



Sessay CE Primary School Newsletter

Your fortnightly note from your Headteacher...

Firstly, thank you to all who donated to our Harvest Appeal a fortnight ago to support victims of the Pakistan Flood Appeal. The money we raised will for example vaccinate 600 children against tuberculosis or provide emergency shelter for 3 families! Collective Worship Group thank everyone for their generous donations.

All our children have been out on educational visits this fortnight to support their learning in class. Children in Rievaulx were very animated about their visit to the Ripon Workhouse linked to their Victorians and Georgians topic. The children thoroughly enjoyed their visit, the Victorian teacher was apparently very strict, but thankfully no one got the cane!

This week on Tuesday Years 5 and 6 enjoyed taking part in a Federation Fun Football Tournament at Hustwaite. The sun was shining and Mr Shimwell was very impressed with the football skills and sportsmanship shown by all.



It was a very different forecast for our Year 5/6 tag rugby team yesterday, who competed at Thirsk High School where they continued smiling and doing us proud despite the very wet weather conditions!

Your class summary from...

Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison.

This week we have enjoyed learning about 'seasonal change' in Science and have created some lovely artwork using finger printing. Reception children went on an autumnal walk on the school grounds to collect an array of different coloured leaves to decorate our 'Autumn Tree'. In PE we have learnt another skill within our topic of 'throwing and catching' we can now throw overarm and aim at a target. In RE we listened to the story of 'Rama and Sita' and learnt all about Diwali. We went on a visit to Spilman's farm where we picked our own pumpkins to take home and then enjoyed playing on the hay bales. Many thanks to Mrs Spilman and all at Spilman's farm for having us.



Fountains, Mrs Sowray.

This week we have had a fantastic trip to the Bowes Museum for a Stone Age workshop – we were handling ancient artefacts (10,000 years old!) and making coil clay pots.

We have been extremely busy rehearsing our class play which we will perform after half term and in P.E. we have continued to practise our ball skills with Mr Shimwell. In RE, we have been looking at the story of Jonah and the whale and thinking about what Jonah would have told the people about God; the children came up with some excellent suggestions. It was lovely to see lots of new faces at the open morning where our 'well - being' boxes were on display for all to see.



Bolton, Miss Southward.

Over the last couple of weeks Bolton have been super busy with many highlights including making a Stone Age fruit stew! In Forest School they lit their own fires using flint and steel- just like real cave men and women. In English, the children wrote recipes for their stew and they spent a lot of time making sure there was just enough detail. Their topic learning was brought to life when this week they visited The Bowes Museum and got the chance to handle Stone Age artefacts. They got to hold an axe head that was over 10, 000 years old and as a special treat, they got the chance to see the famous silver swan! In collective worship the children were proud to perform 'Lucky Stars' to the rest of the school which included recorder and singing. They have also received lots of 'thankyous' for their poem mail from members of the Sessay community. One lady thanked Eliza by embroidering her poem / handwriting onto a cushion!



Rievaulx, Mrs Watson and Ms Gauder.

Rievaulx have had an action- packed fortnight. We have continued reading our class novel and finding out about the difficulties faced by poor families during the Victorian era. Our written work has involved writing a review of our trip to The Ripon Workhouse museum. In maths we have been working on multiplication; looking at prime numbers, factors and multiples as well as using several different written methods to multiple two numbers. In topic we have looked at famous Victorian inventions and have also found out about The British Empire. There were some superb pamphlets created in science to demonstrate our knowledge and understanding of micro-organisms.



Friday 14 October Awards

Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison.

Sessay Acorn Award – Dylan for his super involvement in our Little Wandle sessions. Well done!
 Headteacher's sticker – Freddie for always listening so well on the carpet and being involved in class discussions.
 Mathlete – Emily for her great number skills this week. She was able to match a numeral 1-4 with the correct Numicon tile and then find the correct amount of teddies to match.

Fountains, Mrs Sowray.

Sessay Acorn Award – Alice for her fantastic science work on bending, stretching, twisting and squashing.
 Headteacher's sticker – Jack Mi for trying extremely hard to learn his script for our class production; he is reading extremely well with prosody.
 Mathlete – William A for fantastic effort in maths this week.
 Writer of the week – Imogen for a super piece of writing about Stone Age food.

Writer of the week – Alfie for always having beautiful presentation in his work.	
Bolton, Miss Southward. Sessay Acorn Award – Olivia for being so supportive and kind to other children in our class. Headteacher’s sticker – Isla H for her determination not to give up, especially in maths this week. Mathlete – Joshua for mastering column addition and subtraction after finding it tricky at the start of the week. Writer of the week –Emily for a lovely piece of writing and illustrations in RE about the holy trinity.	Rievaulx, Mrs Watson and Ms Gauder. Sessay Acorn Award – Dexter for his excellent behaviour for learning, so far this half term Headteacher’s sticker – Matthew for always putting in 100% effort and for such an inquisitive mind. Mathlete – Eva for trying so hard this week with multiples, factors and prime numbers Writer of the week – Asta for her excellent description of a setting based on the class text Gaslight.
Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Watson’s Superstars. Olivia and Niamh for stepping into the play leader role this week when the Year 5 and 6 children were out on their trip. You were very helpful!	

