



CE Primary School 'Growing together in love and learning'

### Sessay CE Primary School Monthly Newsletter

#### January 2024...

As you know we have moved to monthly school newsletters and we hope you are enjoying weekly class Dojo posts with photographs and celebration assembly awards.

What a fantastic first three weeks to the Spring term. It was lovely welcoming the children back into school after the Christmas holidays and hearing all their news. As always I love to spend time doing regular classroom visits and talking to the children about their learning, current texts and topics.

In our first week back our Year 5/6 children had a fabulous time at our cluster school football final.

Yesterday all our KS2 children took part in our KS2 cluster cross country. 9 schools in our cluster took part, cheering each other on and it was a fabulous atmosphere for all! The stamina and efforts were commendable and we were very proud of each and every one of them. A huge congratulations to Sessay medal winners Rosie, Olivia P, Isla H and Matthew.



### Friday 12 January Awards

<p><b>Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison.</b>  <b>Sessay Acorn Award</b> – Ted for his enthusiasm with acting out scenes from our class text and for his super attitude in all his learning.  <b>Headteacher's sticker</b> – Joseph for his work in PE with different jumps this week, especially his star jump.  <b>Mathlete</b> – James for working hard with his number formation and for counting carefully.  <b>Writer of the week</b> – Gege for her lovely writing all about her Christmas holiday.</p>	<p><b>Fountains, Mrs Jackson.</b>  <b>Sessay Acorn Award</b> – Emily for her concentration and focus in her English tasks this week. Emily enjoyed the Beatrix Potter stories of 'Two Bad Mice' and 'The Tale of Tom Kitten', writing some fantastic sentences.  <b>Headteacher's sticker</b> – Obi for his colour mixing in art and design this week.  <b>Mathlete</b> – Stanley for working out challenging questions involving money.  <b>Writer of the week</b> – Freddie for his improved letter formation and writing several sentences. Keep it up!</p>
<p><b>Bolton, Mrs Sowray and Miss Wilkie.</b>  <b>Sessay Acorn Award</b> – Ellie for a super start to the new year and being a really kind and helpful member of the class.  <b>Headteacher's sticker</b> – Olivia for some super 3 and 4 point balances in gymnastics this week.  <b>Mathlete</b> – William N for really working hard on his x3 and x6 multiplication tables this week.  <b>Writer of the week</b> – Jack J for working hard on his newspaper report about the Three Little Pigs.</p>	<p><b>Rievaulx, Ms Gauder and Mrs Watson.</b>  <b>Sessay Acorn Award</b> – Joshua for his map reading skills when learning about Greece.  <b>Headteacher's sticker</b> – Edward for instant recall of multiplication facts in maths.  <b>Mathlete</b> – Isla C for her work on multiplication using 2 digit X 2 digit numbers.  <b>Writer of the week</b> – Scarlett for her work on the new class text, Who let the Gods Out.</p>

