



## Sessay CE Primary School Newsletter

### Your first note from your Headteacher for this new academic year...

Welcome back to all and what a fabulous first week we have had back in school this academic year. I hope everyone has had a fun and restful summer holiday enjoying the beautiful weather, which typically is at its hottest now! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who completed your feedback form attached to your child's annual report at the end of last term. The Federation is always looking forwards to be the very best possible and we appreciate your honest opinions, ideas and continued support.

Firstly, this week I would like to introduce and warmly welcome our new Reception children and their families. We also welcome Mrs Jackson from Husthwaite (Fountains Class teacher), Mrs Bastow (Rievaulx teaching assistant) and Mrs Lawson (Sessay school administrator) to our Sessay school family.



Our new children have had a great first week and have already made lots of new friends. All our children have been settling back into school this week, enjoying their new year groups and learning.

### Your new class summaries...

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

A huge well done to our new Reception children. It has been a busy week getting to know each other and becoming familiar with the routines of the school day. They have all settled in really well and are enjoying exploring the classroom and outdoor area.



#### Fountains, Mrs Jackson.

What a lovely start to the new term. The children have settled in so well and are enjoying their new classroom! We have written our holiday news, measured ourselves as part of science, and combined RE with Art to produce some beautiful water colour paintings of the Lost Sheep.





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

It has been so lovely to see the children back in school again with big smiles on their faces! We have had a great start to the year – an action-packed game of rounders on Tuesday followed by some super, observational pencil drawings. Over the last couple of days, the children have written some detailed diary entries based on one of our new class texts. The children have shown they can accurately partition numbers and have used their knowledge of place value to solve problems.



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

The children in Rievaulx have all made a fantastic start to the year- well done. It has been lovely to see how focused they have been in lessons. We have been busy familiarising ourselves with our class text for the term: Middleworld and have also been looking at several stories thinking about times when people have felt different. In maths we have been looking at Roman numerals as well as numbers up to 10,000,000. There was such focus in our French lesson reading and translating a text all about Komodo Dragons. In art the children worked hard on observational drawings of a shoe and finally in PE the children had a great session with Mr Shimwell.



**Friday 8 September Awards**

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

Headteacher's sticker – All the Reception children for a super first week at Sessay CE Primary School.  
 Writer of the week – Genevieve for writing her name so beautifully.

**Fountains, Mrs Jackson.**

Sessay Acorn Award – Dylan for settling so well into Fountains class and working with new teachers.  
 Headteacher's sticker – Lily for tidying and organising resources after our watercolour painting without being asked.  
 Mathlete – Obi for his fantastic measuring using a metre stick.

	Writer of the week – Frankie for his summer holiday writing, remembering to apply his phonics as well as being so focused!
<b>Bolton, Mrs Sowray and Miss Wilkie.</b> Sessay Acorn Award – Alice for some FANTASTIC fielding on 3 <sup>rd</sup> base in rounders; she did some great throwing and accurate stumping the post! Headteacher’s sticker – Rosie for trying so hard with her diary entry, written from Leo’s point of view. Mathlete – Alfie for some great work on place value, he has been really focused in lessons this week. Writer of the week – Imogen for some great ideas in RE, we have been discussing what we already know about the Bible.	<b>Rievaulx, Ms Gauder and Mrs Watson.</b> Sessay Acorn Award – Darcie for her enthusiasm for learning and always having a go. Headteacher’s sticker – Edward for his thoughtful ideas in RE this week. Mathlete – Brady for super place value work this week. Writer of the week – Faith for her recount of a time when she felt ‘different’.
<b>Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Watson’s Superstars.</b> Isabel B for being kind and helpful towards other children, well done and thank you.	

For your information our Collective worship Christian value this half term is Friendship. 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 myself.

My school newsletter will continue to be fortnightly as of today.  
 Have a lovely weekend.

