



St James' Church of England Junior School

Wellington Row, Whitehaven, CA28 7HG Tel: 01946 695311

Email: admin@stjamesjun.cumbria.sch.uk

Website: www.stjamesjun.cumbria.sch.uk

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

Newsletter Issue no.2

w/c 17 Sept 2018

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 - Bethan A, Isus V and George T

Class 2 - Sajidah A, Alysha D and Abigail F

Class 3 - Alfie G and Ellie S

Class 4 - Oscar M and Joe C

Class 5 - Jimi F and Olivia A

Class 6 - Jack G and Libby M

Class 7 - Class Award



HOUSE TEAMS

Blencathra are
this week's
winners with 83
points

Attendance winners:

**Class 2 has top
attendance this week
with
99.76% and will
receive an extra play-
time.**

**Overall school
attendance this is week:
98.68%**

JASS Project

Next week the Year 3 & 4 children will launch the project with their sessions with WHYP. A letter went out this week to members of Class 1 detailing what will happen in the sessions and the clothing needed. Monday will see Class 1 (Mrs Gracey's Class) going down to the centre, with Class 5 (Mr King's Class) going down to the centre on Thursday. The following Monday will see Class 6 (Mrs Foye's Class) visit the centre. All classes will return to school to be dismissed at normal time.

A reminder that children are to come to school in tracksuits, old trainers, waterproofs etc for their WHYP day.

Music tuition

It has been great to see how many children have set themselves a challenge of learning a new musical instrument this year. Guitar groups will now run on Monday afternoon for Years 5 & 6 and Thursday afternoon for Years 3 & 4. Keyboards will run on Friday morning. We are toying with the idea of a Year 3 recorder group. If you are interested could you drop a note into the school office.

If there is sufficient interest we will start the group next Friday morning.



House Captains

Well done to our newly elected house captains who shared their speech with their team members and were elected by their peers as excellent representatives for their chosen house. Well done to Isaac McG, Sophie McK, Tommy C, Layla R, George P, Abigail S, Mylo J, Lola H, Charlie H and Charlotte B on your new roles and I look forward to you all helping me out in my weekly celebration assembly.

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

School Council

Next week, the children will be running their elections for a class councillor. Mrs Gracey will be meeting regularly with the elected members and setting out plans for school improvements. For any children who are interested in running, we ask that you prepare a speech, setting out why you would be interested in running for school councillor and the elections will happen throughout the week. Good luck!

Basketball

Information went out to members of Rev Jackson's Basketball club to explain that the group will now be split into 2 smaller groups. The club has been more popular than we expected and we feel that it is best to reduce the number for each session. Class 1 members will continue for the next 3 weeks with Class 5 & 6 members taking over on 10th October.



Swimming Tuition – Classes 2, 3 and 7

Letters have been sent 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 permission slips and payment of £16 be returned to school.



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.



After School Activities taking place this half term ...

- ◆ **Guitar Group Yr 5 & 6 Monday afternoon**
- ◆ **Guitar Group Yr 3 & 4 Thursdayafternoon**
- ◆ **Keyboard Group—All year groups Friday morning**
- ◆ **Y3/4 Basketball Class 1 12th Sep—3rd October**
- ◆ **Y3/4 Basketball Class 5/6 10th October— 31st October**
- ◆ **Watersports Yr 5 starting Wednesday 12th September for 3 weeks**
- ◆ **Gymnastics Year 5/6 Monday afterschool pick up at Whitehaven Sports Centre 4pm**

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

Mr Beattie



Key Dates

- Friday 21st September - Scholastic Book Fayre
- Friday 5th October Harvest Festival @ St James' Church 2:15pm
- 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
- Tue/wed 6th/7th November—Parents Evenings
- Monday 19th November - Pupil Progress + Welfare Governors Committee
- Monday 17th December Full Governors
- Tuesday 18th December Nativity
- Friday 21st December—The Big Christmas Sing

Wk 3	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
CHOICE 1	Margarita/ham pizza with chips and peas	Meatballs in gravy with pasta and cauliflower	Roast pork dinner with stuffing, Yorkshire pudding, potatoes and carrots/broccoli	Sausage roll with diced potatoes and mixed veg	Fish fingers with potato wedges and baked beans
CHOICE 2	Tuna pasta bake and bread roll	Vegetable/cheese bakes with pasta/diced potatoes and cauliflower	Vegetarian roast dinner with Yorkshire pudding, stuffing and boiled/roast potatoes	Cheese/oni on roll with diced potatoes and mixed veg	Salmon nibbles with potato wedges and baked beans
CHOICE 3	Bacon baguette with chips	Cheese/ham baguette with pasta/potatoes	Chicken mayonnaise baguette	Sausage baguette with diced potatoes and mixed veg	Tuna and sweetcorn baguette with potato wedges
DESSERT	Plain sponge and custard	Spiced chocolate brownie	Toffee yoghurt muffins	Apple crumble and custard	Cookies or cake selection

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.