



CE Primary School 'Growing together in love and learning'

## Sessay CE Primary School Monthly Newsletter

**February 2024... another very busy and eventful month in school.**

As you know at the end of January we warmly welcomed Mrs Johnson to our Sessay family and federation staff team. Mrs Johnson is based in Fountains class but works across our EYFS/KS1 block. She also has the pleasure of being with children across the school as her role in supporting our before school club and being a midday supervisor.



Before half term the federation supported NSPCC Number Day arranged by our Moneymakers pupil voice group and Miss Wilkie. It was a day full of maths activities, making maths meaningful, lunchtime bingo was a favourite and of course we were supporting the NSPCC. Our JustGiving page contributed towards the national grand total of £25395.00 raised to help to fund their vital services such as Childline – the helpline that's always there for children and young people whatever their problem or concern. Well done everyone!

Our computing, safer internet curriculum enrichment day was also a great success. The class videos posted on Class Dojo pages were enjoyed by our whole federation communities highlighting many of the challenges that are faced growing up in a digital world. Thank you to Mrs Bennison our federation Computing subject leader for coordinating this event and all class videos will be on our school website soon.

A huge thank you to FOSS for once again hosting our much loved school disco which was very much enjoyed by all. We certainly had some movers on the dancefloor and raised over £210!



On Monday Rievaulx went to Young Voices 2024 at Sheffield Arena. It truly was an amazing and memorable music experience for all, taking part in being one of the largest children's choir concerts in the world! A huge thank you to Mrs Day, Mrs Bentley, Mr Houghton and Ms Gauder for accompanying the children and to all the parents that went to the magnificent evening concert. An event very much enjoyed by all!



Some parents have expressed an interest in their child starting individual or small group music lessons, please use the following link for more information:

<https://northyorkshiremusicclub.co.uk/instrumental-tuition/>

Please remember that if your child is currently in receipt of FSM, support with music tuition cost is available.

<b>Friday 2 February Awards</b>	
<p><b>Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison.</b>            Sessay Acorn Award – James for some super work in all areas of the classroom, you are trying really hard!            Headteacher’s sticker – Daisy for her super work in gymnastics and for confidently demonstrating her rolls to the rest of the class.            Mathlete – Henry for investigating well with the weighing scales.            Writer of the week – Marnie for writing instructions and a card to her friend. Fabulous independent writing.</p>	<p><b>Fountains, Mrs Jackson.</b>            Sessay Acorn Award – Elkie for working hard to improve her handwriting in English, and her imaginative use of adjectives.            Headteacher’s sticker – Dylan for his amazing reading. Dylan enjoys reading with Mrs Gambles each morning and is so focused and enthusiastic. Well done Dylan!            Mathlete – Wilf for working hard with number bonds to 20, as well as doubling a number.            Writer of the week – Stanley for his use of adjectives during our work on poetry and for really trying hard to improve his handwriting.</p>
<p><b>Bolton, Mrs Sowray and Miss Wilkie.</b>            Sessay Acorn Award – Alfie for working hard this week particularly with his prehistoric cave painting; the detail is fabulous!            Headteacher’s sticker- Rosie for trying her best this week and really working hard in English on her dialogue and group role play.            Mathlete - Harriet for working hard to consolidate her 3 Times table facts and for doing all her corrections!            Writer of the week – Henry for writing and editing his own version of the Red Riding Hood fairy tale.</p>	<p><b>Rievaulx, Ms Gauder and Mrs Watson.</b>            Sessay Acorn Award- Loc for working so hard in maths, especially persevering with fractions and challenging himself.            Headteacher’s sticker- Betsy for an organised and detailed write up of her science investigation.            Mathlete- Elliott for great understanding of fractions and ability to confidently use knowledge in reasoning problems            Writer of the week- Alfie for using persuasive features in his advert and presenting his work neatly.</p>

<b>Friday 9 February Awards</b>	
<p><b>Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison.</b>            Sessay Acorn Award – Martha for her enthusiasm with our learning all about Chinese New Year this week. Martha designed a super dragon and made a list of all the resources she needed to make it.            Headteacher’s sticker – Genevieve for being a kind friend and for her super writing all about her dragon.            Mathlete – Joseph for his super counting in 10s and for working hard to form his numbers correctly.            Writer of the week – Gege for her hard work with her letter formation and remembering to use full stops.</p>	<p><b>Fountains, Mrs Jackson.</b>            Sessay Acorn Award - Lily for her beautiful art work as part of our art and design unit on colour mixing. Lily painted a plate in the style of Clarice Cliff.            Headteacher’s sticker – Esme for a very good week trying hard in all her tasks and activities.            Mathlete – Cameron for his hard work and enthusiasm learning his times tables.            Writer of the week – Sophia for using her phonics to write simple sentences based on our new class text about animals.</p>
<p><b>Bolton, Mrs Sowray and Miss Wilkie.</b>            Sessay Acorn Award – Cora for some super balancing in our last gymnastics session this half term.            Headteacher’s sticker- Zoe for trying hard with her reading this week.            Mathlete – Jack J for his great work on his 11 and 12 times table this week.            Writer of the week – Billy for his interesting facts on the Amesbury Archer.</p>	<p><b>Rievaulx, Ms Gauder and Mrs Watson.</b>            Sessay Acorn Award - Henry for his excellent computer skills and ideas within the acting out of the cyber bullying scenario. He brought the group together and also created a great time lapse video of the hockey this week- well done!            Headteacher’s sticker- Brady for his excellent ideas in RE designing a 21<sup>st</sup> century space ‘for the Glory of God’.            Mathlete - Ava for persevering with her algebra this week and making great progress.            Writer of the week- Isla H for a great start to her advertising blog.</p>

