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"With exploring minds, and faith, we achieve our challenging goals."

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Welcome to this week's newsletter

The children have made a fantastic start to the year. All children have been working extremely hard with some going that extra mile to achieve a Pupil of the Week Certificate.

PUPILS OF THE WEEK

Class 1 - Aiden C

Class 2 - Lily H, Jacob B, Lexie H

Class 3 - Mollie C, Libby F

Class 4 - Frankie I, Lennon M, Ryan F

Class 5 - Kiera M, Ben C, Daniel E

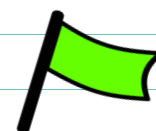
Class 6 - Jayden B

Class 7 - Noah O



HOUSE TEAMS

Scafell have taken the lead this week with 142 points in total.



Catch-me-card winners

Lots of children were again 'caught' doing something particularly helpful over the lunchtimes and playtime this week. Well done to all Catch-me-card winners.

The 6 winners that were drawn out of the prize drawer were:

- ◆ Ciaran S for completing some excellent homework.
- ◆ Patrick McS for pointing out a hazardous part of the playground.
- ◆ Wilf for helping dinner ladies on the yard.
- ◆ Luka B for clearing away sensibly in the dining hall.
- ◆ Ella C for looking after a friend.
- ◆ Oliver F for helping out on the yard.

Attendance Winners:

Mrs Rudd's class have top attendance this week with 98.8%

Overall school attendance — 97.35%

Minutes lost to lateness — 0

Parentmail

81% of parents have verified their registration with Parentmail. Can I urge all those parents who haven't registered yet to do so as soon as possible as this is our main means of communicating with you in an emergency.

Car Park

Please use the main gate to the playground at the beginning and end of the day. Please remind your child not to walk through the car park, as staff and visitors to the school use both car parks at these peak times.

EBASC — mobile telephone no. 07563 785331

Please telephone the EBASC club to make your bookings . The EBASC staff will answer during club hours but you can also text or leave a voicemail message. Although we will always accommodate last minute, emergency bookings (telephone the school office), we would appreciate if you could give the staff at least 24 hours notice of a booking and make sure your child knows when they need to go in to the club.

Guitar Tuition

Mr Curzon has finalised his timetable and the Y4 children will have their lessons on Monday afternoons and Y5 & 6 will have their lessons on Thursday afternoons.

Healthy Schools

Breaktime Snacks – As it states in our packed lunch policy, children are asked only to bring fruit or bread products for their morning snack i.e. teacakes, pancakes, brioche, toasted crumpets & toast.

Dogs

Please could I ask that dogs are kept off the premises during the times when children are coming on site in the morning and leaving at the end of the day. Could I also please ask that dogs are kept away from the main gate where children and parents congregate during these busy times. Some children are nervous around animals and I wouldn't want to cause any undue stress. Thank you.

Wasps

Due to sustained warm weather conditions, we are experiencing an issue with increased wasp numbers. We also have a number of plants on site that are attracting wasps from elsewhere. We have had a number of people on site looking at our issue who, because of there not being a nest on site, have been unable to help us. We have another expert coming on site over the weekend who should be able to help us with our problem. In the meantime, I have spoken to the children about remaining calm on the yard and not agitating the wasps. The staff here have also started removing bin bags from the yard immediately after lunch/break times to stop wasps being attracted to the children's rubbish. We thank you for being patient while we resolve this issue.

School Milk

Please visit our school milk provider's website Coolmilk.com to register your child to have a carton of fresh, semi-skimmed milk each break time.

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be open after school on Thursday 15th Sept, then each morning before school and after school until the morning of Thursday 22nd. Please do come along and take a look.

School Photographer

The school photographer will be in school on Tuesday afternoon to take photos of individual children. They will be available to take photos of family groups, with older and younger siblings from 3.10pm—4pm so please feel free to come along.

School Councillors – A huge well done to all of our Class Councillors who have been elected to represent their class during school council meetings. The councillors selected are:

Class 1: Aiden Crickett

Class 2: Connor Heskett

Class 3: Nate Frankland

Class 4: Ella Crellen

Class 5: Abigail Fearon

Class 6: Abigail Stevenson

Class 7: Olivia Beattie

House Captains – On the same theme, can I congratulate the following Year 6 children who were elected as Team Captains. In all cases, children had to prepare a speech and were elected by their peers. It's great to see democracy at work at St James'.

