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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 continue to make great strides in their learning, and give a great deal of effort everyday. Here are the children who have gone that extra mile to achieve a Pupil of the Week Certificate, Bronze Awards and Catch-me-card winners this week.

### PUPILS OF THE WEEK

- Class 1– Adam K
- Class 2 - Daniel H & Xander F
- Class 3 - Imtiyaz U & Kaiden M
- Class 4 - Suproto M, Callum L, Jordan B & Lennon M
- Class 5 - Preston M & Charlie H
- Class 6 - Katie R, Isabel B & Sajidah A
- Class 7 - Taylor C



### HOUSE TEAMS

Cat Bells are this week's winners with 81 points.



### Catch-me-card winners

- ⇒ Sophie M for helping on the playground
- ⇒ Abigail S for playing well during wet break
- ⇒ Abigail F for playing well during wet break
- ⇒ Luke S for tidying the classroom
- ⇒ Kieran H for playing well during wet break
- ⇒ Oscar M for playing well during break

### Attendance Winners:

**Class 7 have top attendance this week with 96.64%**

**Overall school attendance is 95.28% A big improvement this week—Well done!**

**60 minutes were lost to lateness**

### Bronze Award winners

- Harley C     Henry O-B
- Nate F       Jackson B
- Corby R      Ella R
- Isabelle R   Ben W
- Poppy O

### Silver Award winners

Ella C



**House Day – Thursday 9th February** sees a return to a school tradition of ‘House Days’. The children and staff have very much enjoyed these events previously, with children from all classes joining together to have a morning working with their house: Melbreak (Orange), Scafell (Blue), Skiddaw (Red), Cat Bells (Green) and Blencathra (Yellow).

For the day, the children can come to school in non-uniform wearing a top with their house colour on. As part of the morning all children will also take part in a sporting session so wearing trainers is a must. I look forward to my very own first St James’ ‘House Day’.



### **Parents Y6 SATS Talk - Thursday 9th February 3.10pm**

Parents are invited to join us for a Year 6 SATS talk next Thursday straight after school. Y6 teachers will share a layout of how SATS Week will look on the 8th May.



There will also be a chance to look at some online Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar resources that the school have subscribed to, and a chance to purchase some very useful revision resources. The Y6 teachers have carefully selected two books, which will be used regularly in school and as homework. We can offer both books as a package for the price of £4 which is below recommended retail price.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, or have further questions, the Y6 staff and myself are all happy to chat with you. We will continue to offer the sale of the revision materials for the next few weeks.

### **Parents Drop In Morning – Friday 17th February, 8.55am—10.30am**

Again Parents are invited to join their children for our termly drop in morning. This time parents will get a chance to work alongside their child in a Literacy lessons and try out some of our new ‘Learn2Learn’ strategies.



Further information in how to book a place for our drop in morning will be sent out next week.

**Y4 Visit to Hawes End** – The total cost of the residential visit is £160. A deposit of £10 has already been paid leaving a balance of £150 to pay. Payments for the visit can be made in instalments or in full, by Parentmail or can be sent to the office, by Friday 17th March.

**TOY APPEAL** - EBASC are appealing for donations of pre-loved toys and games that are in good condition and complete with all parts! If you have anything that you would be happy to donate, we would be very grateful and would be able to put it to good use.



## 'GR8 Newz 4 Kidz' - On sale from Wednesday 8th February

Our school Newspaper: GR8 Newz 4 Kidz is currently in production and will go on sale from Wednesday 8th February. The paper will be sold directly from the school every break time chill and will also be sold directly from Santander, Hospice at Home and Richardson's Wines, all in Whitehaven.



**RAG BAG Textile Recycling** – Thank you for all of your kind donations for our Fire Charity Collection last week. The bags have been picked up and we await news of a final total. May I also remind parents that we have a textile collection bin on our side carpark.

A team of school parent volunteers have worked with the school for some time in emptying the collection point when it is full and sending off to recycling. The school has received a generous amount of funding in the past which has been used to pay for various items in school. My hope is that we can continue to use this service to help provide some new playground equipment for the children.



**World Book Day - Thursday 2nd March** sees the celebration of the annual World Book Day. Plans are in place for lessons to be based around some popular children's books.

In addition, we are hoping for all children to attend school in 'Book Day' fancy dress. Children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character. For parents needing some awesome costume inspiration, please Google:

**'guardian 2016 world book day costume ideas'**

### **After School Activities taking place this half term ...**

- ◆ **Tuesdays 3.15pm – 4.30pm: Y4 Table Tennis at WHYP**, first session Tues 17th Jan, last session 14th Feb. Please note that children should be collected from WHYP.
- ◆ **Thursdays 3.10pm – 4.10pm: Boys Writing Club** (invited pupils only) - first session Thurs 19th Jan, last session 16th Feb.
- ◆ **Thursdays 3.10pm – 4.15pm School Newspaper Club** - first session Thurs 19th Jan, last session 16th Mar.
- ◆ **Fridays 3.15pm – 4.00pm: Skip to be Fit Club** - first session Fri 20th Jan, last session Fri 17th Feb.



The hidden word for this week is 'awesome'

The first pupil to see Mr Beattie will get a treat when they explain where they found the word in the newsletter.

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



## Key Dates

Monday 6th February - Buildings and Finance Committee meeting, 5.00pm

Thursday 9th February - House Team Day

Thursday 9th February - Y6 SATs Parents' Talk 3.10pm

Friday 17th February - Parents' Open Morning (9am—10:30am)

Friday 17th February - School closes at 3.10pm for Half Term

Monday 27th February - School re-opens

Thursday 2nd March - World Book Day

Tuesday 14th March p.m. - class group photographs

Thursday 16th March - Spring Parents' Evening

Monday 20th March - Pupil Progress & Welfare Governors Meeting, 5.00pm

Thursday 30th March - Easter Disco

Friday 31st March - Spring Fair 1.30pm

Monday 3rd April - Full Governors meeting, 5.30pm

Monday 3rd April - Wednesday 5th April Year 4 Hawes End trip

Friday 7th April - End of term, school closes at 2pm

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
CHOICE 1	Sausage roll with mashed potatoes, gravy and carrots	Steak pie with boiled potatoes and broccoli	Fish fingers with golden vegetable rice/chips and peas	Roast pork with stuffing, Yorkshire pudding, potatoes and sweetcorn/ red cabbage	Margherita pizza with potato wedges and beans
CHOICE 2	Cheese and onion slice with mashed potatoes and carrots	Piece of salmon with potatoes and broccoli	Lentil soup and sandwich	Vegetarian roast dinner	Chicken pizza with potato wedges and beans
CHOICE 3	Filled jacket potato with a choice of fillings	Filled wraps with a choice of fillings > Cheese > Tuna > Ham	Filled jacket potato with a choice of fillings > Cheese > Tuna > Ham	Filled jacket potato with a choice of fillings	Filled jacket potato with a choice of fillings
DESSERT	Fruit sponge and custard	Chocolate crunch with chocolate custard	Sticky toffee pudding with custard/cream	Golden Krispy cake	Tutti frutti iced sponge cake