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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 - Jay C and Chloe S

Class 2 - Luke S

Class 3 - Zane W and Blake W

Class 4 - Tommy C and Charlotte B

Class 5 - Zane H and Eva M

Class 6 - George E and Amy B

Class 7 - Grace N and Tyce W



HOUSE TEAMS

Scafell are this week's winners with 82 points

ACCELERATED READERS OF THE WEEK

Class 1 - Ava L

Class 2 - Logan C

Class 3 - Jacob H

Class 4 - Evie C

Class 5 - Olivia A

Class 6 - Lexi S

Class 7- Rudi J

Attendance winners:

Class 6 has top attendance this week with 100% and will receive an extra play-time.

Overall school attendance this is week: 98.36%

EBASC Early Bird and After School Club

In order for us to safeguard our group of children who access the EBASC club I must ask all parents to pre-book the place. This can be done the day before in the school office or by texting the EBASC mobile with details of child name, choice of day and whether you require breakfast club or after school club. The EBASC mob number is **07563785331**

Class Councillors

Huge congratulations to Jay, Finn, Bradley, Katie R, Melissa, Ross & Imogen F who this week were elected to represent their respective classes in our school council. Each of the children prepared a speech that was shared with their class with a democratic vote electing the overall winner. I know that a huge proportion of our school children put themselves forward to be considered for school council and did themselves proud in sharing their plans for the school. Mrs Gracey is looking forward to the first meeting next week when work can begin on matters of importance.

Car Parking



I would like to express thanks to parents for cooperating with recent messages regarding parking. Observations during busy times of the day certainly show an improvement to our parking problems, resulting in a safer environment for our children to enter and exit the school. Could I also ask parents about not parking in front of the staff car parks as there have been incidents of staff members being unable to exit the site at the end of their hours.

JASS Project

This week Class 1 visited Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project (WHYP) and completed a number of new and exciting activities including canoeing, orienteering and bread making. Melissa, Jamie P and Jamie C shared with the other children how much they loved the activities. Unfortunately the winds have meant that we have postponed the days for Class 6 and 5 to next Monday and Thursday respectively. Can I remind all parents from the remaining classes to hand in their consent forms asap. Thank you.



Cross Country

A huge well done to the 24 children who represented the school at this week's Cross-country competition at Hensingham Primary. The conditions were typically muddy and rainy but the kids spirit and determination could not be faltered. The report from the staff was that all children were a credit to the school and will be considered for other out of school competitions. I am also pleased to announce that the school was awarded first place in both Year 3/4 & Year 5/6 competitions with some individual performances to note with Mylo coming in 1st place and Zara and Libby coming 1st and 2nd in their respective races. Out of 10 competing schools we certainly showed our talents. Well done kids!



Food Bank

We are supporting the Food Bank for our harvest appeal, please could you donate any of the following items:

Fruit juice 1 ltr

UHT Milk 1 ltr

Tinned fruit

Tinned tomatoes

Tinned meat

Donations to be passed to class teacher

Jungle Book

Last week we were lucky enough to be joined by M & M productions who entertained the children with their stage rendition of The Jungle Book. The children and staff really enjoyed the performance and have followed it up with some classwork on the messages of friendships and family.



Newly appointed School Business Manager

I am delighted to announce that the school has appointed a new School Business Manager by the name of Mrs Hannah Maiden. I'm sure that Hannah will fit in perfectly with our team of staff and families and friends of St James will make her feel welcome.

Wheelchair Basketball

This Thursday the upper school children were joined by Nat for a day's worth of sessions in Wheelchair basketball. The children spent time getting used to operating the chairs whilst dribbling and throwing the ball. The children worked really well together and Nat said that they were a credit to the school.



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

Can you offer any spare time to listen to our children read?

Last year we developed a team of volunteers to listen to our children read. This had a really positive impact on children's confidence. If you can commit some time on a Wed or Thursday afternoon, we'd love to hear from you!



After School Activities taking place this half term ...

- ◆ **Guitar Group Yr 5 & 6 Monday afternoon**
- ◆ **Guitar Group Yr 3 & 4 Thursday afternoon**
- ◆ **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 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

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
CHOICE 1	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
CHOICE 2	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
CHOICE 3	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
DESSERT	Apple sponge and custard	Flapjack and custard	Fruit cookie	Jelly and ice cream	Fruit muffin or cake selection
<p>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.</p>					