



# St James' Church of England Junior School

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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 made a fantastic start to the year and have all been working extremely hard.

Here are our Pupils of the Week.

Class 1 - George T, Isla M and Ava L

Class 2 - Jake D and Maigan M

Class 3 - Dean C and Jayden D

Class 4 - Marcie S and Ciaran S

Class 5 - Ethan C and Aysel G

Class 6 - Ross P and Grace F

Class 7 - Aiden C and Kally A



### **HOUSE TEAMS**

Scafell are this week's winners with 32 points

### **Attendance winners:**

**Class 1 and 2 have top attendance this week with**

**100% and will receive an extra play-time.**

**Overall school attendance this is week:**

**98.31%**

### **New Starters**

All children have come back to school and worked very hard this week. But I must give a special mention to our new Year 3 children who have settled in very well. There are lots of new routines, new faces, new learning and new rules to get used to; however the children (supported by their Year 4 buddies) have dealt with this fantastically well.

### **School Photograph's**

The school photographer will be in on Wednesday 12th September for individual photo's during the school day. From 3.10 – 4.00pm you can have family photo's taken. This operates without appointments.

### **Swimming Tuition– Classes 2, 3 and 7**

Letters have been sent out this week regarding children having 10 swimming lessons at Workington Leisure Centre. The tuition starts on Tuesday 18th September and will run to Tuesday 27th November.

Please can the permission slip and payment of £16 be sent to school by Friday 14th September. Payment can be made with cash or using our online payment system: 'Parent Mail'



### **Flat Stan**

It was great to hear about one of our Yr4 pupils who showcased her First Aid Techniques this week. Chloe S was talking to over 200 adults and professionals about the work of 'Flat Stan' that she had covered in our school last year. She wasn't daunted by the experience at all and was able to remember so many of the techniques and tips shared during her talk. It is hoped that this will inspire other schools and organisations to get involved with the work of Flat Stan.



### **Music Tuition**



Letters have been sent out to Y3 pupils asking whether they would like to audition for guitar and keyboard lessons. If pupils who have previously had lessons and no longer want to take part, please can you let the office know as soon as possible. Thank you.

### **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 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>



### **Punctuality**

It has been great to see the kids on the school yard ready to line up at 8:50. Lessons now begin straight after registration at 9am so it is important that your child is in school ready to start the lesson promptly from 9am.

### **Absence Procedures**

If your child is absent for whatever reason, could you please ring school or leave an answerphone message before 9am, detailing the reasons for absence. Request for absence forms are also to be completed for any families taking children out of school during term-time.

## Uniform

I must say the children look very smart in their new uniforms this week. Continued order can be made using our main providers: 'Border Embroideries'. Can I remind parents that footwear must be plain black shoes or plain black training shoes



## JASS project

This Thursday we were joined by Rox and Gillian who shared an exciting new project that will be completed by all of our Year 3 & Year 4 children. The project is known as JASS (Junior Award Scheme for Schools). St James' has been chosen as the first school to undertake the pilot scheme. The program has been designed to recognise achievements in young people and will include children undertaking work on 4 key areas: Adventure, Get Active – Stay Active, My Interests, and Me and My World. This will form part of the topic started by the children this week called 'There's no place like home'. The scheme will involve the children taking part in events in and around Whitehaven, documenting their varied interests and hobbies and exploring the different roles police & emergency services have on supporting the people of Cumbria. The children sounded really excited about getting involved in the activities and we will keep parents posted on their progress.

## Blue tokens

Our friends and colleagues at St James' Infants are bidding for funding through the Tesco Blue Token bid. If you, or any friends and family, shop in Tesco; can you please ask to support their project by voting with your blue counter. Thank you

## Weekly Newsletter

Each week you will receive your newsletter through parent mail so make sure that everyone is signed up who would like a copy. The newsletter aims to share a record of some of the things that have gone on over the week and hopefully offers parents a 'heads-up' of some of the exciting upcoming activities. We provide a weekly menu to give any picky-eaters a chance to think about their meal choices for the week.



## News from the Church

Please find attached a newsletter from the church detailing lots of work going this term

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

- ◆ **Y3/4 Basketball** starting Wednesday 12th September until October half term
- ◆ **Watersports** starting Wednesday 12th September for 3 weeks

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

Mr Beattie



## Key Dates

- Monday 10th September— Full Governor’s Meeting 3.30pm-5.00pm
- Wednesday 12th September—School photograph’s
- Wednesday 3rd October—Parent’s Open Meeting
- Monday 8th October—Governor’s Building and Finance Meeting 3.30pm-5.00pm
- Monday 22nd October – Friday 26th October – Half term

Wk 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>CHOICE 1</b>	Margherita or chicken pizza with chips and baked beans	Cumberland/vegi sausage with mashed potatoes, gravy and sweetcorn	Chicken dinner with Yorkshire pudding, stuffing, boiled and roast potatoes, cauliflower and broccoli	Meat and potato pie/vegi meat and potato pie with roast potatoes and carrots	Fish cakes with potato wedges and peas
<b>CHOICE 2</b>	Chicken curry/vegi curry with rice and naan bread	Shepherd’s pie/Vegetarian Shepherd’s pie with diced potatoes and sweetcorn	Quorn roast with Yorkshire pudding, stuffing, boiled and roast potatoes, cauliflower and broccoli	Southern fried chicken fillet with roast potatoes and carrots	Tomato and basil pasta with bread roll and peas
<b>CHOICE 3</b>	Filled jacket potato with a choice of fillings > Cheese > Beans > Tuna	Filled jacket potato with a choice of fillings > Cheese > Beans > Tuna	Filled jacket potato with a choice of fillings > Cheese > Beans > Tuna	Filled jacket potato with a choice of fillings > Cheese > Beans > Tuna	Filled jacket potato with a choice of fillings > Cheese > Beans > Tuna
<b>DESSERT</b>	Apple sponge and custard	Flapjack and custard	Fruit cookie	Jelly and ice cream	Fruit muffin or cake selection
<p><b>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.</b></p>					