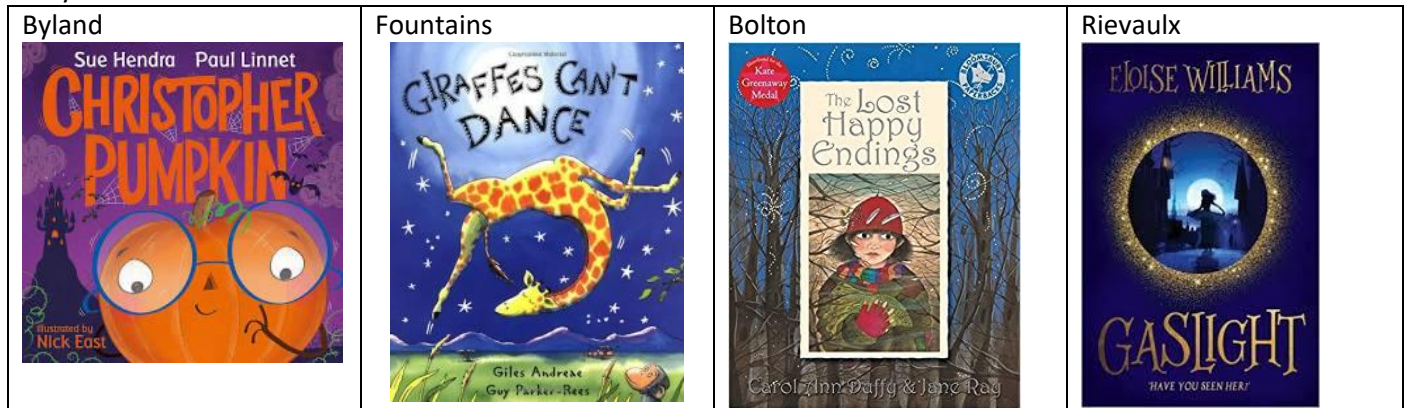


**A fortnightly note from your headteacher...**

A final busy fortnight of the Autumn first half term. I know we have lots of tired children ready for half term to recharge their batteries!

Lots of learning has continued in all the classes as always and I have really enjoyed seeing written work and talking to many children about their current class texts.



Byland had a thoroughly enjoyable visit to Spilman's at the beginning of the week. They learnt about how pumpkins grow from seed and then above the ground. They loved harvesting a pumpkin of their own to carry home!



Wednesday this week was a definite highlight for lots of our children who took part in the FOSS Harvest Pumpkin Carving Competition. There were some amazing designs and I know Mrs Spilman found the judging near on impossible! A big thank you to FOSS for organising prizes for this enjoyable, seasonal school event.





Bolton



Winners  
Rosie

Rievaulx



Winner  
Luca



Judges choice: Henry



In the adult category the winner was Mrs Marshall.

Our school Pumpkin Carving Competition has coincided with the North Yorkshire Catering Competition, where you can send a photo of your pumpkin to enter: [helen.buxton@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:helen.buxton@northyorks.gov.uk) Deadline 1<sup>st</sup> November. There are some fabulous prizes to be won!

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October you should have received your child's Autumn term settling in summary written report. We hope you found it informative and thank you to those of you that replied with feedback or requested a follow up phone call that you should have now had with your child's class teacher this week.

As you know prior to COVID-19 we always followed an 'open door policy' and want to continue to do so as much as possible in line with following guidance of having minimal people in school to avoid the spread and any outbreaks. I assure you we want parents to continue to feel connected to their child's schooling as two-way communication always has been and is of the utmost importance to us. Please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher(s) - either at pick up time on the playground (we do realise this is harder for parents whose children use the school bus) /class email address/Class Dojo/phone. We are more than willing to phone or set up a Zoom with you if you would prefer, to discuss any individual needs, concerns or general queries.

As you know we have been holding Parent Governor Nominations this half term and I would like to say congratulations and thank you to Louisa Carolan for once again putting herself forward for Parent Governor. She will represent you all, the parents of the Federation for the next 4 years in office. Please don't ever hesitate to contact Louisa who has children in Class Fountains and Bolton if you have any queries, concerns or need any governor support.

I would like to bring to your attention the parent section on our school website. If ever you need any support with a number of parenting issues, please go on the Links for parents' section where there are contacts to support you.

As said in last week's celebration assembly we now have a Federation Equestrian team, where keen horse riders can compete and represent the Federation. This is being coordinated by one of our Year 4 parents Mrs Brown at Huthwaite. Please email her directly on [pbrown410@btinternet.com](mailto:pbrown410@btinternet.com) for further information.

As you know 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.

#### Celebration Assembly invite for next Half Term

Topic: SESSAY Friday Celebration Assembly

Time: Nov 6, 2020 02:30 PM London

Every week on Fri, until Dec 11, 2020, 6 occurrence(s)

Nov 6, 2020 02:30 PM

Nov 13, 2020 02:30 PM

Nov 20, 2020 02:30 PM

Nov 27, 2020 02:30 PM

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Dec 11, 2020 02:30 PM

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Join Zoom Meeting

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#### Fortnight Awards

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

*Squirrel Award* – Olivia and Jacob.

*Headteacher's sticker* – Ella-Rose and Paisley.

*Mathlete* – Connie and Jack Mason .

*Handwriter of the week* – Joseph and Rosie.

##### **Fountains, Mrs Sowray.**

*Squirrel Award* – Isla C and Joel.

*Headteacher's sticker* – Emily and Darcie. Edward.

*Mathlete* – Aletta and Max.

*Handwriter of the week* – Lola and Niamh.

##### **Bolton, Miss Southward.**

*Squirrel Award* – Elliott and the whole of Bolton class.

*Headteacher's sticker* – Sam and Noah.

*Mathlete* – Aida-Rae and Katie.

*Handwriter of the week* – Ava and Arthur.

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

*Squirrel Award* – Angus and Robert.

*Headteacher's sticker* – Jean and Hannah.

*Mathlete* – Oliver and Summer.

*Handwriter of the week* – Elsie and Ruby.

Please can I remind all Year 6 parents that the application deadline for your Year 6 child's secondary school place is 31 October 2020. You need to do this on line at [www.northyorks.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

Have a restful and enjoyable half term. We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.