



Sessay CE Primary School Newsletter

Your first 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 this academic year. I hope everyone has had a fun and restful summer holiday enjoying the beautiful weather!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who completed our feedback form attached to your child's annual report and google form questionnaire 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 warmly welcome our new Reception children, Alfie in Fountains class, James in Rievaulx class and their families. We also welcome Mrs Berry (Class Rievaulx) 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 their new year groups and learning.

Your class summary from...

Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison.

Our new Reception children have had a lovely first week at school and have settled in really well. They have been busy exploring the classroom and outdoor areas. We have started our new topic all about ourselves and have painted self-portraits for our class display. In maths we have been investigating how to sort objects in different ways.



Fountains, Mrs Sowray.

What a lovely class! All the children have settled in really well, they have all had a great start to the year. We have painted self-portraits for a classroom display and have been working hard in RE, Maths and P.E. In Science, we have been looking at the uses of different materials and we have started our class text 'Stone Age Boy'.



Bolton, Miss Southward.

Class Bolton have had a busy first week back at school! The children have started their new class text and have started to plan their own adventure stories inspired by the beginning of the story. In maths, the children have been representing numbers in lots of different ways using objects, words and even roman numerals. Class Bolton have thought about what cave art can tell us about the lives of people during the Stone age. The classroom is slowly being brought to life with lots of the children's work and they are very proud of the dream jars they made to complete our BFG display. The highlight of the week for most has been creating and performing their own class chant- a class of superstars!

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

The children have started the year with beaming smiles and fabulous behaviour for learning- well done all! We have started our class text: Gaslight, considering how the author uses imagery. In maths we have been working on place value; determining the value of digits in numbers up to 10,000,000. Using photographs from the past was a fun start to our Victorians topic and the children really impressed Mrs Watson with their knowledge of chronology. We also had a super PE session with Mr Shimwell, practising our ball skills.

**Friday 9 September Awards****Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison.**

Squirrel Award – Alfie for being so kind and helpful to our new Reception children.
 Headteacher's sticker – All the Reception children for settling in really well. Well done!
 Mathlete – Ebony for some super sorting in maths this week.
 Writer of the week – Fran for remembering to use capital letters and full stops in her holiday news.

Fountains, Mrs Sowray.

Squirrel Award – Rosie for a super illustration of her family in PSHE and for being kind and considerate to some of the new starters.
 Headteacher's sticker - Alice for her super effort in art; you have produced a lovely self- portrait.
 Mathlete – Jack J for a fantastic attitude to his work on place value this week.
 Writer of the week - Jack Ma for some super presentation in English this week.

Bolton, Miss Southward.

Squirrel Award – Isla H for her excellent IT skills and supporting others in using the chrome books.
 Headteacher's sticker – Joel for creating a super stencil for his cave art. Well done.
 Mathlete – Niamh for making a great start to our place value topic and presenting her work so clearly in her maths book.
 Writer of the week – Darcie for persevering during our handwriting sessions, working really hard to perfect her joins.

Rievaulx, Mrs Watson and Ms Gauder.

Squirrel Award – Roman for a fantastic attitude towards his learning.
 Headteacher's sticker – James for a superb start to his time at Sessay.
 Mathlete – Alex for great place value work with dienes apparatus.
 Writer of the week – Katie for a wonderful Quick write story in Early bird.

Following the very sad news that Her Majesty The Queen passed away yesterday, this morning we held a special 'Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II - Remembering the Servant Queen' collective worship across our Federation. We are compiling a schoolbook of condolence remembering Her Majesty The Queen which we will then display for all to share. We have now entered a period of national mourning that will continue until the end of the State Funeral. Schools and Further Education settings will remain open.

For your information our collective worship Christian value this half term is 'Courage'. 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.

This afternoon you are warmly welcome to **Friday Celebration assembly** in St. Cuthbert's at 2.45pm, this half term hosted by myself.

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

NOTICES:

- As you know Mrs Tyrka is senior teacher on Monday and Tuesday and we welcome Mrs Watson as senior teacher Wednesday to Friday. Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Watson are in charge in my absence on site at Sessay, please don't hesitate to contact them if they can be of any assistance.
- Being the beginning of the academic year please can we remind all of our school uniform.

<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>Hair: Children with hair below the shoulder must have their hair tied back.</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>	

We do have some good quality second hand uniform in school for those families that might need this assistance. Please don't hesitate to speak to Mrs Waite in the school office.

- For our Reception year parents, in line with statutory requirements your child will be doing a very informal, low key baseline assessment next week individually with their class teacher. Please see the following link for more detailed information.
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1074327/2022_Information_for_parents_reception_baseline_assessment.pdf
- As said last term we would like to remind you a school dinner is £2.70 in September. If you think, due to a change in circumstances, that you may qualify for free school meals, please apply through the application form on the NYCC website: www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals

If you are interested in your child starting individual or small group music lessons, please use the following link: [Request Lessons with the Music Service - North Yorkshire Music Hub](#) Please remember that if your child is currently in receipt of FSM, support with music tuition cost is available.

- FOSS (Friends of Sessay School) will soon be advertising the date for their first meeting of the academic year and will be warmly inviting everyone, old and new parents and carers. It is very much appreciated however much or little time you can give.
- Please can we remind all parents and carers that holidays during term time will be unauthorised unless they meet the NYCC exceptional circumstances criteria. Authorised holiday requests meeting the criteria 'exceptional circumstances due to parents work' will only be authorised once (up to 10 sessions) each academic year. Please be aware unauthorised absences can result in penalty fines from NYCC.
- We would like to remind you that 'Be Aware', a new North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children online knowledge hub with a section for parents was launched in the summer term to help prevent and tackle child exploitation. It is all about child exploitation which sadly is happening here in North Yorkshire. The resources and information on this page have been designed alongside parents and carers from across our county to give you the information you need about child exploitation so you can **Be Aware** of the potential risks.

DIARY DATES:

16 th September 2022	Swimming Lessons start – Year 4 & 5
21 st September 2022	Early Literacy Little Wandle Information Evening – All parents – 5pm in the School Hall
11 th October 2022	Parents Evening – All classes
12 th October 2022	Parents Evening – Byland
13 th October 2022	Parents Evening – Fountains, Bolton, Rievaulx
13 th October 2022	Rievaulx Class Ripon – Ripon Museums
15 th October 2022	10am-12pm Open Morning – Prospective Parents
19 th October 2022	Fountains & Bolton Class Trip – Bowes Museum
4 th November 2022	Open Afternoon – 1.30 - 2.30pm ‘Classes in Action’