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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

Class 1 - Megan M & Blake W

Class 2 - Suproto M, Jordan B, Layla R-H, Lennon M & Harvey C

Class 3 - Sophie M & Alec M

Class 4 - Noah M

Class 5 - Ffion N

Class 6 - Zac M & Luca R



HOUSE TEAMS

Skiddaw are this week's winners with 59 points

ACCELERATED READERS OF THE WEEK

Class 1 - Livvy R

Class 2 - Nafisah U

Class 3 - Charlie S

Class 4 - Evie C

Class 5 - Isla M

Class 6 - Millie M

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 week our winner is Luke S

So far our school have read **27,407,663** words this year.

Well done to the following children for completing their Award Cards this week.

Bronze Award: Blake W

Silver Award: Imogen F

Gold Award:

Attendance winners:

Class 6 have top attendance this week with 100% and will receive an extra playtime.

Overall school attendance this is week:

96.72%

This is much improved from last week, well done school!!!!



Summer Production The excitement is building as auditions for the summer production has begun. Parts have now been selected in Year 6 and Year 5 and rehearsals have begun. The theme of the show this year is pirates so I've heard many pirate accents and singing of sea shantys and it promises to be a fantastic show. May I remind families of the dates and times (Thur 12th July 1:30pm & 6pm) and tickets will be made available in the upcoming weeks.



Pupil Premium Link Does your child qualify to receive free school meals? Details of whether you meet the criteria to be eligible for this can be found on the [cumbria.gov](http://www.cumbria.gov) website. The funding the school receives allows us to purchase resources that directly benefit your child. To check if you are eligible please visit:

<https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/childrensservices/schoolsandlearning/freeschoolmeals.asp>

Sick Children's Trust



You may remember that this year our chosen charity to support has been The Sick Children's Trust that run Crawford House, which is temporary accommodation situated on the grounds of Newcastle Royal Victoria Infirmary Hospital. This is a service that supports families who would like to live on site close to their sick children during their time in hospital. This is a service that has recently helped out Mrs Pickering and has helped out my own family in the past.

We were glad to welcome Emily Corney to Whitehaven, who travelled from Newcastle on Monday morning to come and speak to the children about the work of the charity and how the money raised will benefit families in need. It was with great pleasure that we could hand over a cheque of £775. Emily stopped and spoke about the numerous events that have been held and she asked me to pass on many thanks to the community of Whitehaven for helping raise our total.



Reading in silly places Letters have already been sent out regarding our reading competition, where photo's can be taken of the most obscure places that you have been reading. This was a hugely popular and fun event that we held last year and we hope to get a varied range of 'silly places' ideas for children to read in. However, please remember to be safe when thinking of ideas.

Email your entries to: admin@stjamesjun.cumbria.sch.uk



Y6 Residential to Whitchurch Parent Drop-in Parents are invited to come into school on Monday 11th June at 3:15pm to have a brief chat with myself and Mr Tyson about the upcoming trip.

Sports Day—Friday 15th June, Copeland Athletics Stadium, Hensingham

A reminder that next Friday is our school Sports Day. Our 'Run-a-mile' challenge starts at 1pm with races officially opening at 1:30pm. Parents are welcome to attend both events. We envisage the events finishing at 2:30pm and ask whether arrangements can be made to pick up your children from the track at 2:30pm.

Please note that there will be no EBASC after school provision next Friday. Please ensure that children come to school dressed in their team colours and have plenty of water, sun-protection and a cap if the nice weather continues.

Absence We have had a larger than typical number of families requesting time off for holidays during term time. The school has worked hard on initiatives to improve attendance figures over the Autumn and Spring terms, however this worrying trend of increased time off for holiday is having a detrimental impact on school figures. I have attached a letter from John MacIlwraith, Corporate Director of Children's Services, which was sent out to all schools earlier this year of the dangers to your child's education of having periods of absence during term time and the real risks of fixed penalty notices being issued. I ask kindly, that parents continue to support the workings of the school in ensuring that your child attends school regularly.

Thank you

Premier League Runners Up It was great to see us in the Whitehaven News for both of the girls football tournaments we attended last week, particularly the fantastic write-up on our Year 5/6 Premier League Runners Up.

Pride in the Community Today a group of Year 3 & 4 children went along to an awards ceremony held at Energus UTC. This was aimed at awarding members of the college on their completion of an initiative called 'Future Pathways' Way back in April, our children worked alongside the members of the college in improving the grounds at Brackenthwaite Residential Care Home in Whitehaven. Our children collected a special award for their efforts and spent time speaking to our local MP, Trudy Harrison and Peter McCall, Police & Crime Commissioner; who complimented the children on their efforts in supporting the local community.



WANTED—STAR WARS CAP—Could parents please be on the look out for a lost star wars cap with a red peak. This sentimental item is very missed and does have the name of its owner in the label. Please pass in to office if found.

After School Activities taking place this half term ...

- ◆ **Cricket Club Year 5/6** starting Tuesday 17th April
- ◆ **Gymnastics Year 3/4** starting Monday 16th April 3.15 - 4.00pm

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

Mr Beattie



Key Dates

Monday & Thursday afternoons weekly	Guitar lessons with Mr Curzon
Tuesday's w/c 24th Apr– 3rd July	Swimming class 5 and 6
Friday morning weekly	Keyboard lessons with Mrs Bailey
Friday 15th June	School Sports Day 1pm (races to start 1:30pm)
Thursday 12th July	School Production (1:30pm & 6pm showings)
Tuesday 17th July	School Disco 4:30pm
Thursday 19th July	Guitar concert 2.30pm
Friday 20th July	Y6 Leaver's Assembly 1.30pm
Friday 20th July	School Closes 2pm

Wk 2	PIZZA MONDAY'S	TUESDAY	ROAST WEDNESDAY'S	THURSDAY	FISHY FRIDAY'S
CHOICE 1	Margherita/pepperoni pizza with chips and sweetcorn	Steak pie/vegi mince pie with boiled potatoes and broccoli	Roast beef dinner with Yorkshire pudding, stuffing, boiled/roast potatoes, carrots and cabbage	Meatballs with pasts and peas	Large fishcakes with potato wedges and baked beans
CHOICE 2	Gammon slice with rice/chips and sweetcorn	Chicken curry/vegi curry with rice and naan bread	Quorn roast dinner with Yorkshire pudding, stuffing, boiled/roast potatoes, carrots and cabbage	Cheese/tuna/ Ham melt baguette with pasta/boiled potatoes and peas	Macaroni cheese and bread roll
CHOICE 3	Filled jacket potato with a choice of fillings > Cheese > Tuna > Beans	Filled wrap with potatoes/ broccoli and a choice of fillings > Cheese > Tuna > Ham	Filled jacket potato with a choice of fillings > Cheese > Tuna > Beans	Filled wrap with pasta/ potatoes and a choice of fillings > Cheese > Tuna > Ham	Filled jacket potato with a choice of fillings > Cheese > Tuna > Beans
DESSERT	Chocolate/ raspberry sponge & custard	Flapjack and custard	Iced fairy cakes	Fruit salad and ice cream	Gingerbread muffin

If you have any questions about food allergens, please phone us to speak to the kitchen team who will be happy to provide more information.