Skiddaw: Harley Cueto & Molly Walsh

Blencathra: Gio Clarke & Poppy Oliver

Scafell: Nate Frankland & Emi-Leigh Rudd

Cat Bells: Tyler Thwaites & Ella Crellen

Melbreak: Callum Leeson & Mia Telfer

Poetry—On Monday 12th September children in Year 4 were treated to the poetry and storytelling of Liverpoolian poet Terry Caffrey. His wacky poetry and style fired their imaginations and inspired a sheer enjoyment of words.

NSPCC Fundraising - A special mention this week goes out to Kaiden M in Class 3 who spoke to me this week about an idea he would like to undertake in school. Over the summer kaiden, wrote off to the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. (NSPCC). He had requested a fundraising pack including some lovely decorative pin badges. It his idea to sell them on the playground to the children and staff for £1. Pin badges will be on sale all of next week during break time so if families would like to contribute please bring £1 into school. This is yet another responsible, heartwarming and selfless action I see from the pupils of St James' on a daily basis. We will keep you updated with a running total as the project develops.

Year 3 were out and about this week at Honister Slate Mine and Keswick Museum, where we enjoyed the beautiful autumn sunshine.

Our first activity took us to the spectacular Honister Pass. We explored the mine, journeying into the heart of the mountain. The children learned about the life of Victorian miners and also how the mountain was formed.

After lunch in the park, we took part in a 'hands on' workshop which included: a study of rocks and fossils, uses of rocks today, making our own fossils and even creating toothpaste!

This was a great way to start our theme – on 'Rocks'.



St James Church Family Service - Sunday 18th September at 10.00am

Come along to 'A New Church Service for All Ages'. It will be taking place on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

St Nicholas Centre, Whitehaven—Coffee shop manager vacancy

25 hours per week, Monday to Friday between 8.30am and 3pm. Annual salary of £10,400, paid monthly. One year fixed term contract with view to extension. Closing date: Friday 30th September 2016. For more details and an application pack please contact Mrs Michele Smith 01946 599485 or email whitehavenparish@btinternet.com

For Cups Cyak, Duke St, Whitehaven — Macmillan Coffee Day, Friday 30th September

Come along between 10am & 4pm and grab yourself s delicious sweet treat or two...

As ever, do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns about any aspect of school life. Have a great weekend and see you on Monday.

Mr Beattie



Key Dates

Wed weekly, last session 19th Oct: Y6 Football ASC with Carlisle coaches

Tue 20th Sept: School photographer will be in school in the afternoon to take individual photos & will be available to take family group shots from 3.10pm—4pm.

Tue 20th Sept: 24 children are taking part in Cross Country at Whitehaven Academy

Fri 23 Sept: Y4 visit to Senhouse Museum

Mon 26th Sept: Full Governors' meeting 5.30pm

Thu 29th Sept: Y5 & 6 visit to React Science Show 'Glorious Blood' - letters out soon.

Monday 3rd Oct: Harvest Festival (TBC)

Mon 10th Oct and Tues 11th Oct: Y5 and 6 visit to Tullie House

Tues 18th Oct: Gripping Yarns production in school— Place of Safety

Fri 21st Oct: Parent Open Afternoon

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
CHOICE 1	Southern fried chicken served with potato wedges and baked beans	Sausage or vegetarian sausage served with mash, peas, carrots and gravy	Chicken or cheese & tomato pizza served with chips and baked beans	Roast pork served with Yorkshire puddings, potatoes, cabbage, sweetcorn and stuffing	Mince and vegetables served with boiled potatoes
CHOICE 2	Battered cod served with potato wedges and baked beans	Macaroni and cheese served with bread and peas	Chicken curry served with rice and naan bread	Vegetarian roast dinner with Yorkshire pudding, potatoes, cabbage, sweetcorn and stuffing	Tuna pasta bake served with crusty bread
CHOICE 3	Filled jacked potato with a choice of fillings > Cheese > Tuna > Beans	Filled jacket potato with a choice of fillings > Cheese > Tuna > Beans	Filled tortilla wrap with a choice of fillings > Cheese > Tuna > Ham served with chips	Filled jacket potato with a choice of fillings > Cheese > Tuna > Beans	Filled tortilla wrap with a choice of fillings > Cheese > Tuna > Ham served with diced potatoes
DESSERT	Fruit salad and cream/ice cream	Lemon drizzle sponge and custard	Chocolate cake and custard	Jelly and cream/ice cream	