



# 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 - Harry E-B and Ashton H

Class 2 - Queenie M and Evie C

Class 3 - Ffion N

Class 4 - Zane W and Jenson K

Class 5 - Maisie R and Luca R

Class 6 - George E, Daniel H, Livvy R and Isla D

Class 7 - Noah O and Anna E

Mr Beattie - Mylo J

Playtime - Bobby S, Matty C



### **HOUSE TEAMS**

Cat Bells are this week's winners with 104 points

### **ACCELERATED READERS OF THE WEEK**

Class 1 - Reuben D

Class 2 - Chloe W

Class 3 - Miley P

Class 4 - Bobby S

Class 5 - Zac S

Class 6 - Ananda J

Class 7 - Oliver K

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 weeks winner was Tyler G. So far our school have read **2,748,655** words this year.

### **Attendance winners:**

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

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

**Overall school attendance this is week:**

**95.76%**

Health & Safety Visit.— For ongoing work with the JASS project, the Year 3 & 4 children received a visit from Gillian Johnston from Morgan Sindell who came into school with her colleague to share important messages about Health & Safety. The children were given advice in how to keep themselves safe when playing around building sites and were also offered the chance to wear hard hats, high visibility jackets and steel-capped boots. Thank you Gillian for coming in and chatting with the children.

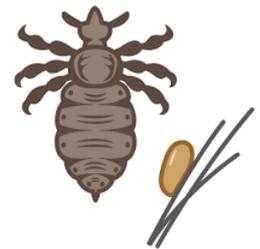
**Cross Country**—A big well done to our cross country team for again representing the school well in the recent tournament at Hensingham Primary. We were eventually placed in 1st in the Year 5/6 competition and came runners up in the \*r3/4 competition.



The staff again commented on how sporting and encouraging our children were and how much they enjoyed the event. A great all round team effort with special top-10 mentions for Mylo—1st, Joe—5th, Layla—4th, Sophie -7th, Ross—7th, Zara -2nd and Libby—8th. Well done team!!



Head Lice - We have reports of cases of Head Lice in school so would ask parents to check regularly and treat accordingly. Please inform school if there are any other incidents.



Food bank - Thank you all for your kind donations to our foodbank collection. Members of the Foodbank came to collect the items and passed on their gratitude for the efforts of the family. Our collective total certainly seems up from last year with Class1 bringing the most items and having an extra playtime as a reward. Our school council will be attending the foodbank next month to speak to the volunteers and seeing what happens to the donations after they leave the school.

A reminder to Year 6 parents to complete your admission forms for next years secondary schools by 31st October.

Homework Update—It has been really encouraging speaking to parents about how much children are engaging with the new Spelling Shed platform and Rock Stars Table Challenge. & Accelerated Reader A letter has gone out this week giving guidance into our expectations for daily reading time and gives further information to parents about our new interactive learning platforms.

Class Pages—As part of our school website, each class has their very own class page. This is a useful website page that is managed by each class teacher. They will often upload important curriculum information and upload photos of work covered in class.

## Reading volunteers

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!



This week we held a special assembly in memory of Sam Coulter who sadly passed away last week. The aim of the assembly was based on kindness and the power of a smile. Children listened to stories about Gandhi and Mother Theresa and then shared their memories of the kindness that Sam had shared with the children. As I mentioned last week, I know that many parents who once attended this school will also be able to share many fond memories of Sam's kindness and warm smile. Can I also thank families and friends of St James' school who have raised £90 on behalf of the Sam Coulter Donation Fund. As requested by the family, this money will be donated to the church.



## New Exit Procedures

As from Monday 8th October we are making changes to our exit procedures at the end of the school day. Parents will gather:

In the lodge courtyard for Class 1 (Mrs Gracey) & Class 7 (Mrs Sharkie)

On the front playground for Class 2 (Mr Tyson), Class 3 (Mrs Kitchin) and Class 4 (Mr Car-ruthers)

At the School Gazebo around the back of the school for Class 6 (Mrs Foye) and Class 5 (Mr King)

Staff members will be on the yard to direct parents to the appropriate exits on Monday and Tuesday to help any parents uncertain of locations. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

## **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 5/6 10th October— 31st October**
- ◆ **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

- 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 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>CHOICE 1</b>	Pepperoni/Margarita pizza with chips and 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	Salmon nibbles 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

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.