**NOTICES:**

- As you know Mrs Tyrka is senior teacher on Monday and Tuesday and Mrs Watson is senior teacher Wednesday to Friday. Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Watson are in charge in my absence on site at Sessay, please don’t hesitate to contact them if they can be of any assistance.
- Being the beginning of the academic year please can we remind all of our school uniform.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>School uniform:</b></li> <li>Navy sweater/cardigan</li> <li>White/sky blue polo shirt</li> <li>Grey or black skirt, trousers or shorts</li> <li>Grey/white socks or tights</li> <li>Black sensible shoes.</li> </ul>	<b>PE Kit:</b> Plain sky blue / white t-shirt Navy/black shorts Tracksuit bottoms and sweatshirt (for outdoor PE) Plimsolls / trainers
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**Hair:** Children with hair below the shoulder must have their hair tied back.  
**Jewellery:-** For safety reasons, jewellery should not be worn in school. If a watch is worn, it is at your own risk. Plain stud type earrings may be worn with pierced ears but must be removed (independently) during PE sessions. This is in line with North Yorkshire County Council’s policy.

We do have some good quality second hand uniform in school for those families that might need this assistance. Please don’t hesitate to speak to Mrs Lawson in the school office.

- For our Reception year parents, in line with statutory requirements your child will be doing a very informal, low key baseline assessment next week individually with their class teacher. Please see the following link for more detailed information.

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/1074327/2022\\_Information\\_for\\_parents\\_reception\\_baseline\\_assessment.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1074327/2022_Information_for_parents_reception_baseline_assessment.pdf)

- As said last term, we would like to remind you a school dinner is £3.00 in September. If you think, due to a change in circumstances, that you may qualify for free school meals, please apply through the application form on the NYCC website: [www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals)  
 PLEASE NOTE WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL – due to children / staff with nut allergies.
- If you are interested in your child starting individual or small group music lessons, please use the following link:

[Request Lessons with the Music Service - North Yorkshire Music Hub](#) Please remember that if your child is currently in receipt of FSM, support with music tuition cost is available.



- FOSS (Friends of Sessay School) will soon be advertising the date for their first meeting of the academic year and will be warmly inviting everyone, old and new parents and carers. It is very much appreciated how ever much or little time you can give.
- Please can we remind all parents and carers that holidays during term time will be unauthorised unless they meet the NYCC exceptional circumstances criteria. Authorised holiday requests meeting the criteria 'exceptional circumstances due to parents work' will only be authorised once each academic year. Please be aware unauthorised absences can result in penalty fines from NYCC.
- We would like to remind you that '**Be Aware**', a new North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children online knowledge hub with a section for parents was launched in the summer term to help prevent and tackle child exploitation. It is all about child exploitation which sadly is happening here in North Yorkshire. The resources and information on this page have been designed alongside parents and carers from across our county to give you the information you need about child exploitation so you can **Be Aware** of the potential risks

<https://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/be-aware-parents-and-carers/>

- **Communication. New phone system.** As said at the end of last term we have had a new phone / communication system installed across the federation. This will improve efficiency. You will be able to speak directly to Mrs Lawson (new Sessay school administrator) or Mrs Dixon (Federation Business Manager), report absences and leave out of school hours messages. Our school telephone number remains the same.
- **Dojo, school admin email and open door policy.** As you know we encourage strong communication between school and home. If you need to contact your child's classteacher please Dojo them a private message, see them before or after school or contact the school office through email or telephone. Staff will respond as soon as possible within school opening hours, 8.30 – 3.30pm.
- **Federation Governors.**  
This is Mrs Carolan's last term as our chair of governors as she will be stepping down this term and a new chair will be elected by the governing body.

**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.

- **APPLE TREE NURSERY AT HUSTHWAITE.** We currently have vacancies at Husthwaite's nursery for those children who will have turned 3 years of age before September. If you know of anyone who would like a place, please contact the school office.

**DIARY DATES:**

w/c 11 September	Clubs and music lessons start
14 September	Fountains KS1 Fun Run
15 September	Years 4 and 5 swimming lessons start every Friday during autumn term
28 September	Year 5/6 Hockey
29 September	Curriculum enrichment day – European languages day! MacMillan coffee morning fundraising event
5 October	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
6 November	8.45AM SCHOOL OPENS