### Friday 19 January Awards

<p><b>Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison.</b>  <b>Sessay Acorn Award</b> – Frankie for using the language of 'subitising' and 'numeral' correctly during maths.  <b>Headteacher's sticker</b> – Rosalie for her super role play skills and starting to lead play really well with her friends.  <b>Mathlete</b> – Harry for super number formation and trying really hard to write in the boxes in his new maths book.  <b>Writer of the week</b> – Emmie for her lovely writing about Stick Man and trying hard to form sentences.</p>	<p><b>Fountains, Mrs Jackson.</b>  <b>Sessay Acorn Award</b> – Joseph for trying hard this week in all his tasks. Joseph has persevered and showed real determination. Well done.  <b>Headteacher's sticker</b> – Charlie for his sportsmanship playing team hockey in PE.  <b>Mathlete</b> – Edith for some lovely work with number lines, learning about place value to 20. Edith was so confident she was explaining to her friends too.  <b>Writer of the week</b> – Teddy for really getting to grips with his cursive writing now and for writing cursively in other subject areas. Well done.</p>
<p><b>Bolton, Mrs Sowray and Miss Wilkie.</b>  <b>Sessay Acorn Award</b> – Isabel for some super artwork and her enthusiasm whilst drawing her animals.  <b>Headteacher's sticker</b> – Jack Mi for a superb week all round, he has been so positive in all areas of his work.  <b>Mathlete</b> – Farrah for some super maths work, she has persevered ALL week, well done!  <b>Writer of the week</b> – Alice for her own version of the Little Red Riding Hood fairy tale.</p>	<p><b>Rievaulx, Ms Gauder and Mrs Watson.</b>  <b>Sessay Acorn Award</b> – Roman for superb behaviour for learning in class this week, especially during English.  <b>Headteacher's sticker</b> – Niamh for her maturity in class and hard work in reading sessions.  <b>Mathlete</b> – James for his perseverance with ratio and proportion problem solving  <b>Writer of the week</b> – Arthur for confidence with ESPAG this week and understanding the conventions of writing dialogue.</p>
<p><b>Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Watson's Superstars.</b>          Scarlett for being a superb play leader, supporting the younger children with different games.</p>	

### Friday 26 January Awards

<p><b>Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison.</b>  <b>Sessay Acorn Award</b> – Finlay for following instructions carefully in our yoga session this week and for working hard with his reading.</p>	<p><b>Fountains, Mrs Jackson.</b>  <b>Sessay Acorn Award</b> – Poppy for her thoughtful contributions during lessons. Several times this week Poppy has come up with some brilliant suggestions and ideas that no one else had thought of – well done!</p>
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<p><b>Headteacher's sticker</b> – Henry for sharing his knowledge of penguins and answering questions in our topic session this week.</p> <p><b>Mathlete</b> – Olivia for her super work using the whole and part model to investigate the composition of numbers.</p> <p><b>Writer of the week</b> – Genevieve for independent sentence writing this week.</p>	<p><b>Headteacher's sticker</b> – Alfie for his superb balances in PE when working with a partner.</p> <p><b>Mathlete</b> – Ebony for persevering during our tricky work this week on 'groups of' and division.</p> <p><b>Writer of the week</b> – Finn for his interesting writing about 'If I was green' as part of our new unit of work on Caribbean poetry.</p>
<p><b>Bolton, Mrs Sowray and Miss Wilkie.</b></p> <p><b>Sessay Acorn Award</b> – Ella Rose has been amazing this week! Her reading and writing has really impressed all the Bolton staff.</p> <p><b>Headteacher's sticker</b> – Joseph for working hard in science; giving some good answers and trying hard to use the correct scientific vocabulary.</p> <p><b>Mathlete</b> – Jack Ma for consistently high scores in his Times Table speed tests, well done.</p> <p><b>Writer of the week</b> – Paisley for trying so hard with all her written work this week, keep up the good work!</p>	<p><b>Rievaulx, Ms Gauder and Mrs Watson.</b></p> <p><b>Sessay Acorn Award</b> – Max for his great behaviour for learning and perseverance with mathematical problems.</p> <p><b>Headteacher's sticker</b> – Eliza for her accurate and detailed investigation in Science.</p> <p><b>Mathlete</b> –Rocco for working hard to learn times tables for instant recall and using the facts independently to solve problems.</p> <p><b>Writer of the week</b> – Dexter for a brilliant attitude and great knowledge of a variety of vocabulary to enhance his writing.</p>

For your information our Collective worship Christian value this half term is Compassion. Your child brought home a school values sheet of ideas at the beginning of this term, should you wish to explore their understanding of this value further at home.

