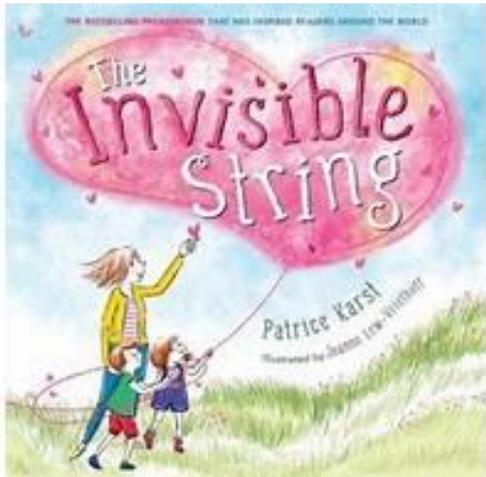




## A fortnightly note from your headteacher...

Another busy fortnight at Sessay and all our children have thoroughly enjoyed our 'Health and Wellbeing week' this week based on the book 'The Invisible String'. Both children and staff have found comfort in the many invisible strings that we all have that go everywhere with us, linking us to family and friends that we all love so much. We are never alone. From practical, active activities, to fabulous writing across the curriculum and some meditation, the week has been loved by all.





As part of this week the children did a mindfulness colouring activity and have designed a Christmas card. Designs are coming home today – please keep them neat and flat. If you would like to order any Christmas cards or/and products of your child’s design, please return the order form to school by Wednesday 14 October. All drawings must be returned **signed** as whether or not there is an attached order every child will receive 1 free printed Christmas card of their design. This has been done early to guarantee delivery in November, well in time to be able to send cards and gifts to those people that are special to us that we may not be able to see this Christmas under the current restrictions. Payments for cards and gifts ordered must be returned with the order or paid on Parentpay prior to the order being placed,

Some thank you messages:

1. To everyone for supporting our Macmillan Coffee Morning for cancer research on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September. The children loved their yummy treats and wearing green or non-uniform. A big pat on the back as we raised £106.70!
2. To all parents that have completed and returned their child’s online device survey to inform us in how best we can provide a remote learning package to meet the needs of all our children and families, should we need to in the future.
3. To all the parents that attended the ‘Early Literacy Evening Zoom’ hosted by Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison this week. We hope you found it useful in developing an understanding as to how we teach your children to read and write. We also hope it supports you in helping your child at home.

Please can I remind parents of children in Reception , Years 1 and 2 that your children are entitled to a school dinner at no cost to yourselves under the government Universal Free School Meal Scheme. This year we have signed up to North Yorkshire’s Healthy Schools. As part of this we will be promoting the importance of a balanced diet and will be looking at healthy school lunches and pack ups. We will be encouraging a varied diet and as part of this will be limiting children on hot dinners to no more than two jacket potatoes a week. Occasional tasters will be on offer to all children entitled at times over the following few weeks to encourage your children to maybe try something new.

For your information as you know we normally hold an informal parent evening this half term for you with your child’s class teacher. This is to discuss how your child has settled into the new academic year, their strengths and areas for improvement and any individual needs they may have. As due to the current circumstances we are unable to do this face to face, you will be sent a summary beginning of term written report informing you of how they have settled and your child’s behavior to learning now they are back in school full time. Their strengths and targets for improvement. You will be given the opportunity for a follow up phone call should you wish to discuss anything further with the class teacher(s). We hope you find the report informative and that you take the opportunity for a phone call if you have any further questions or concerns.

We are trying as much as possible to continue with all our much-loved school events and occasions in school leading up to Christmas. Many will be done in a slightly different way to maintain all safety measures we have got in place. I assure you Class Byland will be doing a Christmas Play this will be streamed to parents and all classes virtually for us all to enjoy.

Some dates for your diary (further information will follow):

**21 October - Harvest Pumpkin Carving Competition** £2 entry, there is also an adult category! Pumpkins will be displayed on class tables at the drop off gate for all to see and will be judged by Spilman's Farm. A big thank you to FOSS for organising this much loved annual event celebrating the crops grown on our land locally.

**13 November - Film Night** (in class bubbles/zones) and Children In Need.

**11 December - Christmas jumper day**

**17 December - Panto morning and Christmas Parties**

**18 December - Christingle service and Christmas raffle**

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. We thoroughly enjoyed everything Rievaulx taught us about Harvest and the Hambleton Foodbank in Thirsk last week (thank you to all for your donations they were much appreciated and will support local families in need). As always everyone is warmly invited.

Assembly invite up until Christmas
Topic: SESSAY Friday Celebration Assembly
Time: Oct 2, 2020 10:00 PM London
Every week on Fri, until Dec 18, 2020, 12 occurrence(s)
Join Zoom Meeting
<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86739950514?pwd=SIBNMkVidUpDRFQ0RXgxMCtBWWpHdz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86739950514?pwd=SIBNMkVidUpDRFQ0RXgxMCtBWWpHdz09</a>
Meeting ID: 867 3995 0514
Passcode: 308337

Fortnight Awards	
<b>Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison.</b> <i>Squirrel Award</i> – Harriet and Georgie. <i>Headteacher's sticker</i> – Alice and Isabel B. <i>Mathlete</i> – Henry and Denver. <i>Handwriter of the week</i> – Ellie and Farrah.	<b>Fountains, Mrs Sowray.</b> <i>Squirrel Award</i> – Edward and Aletta. <i>Headteacher's sticker</i> – Emily, Joshua and Isla H. <i>Mathlete</i> – Lola and Joshua. <i>Handwriter of the week</i> – Joel and Isla C.
<b>Bolton, Miss Southward.</b> <i>Squirrel Award</i> – Abby and Loc. <i>Headteacher's sticker</i> – Arthur and Harry. <i>Mathlete</i> – Faith and Matthew. <i>Handwriter of the week</i> – Asta and Connor.	<b>Rievaulx, Mrs Watson and Ms Gauder.</b> <i>Squirrel Award</i> – Summer and Oliver. <i>Headteacher's sticker</i> – Robert and Honesty. <i>Mathlete</i> – James K Cave and Luca. <i>Handwriter of the week</i> – Freddie and Poppy.

Have a fabulous weekend.