay and Play – Harvest Fun of the Fair special themed lunch Harvest Festival 2.30pm
9 October	School individual photographs
10 & 12 October	Parents evenings
18 October	Y5/6 Federation football match
26 October	3.15PM SCHOOL CLOSES FOR HALF TERM
27 October	TRAINING DAY SCHOOL CLOSED
31 October	NYC Year 6 deadline to apply for secondary school
6 November	8.45AM SCHOOL OPENS
9 November	Stay and Play – Remembrance Day Poppies
18 November	Sessay CE Primary School open day 10-11am
22 November	Bags2School
29 November	Year 6 KS2 SAT's Parent Information Evening (Zoom 5pm)
7 December	Stay and Play – Christmas
8 December	Sessay School Christmas Fair/Market