### Friday 23 February Awards

<p><b>Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison.</b>          Sessay Acorn Award – Olivia for her super attitude to all her learning and for encouraging others.          Headteacher’s sticker - Gege and Marnie for designing and making a doubling machine.          Mathlete – Ted for his super work with doubling and identifying odd and even numbers.          Writer of the week - Rosalie for challenging herself with her sentence writing.</p>	<p><b>Fountains, Mrs Jackson.</b>          Sessay Acorn Award – Obi for his super attitude and focus in his written tasks this week. Keep it up Obi!          Headteacher’s sticker – Wilf for answering some tricky questions in our new science topic about animal groups.          Mathlete – Ebony for her super effort with our work on multiplication and division.          Writer of the week – Esme for using lots of description in her English writing, making it so interesting to read.</p>
<p><b>Bolton, Mrs Sowray and Miss Wilkie.</b>          Sessay Acorn Award – Rosie for a great attitude to her work this week and a very respectful attitude towards others in class (our new Christian value this half term.)          Headteacher’s sticker- Alice for some super contributions in ALL lessons this week, well done!          Mathlete – William A for trying really hard with his work on factors over the last couple of days – keep up the good work!          Writer of the week – Mia for working hard to learn all her spellings and getting full marks in her test this week.</p>	<p><b>Rievaulx, Ms Gauder and Mrs Watson.</b>          Sessay Acorn Award – Faith for her enthusiasm at Young Voices on Monday and thoughtful work in RE.          Headteacher’s sticker – Alex for his strong work ethic supporting children in Bolton earlier in the week.          Mathlete – Joel for excellent work in maths and performing so well in his end of unit quiz.          Writer of the week – Aletta for identifying different poetic techniques in the poems we have analysed this week.</p>
<p><b>Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Watson’s Superstars.</b>          Emily S for being thoughtful towards a younger child on the playground when they had hurt themself.</p>	

Our Collective worship Christian value this half term is Respect. Your child brought home a school values sheet this week should you wish to explore their understanding of this value further at home.

#### NOTICES:

- **Mrs Jackson – Fountains class teacher.** I would like to inform you that due to personal, family circumstances Mrs Jackson will sadly be retiring at the end of this term. We wish Mrs Jackson well in her retirement and move back to Wales and we sincerely thank her for all that she has contributed to both schools across our federation not only as a class teacher, but also in her roles as federation PSHE subject leader and staff governor. Across the Byland and Fountains team Mrs Bennison will be increasing her teaching commitments to full time and we will be welcoming a new teacher who will be working alongside her and Mrs Tyrka.
- **World Book Day- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March.** We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day in school, with lots of fun activities planned. As part of the day, we will be holding a book swap shop. We would like children to bring in, from home, a book they no longer want. Please wrap it up and attach a short blurb and recommendation of who it is suitable for, written by your child. There will be plenty of spare books in school for those who do not bring a book in. Every child will then visit the swap shop to select a book to take home and keep. Please bring wrapped books in to school from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March.
- **POLITE REMINDER REGARDING PARKING AROUND SCHOOL.** Please can everyone follow the highway code and not park on the double yellow lines. Only blue badge holders with their badge on display are allowed under the highway code as they need access close to the school gate to be able to pick up and drop off their children.
- **Home To School Transport.** We have been asked to inform you that North Yorkshire Council commenced a consultation on Monday 19 February proposing **changes to the Council’s Home to School Travel Policy**. The necessary information can be found here on the Council’s website: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/your-council/consultations-and-engagement/current-consultations/home-school-travel-policy-consultation> , together with **an online survey form for your responses** to the consultation and details of engagement events that will be held during the course of the consultation period. The consultation closing date is Friday 12 April.
- **Measles outbreak.** We would like to inform you that there have been recent localised outbreaks of measles centred around the West Midlands and there is a risk of further outbreaks in other areas unless urgent action is taken to increase Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccination take up in areas with low MMR vaccine rates. Measles spreads very easily among those who are unvaccinated, especially in nurseries and schools. The best

protection against measles for children and adults is to get both doses of the MMR vaccine. It is never too late to have these vaccinations.

The NHS has the following advice for parents on measles:

[Measles - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

The DfE has published an [Education Hub blog](#) with guidance on measles and the MMR vaccine for parents.

**DIARY DATES:**

26 Feb – 1 March	Years 5 and 6 residential to Newby Wiske
26 February	Arbor parent support drop in 2.45pm
7 March	World Book Day Mother's Day / Special Day Gift Sale Stay and Play – Spring
11-14 March	Year 6 KS2 Mock SAT's week British Science week
12 March	Parents Evening
14 March	Year 5 and 6 Hi 5 Netball Tournament Parents Evening
15 March	Red Nose Day
19 March	FOSS Easter Egg Hunt
21 March	Curriculum Enrichment Day – Humanities – Historical Figures Past and Present (Dressing Up) Elevate Multi Academy Trust consultation closes 5pm
22 March	FOSS Easter Egg Decorating Competition 1.30pm Easter Service St Cuthbert's Church School closes 2.30pm for Easter