



Your first note from your Headteacher for the Spring Term ...

Happy New Year and welcome back. We have had a smooth and successful return to school this week and for your information we currently have no COVID19 positive cases to report in school.

Learning is already back in full swing and I have really enjoyed seeing how enthusiastic the children are about their new class texts and topics this half term.

Byland	Fountains	Bolton	Rievaulx
			
Topic - Dinosaurs	Topic - Romans	Topic - Romans	Topic – Earth Matters

Byland children have settled back into school really well and have enjoyed sharing what they have been doing in the holidays and writing their holiday news. They have started their new science topic on materials and have been looking at a range of different materials and finding objects which are made from them.



Fountains have been busy starting their new topic of fractions in Maths. They have been working out fractions of amounts using boards and apparatus – $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{3}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$. In science they all started with a material sorting activity and the Year2 children looked at the materials used in building a house and the Year 3's looked at insulation and which material is best for keeping you warm.

Bolton have been enjoying their new class book and have been introduced to the mighty warrior queen- Boudica. They have studied her as a character and thought about what made her such a well-respected leader during the time of the Romans. In maths, they have been looking at money which links to their PSHE where they have been looking at spending, saving and earning money. In RE they have started thinking about why people pray and have created a prayer tree in their class reflection area.



Rievaulx have been looking at the work of David Hockney in Art this week and experimenting with oil pastels and paint to create textures for their landscape paintings. In science they have started to look at how living things can be classified. In English they have looked at different versions of their new class text, Kensuke's Kingdom and discussed the blurb, front cover and what they predict might happen.

Friday 7 January Awards	
<p>Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison. Squirrel Award – Denver for challenging himself in all areas of the curriculum. Headteacher's sticker - Connie for confidently identifying and naming a variety of materials in science. Mathlete – Zoe for working hard with number recognition. Handwriter of the week – Alfie for his super holiday news.</p>	<p>Fountains, Mrs Sowray. Squirrel Award - Isla H for a great attitude towards her work on fractions this week. Headteacher's sticker - Cora for coming in with a big smile on her face EVERY DAY this week, a lovely start to the day. Mathlete - Joel for always wanting to better himself in maths, asking challenging questions and self-correcting any mistakes. Keep up the super attitude. Handwriter – Jacob for trying hard with a new pencil and grip this week, well done.</p>
<p>Bolton, Miss Southward. Squirrel Award – Arthur for his excellent manners and supportive attitude towards his classmates. Headteacher's sticker – Faith for persevering all week and putting in 100% effort every lesson. Mathlete – Katie for impressing us all with her financing skills in maths this week! Handwriter of the week – Alex for writing his Boudica's character profile so beautifully.</p>	<p>Rievaulx, Mrs Watson and Ms Gauder. Squirrel Award – Summer for her great attitude in PE with Mr Shimwell. Mathlete– Honesty for excellent work this week on decimals. Head teacher's sticker- James for great knowledge and participation in Science, classifying living things. Handwriter of the week – Hannah for writing very neatly, especially in Science.</p>
<p>Mrs Tyrka's Superstars Paisley for being super confident when coming back to school this week. Well done! William A for his super skills in Hockey and trying really hard- it was lovely to see you having so much fun! Zara for her recent equestrian achievements on her pony, winning two show jumping classes this week. Very well done, we are very proud of you!</p>	

This afternoon we would like to invite you to join us for our Friday celebration Assembly on Zoom at 2.30pm (this half term hosted by myself).

7 & 14 January Friday Celebration Assembly Zoom invite
<p>Topic: Sessay Friday Celebration Assembly Time: Jan 7 and Jan 14, 2022 02:30 PM London Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85815423113?pwd=cWJqRXRFZGNGeFZaMmFLVDYOR2hoZz09 Meeting ID: 858 1542 3113 Passcode: 1A6bft</p>

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

Please note my school newsletter will continue to be fortnightly as of today.
 Have a lovely weekend.

NOTICES:

- The following is a uniform reminder as we have had a few queries.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School uniform: Navy sweater/cardigan White/sky blue polo shirt Grey or black skirt, trousers or shorts Grey/white socks or tights Black sensible shoes. 	<p>PE Kit:</p> <p>Plain sky blue / white t-shirt</p> <p>Navy/black shorts</p> <p>Tracksuit bottoms and sweatshirt (for outdoor PE)</p> <p>Plimsolls / trainers</p>
<p>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.</p>	

- Last academic year a Federation Equestrian team was established. This was to give keen horse riders across the Federation an opportunity to represent the Federation when competing at National Schools Equestrian Association (NSEA) events. It is being coordinated by one of our Year 5 parents Mrs Brown (team manager) at Husthwaite. If your child is interested, please email her directly on pbrown410@btinternet.com for further information.



Friday 7 January	Celebration assembly on zoom at 2.30pm. Parents warmly invited.
Wednesday 12 January	5pm Parent information zoom meeting for Years 5 and 6 parents. Children welcome. Topic: Year 5/6 East Barnby Residential Parent Meeting Time: Jan 12, 2022 05:00 PM London Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84495138266?pwd=bDQ4elhmZzFORU5SWUtOa2o2TDQ2QT09 Meeting ID: 844 9513 8266 Passcode: hDE1bp
Friday 14 January	Celebration assembly on zoom at 2.30pm. Parents warmly invited.
Saturday 15 January	Admissions deadline to apply for a Reception place for September 2022 https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions
14-18 February	Years 5 and 6 residential East Barnby
Friday 18 February	Break up for half term normal time.
Monday 28 February	Training Day
Tuesday 1 March	Children back to school for Spring Term 2