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

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Welcome to this week's newsletter

PUPILS OF THE WEEK

The children have all been working extremely again this week. Here are our Pupils of the Week-

Class 1 - Daniel H & Aysel G

Class 2 - Tom B

Class 3 - Dominic B

Class 4 - Ellis D & Tilly S

Class 5 - Wilf P & Lucian K

Class 6 - Mackenzie L & Naomi S



Timestable Rockstars

Maths Class 1 - Bethan A

Maths Class 2 - Luca R

Maths Class 3 - Matty C

Maths Class 4 - Evan C

Maths Class 5 - Robert M

Maths Class 6 - Rosalee T



Attendance winners:

Class 3 & 4 had top attendance this week and will receive an extra MUGA day.

Overall school attendance this is week: 98.05%

Please note all Covid-19 absence is excluded

Spelling Shed Superstars

Class 1 - Anya N

Class 2 - Jack H & Zara R

Class 3 - Jimi F

Class 4 - Theo M

Class 5 - Jamie F

Class 6 - Amelia D

Each week, all of the children gaining 100% in a reading quiz are placed into a prize draw to win a book of their choice. This weeks winners were Eden E & Keir M



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As ever, do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns about any aspect of school life.

Mr Beattie



Many things to celebrate this week, our Zumba, Football, Cookery, Adventure club and Mr C's outdoor sports clubs are going from strength to strength. It's great to see children enjoying these extra-curricular activities and we are delighted to confirm our date for this year's Sports Day as 1st July which will be held again at the 3-g pitch at Whitehaven Amateurs. We have fingers crossed that the weather will be bright and we can invite parents along to join in the fun. We are also looking forward next week to our lower bubble visiting The Beacon Museum for our first school trip for over 12 months. I'm sure the children will be able to shine with their knowledge of Vikings and get lots from the visit.



In what would have been SATS week, my mind turns to our Year 6 students. Staff and students have worked extremely hard since returning and we have been busy sharing information with respective secondary schools. I have spoken to them about maintaining such high standards which will be shared in face to face meetings with Mr King and Heads of Year 7. To continue a St James tradition, we would like to cater a 'SATS breakfast' for them next week. We do need dry weather so they can eat them outside, so will check weather forecast at the weekend. It is likely that Wednesday or Thursday we can have the Year 6 on site from 8.15 to enjoy a sausage or vegi-sausage sandwich along with a glass of juice and play about on the back field. We will ask a donation of £1 to help cover the food costs.

School Money—Mrs Maiden has recently sent out a letter advising that after half term we will be changing to School-Money which is an all in one platform and app for school payments and will include pre booking and paying for both school dinners and EBASC, as well as paying for trips. A welcome message from SchoolMoney will be sent out next week and then parents should be able to start logging in and using the system. This type of change over always takes a bit of time to iron out the kinks, so please bear with us and we will get any issues resolved as quickly as we can. In the interim period, if anyone is struggling, all children will be able to order lunches in registration and EBASC can always be booked over the telephone in an emergency, so no one will be left without access to these provisions.

Breakfast & After School Club – We are proud that we have been able to continue offer Breakfast & After School Club provision for our families as we have ducked and dived between lockdowns. Since returning, numbers have been consistently lower than the uptake that we had pre-covid. This is clearly down to changes in peoples working arrangements. We are very keen to continue to offer this much-needed EBASC resources and wanted to share details in how you can support us to do so.

1. To enable adequate staffing levels we ask that all parents book, whenever possible, **at least 24 hrs in advance**
2. Parents are able to book through mobile 07563 785331 (through SchoolMoney after half term)
3. Parents can also book using email admin@stjamesjun.cumbria.sch.uk
4. Parents agree not to drop off before 7:50am for breakfast or later than 5:15pm for after-school.

Thank you for your cooperation

St James' Toddler Group – I have met with Rev Jackson this week to discuss the possibility of starting the Toddler Group in St James' Community Hall. It is pleasing to hear that the Hall is now beginning to reopen and plans are to reopen this popular resource. Rev Jackson has the venue, the equipment and funding, all which is now needed are a team of willing volunteers to help run the group. If you feel that you, or others that you know could support the group by volunteering your time then please get in touch with us for further details.

Punctuality – Over the next few weeks we are focussing on punctuality for school. Our attendance continues to be a real strength but we are concerned of a minority turning up late for lessons and having to order lunches. This is also having an impact for other students who are having their learning interrupting whilst staff deal with late comers.

If I can remind you we are still having our staggered starts. Lower bubbles learning begins at 8:40am and Upper bubble lessons begin at 8:50am.



One of our Yr 6 parents has been taking part in a herculean effort to run and bike 26.2 miles a day for 110 days.....consecutively!!

Stuart, Alfie and Gary are all raising money for Macmillan cancer support Cumbria & Hospice At Home West Cumbria. If anyone is able to make a donation to support them, then every little will help support the fantastic people, who day in day out, help make lives better.

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Alfie-Stuart-McKee>

Here are links to some activities which have been happening in school this week -

This week it was Class 4's turn to do a bit of [African dancing](#), Mrs Milligan has been working on the [Lord's Prayer](#) with Class 3 and they have been cooking up a storm in [Cookery Club](#)!

Check out some of the other [galleries](#) showing the children learning and exploring a range of different topics. Check out your child's [class page](#) here.



Coming up at St James' (new and changes in red)-

- Wednesday 26th May to Friday 28th May—Lower Bubble Beacon Museum Visits
- 31st May – Friday 4th June—Half term
- Fridays; 11th June 18th June, 25th June 2nd July & 9th July—PE Coaching with Emma M
- Monday 14th June—Pupil Progress & Welfare Governors Meeting
- Thursday 17th June—Class Photographs
- Friday 18th June - Year 5/6 Boys Football Competition – Carlisle
- Friday 25th June - Year 5/6 Girls Football Competition – Carlisle
- Monday 28th June – Wednesday 30th June – Year 6 Residential to Robinwood
- Thursday 1st July—Sports Day
- Friday 2nd July – Year 3/4 Mixed Football Competition - Carlisle
- Monday 5th July – Friday 9th July – Year 6 Cyclewise – Cycling Proficiency
- Wed 7th July – Moving Up: Year 2 visit SJJ, Year 6 attending St Benedict's and The Whitehaven Academy
- Monday 12th July - School Reports going out & Full Governors Meeting

Weekly Clubs & Activities

- Monday – Upper Bubble Girls Sports Group (3:30pm – 4:30pm)
- Tuesday—Lower Bubble Cookery Club (3:15pm – 4:10pm) - By Invitation
- Wednesday – Zumba Club - **26th May** (3:15pm – 4:00pm) - **Upper Bubble**
- Wednesday—Year 5 Adventure Club at Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project (collect directly from WHYP Swingpump Lane)
- Thursday - Upper Bubble Boys Sports Group (3:30pm – 4:30pm) - **27th May—Year 5 Only**
- Friday— Lower Bubble Football Club (**Class 6—28th May**) (3:15pm – 4:15pm)