Friday 21 October Awards

Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison. Sessay Acorn Award – Poppie for her increased confidence in all areas of school life. Headteacher’s sticker – Esme for working really hard with her phonics and writing. Mathlete – Charlie for his hard work forming his numbers correctly. Writer of the week – Elkie for using capital letters accurately in her weekend news.	Fountains, Mrs Sowray. Sessay Acorn Award – Alfie for being so knowledgeable when answering questions during the artefacts workshop at the Bowes Museum. Headteacher’s sticker – Cora for thinking ‘outside the box’, working through problems and using her imagination in Forest Schools this week. Mathlete – Harriet for trying super hard with her arithmetic quiz this week. Writer of the week – Henry for his RE work on Jonah and the Whale.
Bolton, Miss Southward. Sessay Acorn Award – Max for representing our school so well on our school trip, listening carefully and answering some very challenging questions. Headteacher’s sticker – Alfie for super quick reaction times in PE this week. Mathlete – Isla C for her excellent and accurate arithmetic work this week. Writer of the week – Edward for showing enthusiasm for his writing this week- he has put lots of effort into his Stone Age recipe.	Rievaulx, Mrs Watson and Ms Gauder. Sessay Acorn Award – Henry for a superb growth mind-set in all areas of his learning. Headteacher’s sticker – Sam for an excellent attitude and sportsmanship shown during our federation football fun at Husthwaite. Mathlete – Rocco, for trying so hard with his work on times tables this week. Writer of the week – Noah for super effort with his spelling and writing, with Ms Berry.
Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Watson’s Superstars. Joseph for trying so hard with his Little Wandle Assessment this week, you have made super progress this half term. Well done for ‘Never Giving Up’. Eva, Rosie, Katie and Abby for organising the play shed and devising a rota for the equipment. You are becoming super ‘play leaders’.	

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

Have a fun and relaxing half term week.

NOTICES:

- FoSS have organised our much loved annual Pumpkin Carving Competition. Please bring your carved pumpkins into school on Monday 31st October - £2 entry, you will be able to take them home after school on

the same day. This year's judge is once again, Rev David, and a prize will be awarded to each year group. Adults, please feel free to join in. Happy carving!

- FREE Half Term Halloween Fun. Pumpkinfest – zero food waste awareness day at Allerton Waste Recovery Park.
Allerton Waste Recovery Park will once again be celebrating with a FREE Pumpkinfest – zero food waste awareness family fun day Monday 24 October 2022 from 10am to 4pm. Come to Allerton Waste Recovery Park to find out more. As well as meeting the team at Allerton Waste Recovery Park and finding out what happens to food waste when you put it in your bin, we have a range of activities planned, including:
Pumpkin carving. Cookery demonstration – celebrity chef Nigel Brown shows us how to cook with pumpkin; we'll provide compostable bags for your pumpkin flesh so you can try the mouth-watering recipes at home.
Smoothie Bike – have a go at using pedal power to make delicious healthy smoothies from less than perfect fruit and vegetables and learn about composting from the North Yorkshire Rotters. Waste themed colouring and activity station. Site tours – age 7+
Places must be booked in advance and numbers are strictly limited; book early to avoid disappointment. To book your visit or to find out more, email wastetreatmentcommunications@amey.co.uk
- Please can we remind all our children that 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 includes swimming). This is in line with North Yorkshire County Council's health and safety policy and guidance. If for any reason a child is unable to take their stud earrings out themselves, **they will not be able to participate in PE that day.** Taping over earrings is not allowed. If children are getting their ears pierced, we suggest the beginning of the summer holidays to be the most appropriate time.
- **PARKING AROUND SCHOOL.** We have been made aware by local residents and by individual parents of concerns when parking around school. This is and has been an ongoing issue, please report any concerns to Mrs Waite in the school office as we will continue to monitor and work with our PCSO and the public highway when necessary. Please can we remind drivers to not park on the double yellow lines on Sessay Garth. As we are sure you will understand when you are driving towards Pilmoor you have to then pass the parked cars, on the wrong side of the road towards a blind corner which is particularly dangerous for all. Please park on the main road towards the village and walk the couple of minutes up to the school site. Obviously, safety for all is the most important.
- Today is our last 'Ice Cream Friday' and next half term it will be 'Hot Chocolate Friday' (with cream and marshmallows of course!) as we move into the colder, winter months.
- **BAGS2SCHOOL** – there will be a Bags2School collection at 9am on 1st November. Please bring bags of clothing, shoes, handbags, belts and accessories in a bin bag to the front of school before 9am. The more weight we collect, the more money we get (effortless fundraising!). This time you are being asked to use your own bin bags to cut down on plastic wastage.
- Our new Facebook page is now live: Sessay CofE Primary School. Please add us as a Facebook friend and take a look.

DIARY DATES:

21 st October	Break up for half term
31 st October	Back to school for Autumn 2 Year 6 Secondary School application deadline https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/apply-place-primary-or-secondary-school
1 st November	BAGS2SCHOOL Blue Bag Collection
3 rd November 9-10am 2.30-3pm	Stay and Play Fountains Stone Age play for parents in the school hall.
4 th November 1.30 - 2.30pm	School Open Afternoon – 'Parents welcome to see classes in action!'
16 November	PSHE Curriculum Enrichment Day, part of National Anti-bullying week, theme 'Reach Out'.
17 November 4pm	Years 4, 5 and 6 Parent Awareness Workshop – Online safety and cyber bullying.

Term dates 2023-2024 are attached and are now available on our school website.