#### NOTICES:

- **Mrs Johnson – Fountains/Byland team.** I would like to inform you that we will be warmly welcoming Mrs Johnson to our Sessay family and federation staff team on Monday. Mrs Johnson will be primarily based in Fountains class but will be working across our EYFS/KS1 block. She will also have the pleasure of being with children across the school as her role in supporting our before school club and being a midday supervisor.
- **Hustwaite HMI Ofsted monitoring visit, 24 November 2023.** As you know we had a successful Ofsted monitoring inspection last half term. On Wednesday we received the report letter (attached) which will be published next week. It positively identifies our curriculum and school development plan. *For your information at the end of a monitoring inspection, the inspector makes a single overarching judgement and there are only the 2 following judgements:*  
*Leaders have made progress to improve the school, but more work is necessary for the school to become good.*  
*Or [The school] continues to require improvement. Leaders have made insufficient progress to improve the school.*
- **Measles outbreak.** We would like to inform you that there have been recent localised outbreaks of measles centred around the West Midlands and there is a risk of further outbreaks in other areas unless urgent action is taken to increase Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccination take up in areas with low MMR vaccine rates. Measles spreads very easily among those who are unvaccinated, especially in nurseries and schools. The best protection against measles for children and adults is to get both doses of the MMR vaccine. It is never too late to have these vaccinations.

The NHS has the following advice for parents on measles:

[Measles - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

The DfE has published an [Education Hub blog](#) with guidance on measles and the MMR vaccine for parents.

- **School Drop Off** Please can we remind everyone that **school starts at/registration is at 8.45am**. The wooden gates are officially opened at 8.35am and locked at 8.45am/after all school buses have arrived. Any child arriving after 8.45am is recorded as late (L) and if arrives after registration is closed at 9am, is recorded as unauthorised (U). Please DO NOT PARK directly in front of the wooden gate, as this needs to be kept clear for school buses and drop and go only.
- **POLITE REMINDER REGARDING PARKING AROUND SCHOOL.** Please can everyone remember not to park on the grass verges, village and church green at this time of year as the mud becomes so slippery and ultimately the ground is hard to walk on and grass is damaged. We must allow for the beautiful bulbs to come up in the Spring. Please DO NOT PARK on the yellow zig-zag lines outside the school gate as this is for the school bus

only and to allow pedestrians to cross safely. As we know you will understand, safety and access for all is of the utmost importance.

- **TAX FREE CHILDCARE.** Did you know that you can get up to £500 every 3 months (up to £2,000 a year) for each of your children to help with the costs of childcare. If you get Tax-Free Childcare, you can set up an online childcare account for your child. For every £8 you pay into this account, the government will pay in £2 to use to pay your provider. You can get Tax-Free Childcare at the same time as 30 hours free childcare if you're eligible for both. To find out more: <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

#### DIARY DATES:

1 February	Stay and Play – Special People Year 5 and 6 Ampleforth College trip to watch 'Little Shop of Horrors'
2 February	NSPCC Number Day
6 February	Curriculum Enrichment Day – Computing – Growing Up in a Digital Age Safer Internet Day
8 February	FOSS Disco. Byland and Fountains 5-6pm, Bolton and Rievaulx 6-7pm.
9 February	Break up for half term
19 February	8.45am school opens for the Spring Term 2. Tears 5 & 6 Young Voices Concert – Sheffield Arena
21 February	International Language Day
22 February	Parent Governor Surgery
23 February	Non uniform day in return for Mother's Day/Special Lady Day sale gifts
26 Feb – 1 March	Years 5 and 6 residential to Newby Wiske
7 March	World Book Day Mother's Day / Special Day Gift Sale Stay and Play – Spring
11-14 March	Year 6 KS2 Mock SAT's week
12 March	Parents Evening
14 March	Year 5 and 6 Hi 5 Netball Tournament Parents Evening
15 March	Red Nose Day
19 March	FOSS Easter Egg Hunt
21 March	Curriculum Enrichment Day – Humanities – Historical Figures Past and Present
22 March	FOSS Easter Egg Decorating Competition 1.30pm Easter Service St Cuthbert's Church School closes 2.30pm for Easter