

# 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

The children have all been working extremely hard again this week. Here are our Pupils of the Week.

Class 1 - Daria R, Isa V

Class 2 - Nafisah U

Class 3 - Charlotte D, Tyler E

Class 4 - Charlie H

Class 5 - William T, Gus M

Class 6 - Charly C, Isla D, Ananda J,

Class 7 - Millie McK, Kally A

# **MATHS MASTER**

Class 1 - Bailey McG

Class 2 - Evie C

Class 3 - Dean C

Class 4 - Matthew L

Class 5 - Marcie S

Class 6 - Jack H

Class 7 - Ella G

## **HOUSE TEAMS**

Melbreak are this week's winners with 81 points

### <u>winners:</u>

Class 4 have top

**Attendance** 

attendance this week with

98.3 % and will

receive an extra playtime.

Overall school

attendance this is week:

96.3%

# ACCELERATED READERS OF THE WEEK

Class 1 - Jamie C

Class 2 - Jake D

Class 3—Izhaar F

Class 4 - Joe C

Class 5 - Alisha M

Class 6 - Libby McK

Class 7 - Noah O

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 Zane. So far our school have read **8,510,871** words this

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

Bronze Awards: Ross P, Zara R, William T, Caleb F, Charlie H, Joe C, Oliver K, Anna E, Megan McC, Jayden D, Dean C, Olivia B



**Poppy Appeal**—This week we received thanks for our support for The British Legion Poppy Appeal. We are delighted to announce that we raised was £138.60 from selling poppies and other merchandise. Well done children, particularly our group of volunteers who sold the poppies every



#### Foodbank visit

Report written by Bradley, Imogen & Melissa

On Monday, ourselves and the rest of the school councillors visited the Foodbank in Cockermouth. Whilst there we did a variety of things. We did some sorting of the food, then travelled to the warehouse to see mountains of tins, and even named a can of tuna. Ours were called Tina and Tom.

Here are some facts about Foodbank: Foodbank started in 2009 (soon to be 10 years old) created by one man. Also, the largest amount of food donated at one time was a whopping 340kg. Last year they fed 6000 people. The most popular food donated is baked beans.

We think the volunteers were very kind in helping other people that go without food. It made us think that the people who have been helped would be really thankful to this charity.

Foodbank which is offer a very big thankyou to all of the children who donated food at harvest time.

By Melissa S and Bradley T







#### **Sponsored Read**

Recent feedback in assembly show that many of the children have lost their sponsor forms for our Usbourne sponsored Read.

We have therefore printed off new forms and extended our competition into next week.

The form explains that children must try and read as much as they can for 7 days. The reading is not just from books but can also include menus, instructions and street signs!! Children will request sponsors from family and friends.



Any funds raised will be 60% price matched by Usbourne books. We hope that the funds raised will help generate much-needed stock for our school library.

There will also be 3 special prizes for : The most items read, the most money raised and the most obscure item that you have read. We will be following the children's progress all of next week.



Reading Competition Winners: We heard news late last week that 2 of our children had been selected as winners of a competition held by Cumbria Library Service. The competition involved children coming up with their very own superhero. Well done to Zac S for your entry: 'SuperCorn' the Super robin and Finn McC for his winning superhero entry: 'Sea Saviour' who protects the world from plastic pollution.

JASS Assembly—Thank you to PCSO Alan Willison for coming into school to talk to the children about Stranger Danger. I always explain to the children that my number 1 job is to keep them safe and I was really pleased to hear how they responded to Alan's questions about how to stay safe around strangers and how they would react if strangers approached them



#### No EBASC 13th December

Unfortunately there will be no EBASC facility after school on Thursday 13th December. Breakfast club will be available that day. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Bright Stars Project—This is now the 3rd year that St James' Juniors have got involved with the Bright Stars Project. This is an initiative that teaches children about business, enterprise and entrepreneurialship. Think of 'The Apprentice', but for schools. Mrs McGrane and Mrs Glaister will be taking the role of Lord Sugar and aiming to claim the winning prize this year. Children in Year 3 & 4 who are interested in joining the Bright Stars Team this year should prepare a pitch their 'Big Idea' for the business this year. This year we will be joined by Keith and Trish from Busy Bee Software Services as our link business.

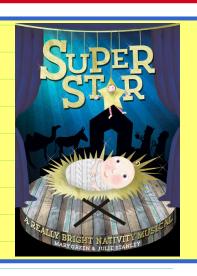
<u>Nativity Update</u> —All Year 5 & 6 children to make up the Nativity Choir.

Year 3 & 4 costumes

Singing practice—Include on website

This years' theme is Carol Singers so children should wear Christmas jumpers, hats, gloves and scarves.

So that parents have 2 options to watch the school nativity we will have 2 performances on Tuesday 18th December at 1:30pm and 5pm. For £1 you receive a program and a mince pie.



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





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

- Lego Club—Monday after school
- Guitar Group Yr 5 & 6 Monday afternoon, Yr 3 & 4 Thursday afternoon
- Keyboard Group—All year groups Friday morning
- Gymnastics Year 5/6 Monday afterschool pick up at Whitehaven Sports Centre
  4pm
- Sing Squad—Thursday after school
- ◆ Adventure Club—WHYP every Wednesday

#### **Key Dates**

- Monday 3rd December Christmas Disco
- Thursday 6th Dec Yr 5 & 6 Newcastle Trip
- Saturday 8th December—Singing at Whitehaven Christmas Market 11-1
- Monday 10th December Christmas Guitar Concert
- Christmas Cinema Trip—date TBC
- Monday 17th December Full Governors Meeting
- Tuesday 18th December Nativity
- Thursday 20th Wear a Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas Dinner
- Friday 21st December 1:15pm he Big Christmas Sing
- School Finishes at 2pm

Wk 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
CHOICE 1	Margarita/ pepperoni pizza with wedges and	Sausage/ Vegi Sausage and	Roast Chicken dinner with stuffing,	Meat & Potato Pie/ Vegetable	Fish cakes with potato wedges and
CHOICE	beans	mash	Yorkshire pudding,	Pie with Roast	peas
			potatoes and veg	Potatoes and carrots	
	Chicken/ Vegetable Curry	Shepherds/ Vegetable	Vegetarian roast dinner	Salmon Nibbles with	Tomato and Basil Pasta
CHOICE 2	with rice	Shepherds Pie	with Yorkshire pudding,	Roast Potatoes and	with bread roll and peas
			stuffing and boiled/roast	carrots	
			potatoes		
CHOICE 3	Jacket potato	Jacket potato	Jacket potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket potato
	Sponge and	Flapjack &	Fruit Cookie	Iced Sponge	Fruit Muffin or
DESSERT	custard	Custard		· -	Cake Selection
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