



Your first, fortnightly 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 full time. I hope everyone has had a fun and restful summer holiday enjoying the changeable weather!

I would like to say a huge thank you to all my staff, children and you our parents for working together to follow our routines and ensuring safety and happiness for all back at school this week. A special thank you to our new Reception parents, as I think having to drop off at the gate from day 1 has been harder for the parents than the children! We look forward to a successful academic year and I know that we will continue to work together through the continued challenging times.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who completed our 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 officially warmly welcome Miss Southward (Bolton Year 3/4 Class Teacher) and of course our new Reception children. We also welcome Aletta, Attilia, Alban, Georgie and Charlie 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 being back together full time and their learning.



As said in my final Summer term newsletter, this afternoon at 2.30pm I am continuing to host my Friday Celebration Zoom Assembly. This is an opportunity for all our classes / children in school, alongside you the parents/carers at home, to still be able to all come together at the end of the week to celebrate individual and group achievements. As always everyone is warmly invited.

Today's invite	Next week's invite
Topic: SESSAY Friday Celebration Assembly Time: Sep 11, 2020 02:30 PM London Join Zoom Meeting https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73269209985?pwd=STJjZXRpYlh5OWU1ueklGVldUSHYxdz09 Meeting ID: 732 6920 9985 Passcode: dQa9XJ	Topic: SESSAY Friday Celebration Assembly Time: Sep 18, 2020 02:30 PM London Join Zoom Meeting https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76830119371?pwd=NHA0bXdvSDhPM2ZUQIV4RS9vS1VgQT09 Meeting ID: 768 3011 9371 Passcode: 4Eg5uT

Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison.

Squirrel Award – Joseph, for his super phonics and counting work. Keep up the hard work Joseph!

Headteacher's sticker – All our Reception children and Georgie for making such a fabulous start to Sessay school this week.

Handwriter of the week – Imogen, for her super holiday news sentence. Keep up the brilliant writing Imogen!

Fountains, Mrs Sowray.

Squirrel Award – Alfie, for his super efforts and attitude in all he has done in Fountains first week. Keep it up Alfie!

Headteacher's sticker – Aletta, for settling in beautifully to Fountains and Sessay school.

Handwriter of the week – Max, for his neat handwriting in our RE work this week. Keep it up Max!

Bolton, Miss Southward.

Squirrel Award – Adele, for her consistent, outstanding attitude in everything she has done this week. A fantastic role model for all.

Headteacher's sticker – Atilia and Charlie for their fantastic start at Sessay school.

Handwriter of the week – Esme, for her consistent, high standard of presentation in all her written work this week. Keep it up Esme!

Rievaulx, Mrs Watson and Ms Gauder.

Squirrel Award – William, for his enthusiasm and fabulous contributions to class discussion about our new class text.

Headteacher's sticker – Alban for settling in so quickly and making a brilliant start at Sessay school.

Handwriter of the week – Poppy, for her efforts in writing consistently cursive across all areas of the curriculum this week. Well done Poppy!

All the classes half termly Class Information to Parents are in book bags today and if there are any further queries don't hesitate to ask your child's class teacher(s) either at pick up, through Class Dojo or the school email. As always Mrs Tyrka (Senior Teacher) and I are contactable in person or through the school office if we can be of any assistance.

Please can I remind you that homework is a part of our Home School Agreement; it supports your child's learning in school and we thank you for your ongoing support at home.

Reception	Reading / Phonics Learning Journeys - Weekend News
Year 1	Phonics/Spellings Reading Weekend news diary Last week of each half term – research / practical / maths investigation.
Years 2-5	Xtables Spellings Reading Comprehension (CGP /First News / National Geographic / The Week Junior) Reading Last week of each half term – research / practical / maths investigation.
Year 6	Xtables Spellings Reading Comprehension (CGP /First News / National Geographic / The Week Junior) Reading 10 minute ESPAG a week 10 minute Maths a week Last week of each half term – research / practical / maths investigation.

Please can you ensure your child follows our school uniform requirements. Please remember to name and check your child's clothing, as already we have jumpers left or lost in school. As you know from our September school guide children come in their PE kits / Forest school clothes on those particular days.

School uniform:

Navy blue sweater/cardigan

White or royal blue polo shirt

Grey or black skirt, trousers or shorts

Grey/white socks or tights

Black sensible shoes your child can put on or do up by themselves.

PE Kit:

Plain royal blue t-shirt

Navy/black shorts

Navy / black tracksuit bottoms and royal blue sweatshirt (for outdoor PE)

Plimsolls/trainers

School hoodie or jumper.

Forest School:

Comfortable outdoor clothing (layers),

Trainers

School hoodie or jumper.

Wellingtons

Waterproof jacket

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 or covered (independently) during PE sessions.

Please can you ensure that your child uses a school book bag as cloakroom space is limited.

Our Collective Worship theme in school this half term is 'Friendship'. In book bags today, your child will have a 'Home School Values' sheet with some fun ideas to reinforce and explore the value at home.

Have a lovely weekend. I know we have lots of tired children at the end of our busy, first week back.