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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 all been working extremely hard this week. Here are our Pupils of the Week-

Class 1 - Oliver G & Jimi F

Class 2 - Kwaku B

Class 3 - Kate H



Class 4 - Kieran H & Logan H

Class 5—Kieran H & Nancy H

Class 6 - Jenson M, William M & Riven H

### Spelling Shed Superstars

Class 1 - Ethan H

Class 2 - Bailey M

Class 3 - Erin S

Class 4 - Chloe T

Class 5 - Yaa B

Class 6 - Aoife C



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 week's winners were Luke C & Kai S

### Attendance winners:

**Class 3 had top attendance this week and will receive an extra MUGA day.**  
**Overall school attendance this week is: 94.55%**

Including Covid-19 absence

### Timestable Rockstars

Maths Class 1 - Jamie C

Maths Class 2 - Eva M

Maths Class 3 - Luke C

Maths Class 4 - Kieran H

Maths Class 5 - Charlotte J

Maths Class 6 - India H



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

Mr Beattie





Another week over at St James' Juniors, with some great things to celebrate once again. Inspired by the London Marathon on Sunday, we have talked a lot about determination and how we can always look within to go that extra mile and achieve great things. Having spent a lot of time observing in class this week, this is something I can see consistently from our students. This week's celebration assembly was a special one – the first one as a whole school for quite some time. Hearing the hall filled with applause is something that has given us all a lift. This week's certificate winners were recognised for their commitment with their home learning as well as their efforts in the classroom and playground, including: children showing such a positive attitude to their learning; giving their all; and making big strides in their writing, maths, grammar, rounders and everything else in between.

I hope you enjoy reading through the articles we've shared in this week's newsletter and I wish you a restful weekend.

### **Year 5 Winmarleigh Residential** —

If all parents could please continue to make deposit and balance payments on SchoolMoney. We have attached a detailed kit list for parents and will also be sending out a consent form which needs to be completed along with a copy of the kit list next week.

### **Seesaw Family App**—

Please can we encourage parents to download and log into the Seesaw Family App. It's a great way for parents to see what work children have been set and is a great tool for teachers and parents to communicate. Emails were sent out last week—if you do not have the email please contact the office who will be able to resend them out.



Seesaw Parent & Family

Seesaw Learning Education

EXAMERS

THE SEESAW APP

**The Big Ramble**—For Children In Need this year our children will be sponsored to climb Latrigg, overlooking Keswick. All the proceeds will be going to Children In Need—the school will pay the transport costs with the kind support from Sims Travel.



The coaches will leave after registration in the morning and will return before the end of the school day. Children should come in warm, suitable clothing and appropriate footwear for fell climbing and all children will require a packed lunch. Please contact the office if you would like a school packed lunch. We have pencilled in the dates of the 4th or 5th November, and will confirm nearer the time, once we have weather forecasts.

Sponsorship forms will be sent home with the children next week. Thank you for your support of this very worthy charity.



## IMPORTANT NEW household contact guidance for schools

Additional guidance was issued to schools on 23 September about additional COVID-19 control measures agreed for schools in Cumbria. These have been reviewed and updated as follows:

This revised guidance for household contacts will become operational from Monday 11 October and reviewed every two weeks.

### Guidance for household contacts of positive cases

#### • Children aged 4 and under

Parents of children aged 4 and under who are household contacts of a positive case should be asked to keep them at home for 5 days, starting from the onset of symptoms in the household contact who has tested positive (or test date if the positive case had no symptoms). They should only have a PCR test if they develop symptoms of COVID-19.

#### • Children and young people between the ages of 5 and 18+6 months

Children and young people between the ages of 5 and 18+6 months (unless exempt – see below), who are household contacts of a positive case, should be advised to stay at home. Five days following the onset of symptoms in the household contact who has tested positive (or test date if the positive case had no symptoms), the close contact child should get a PCR test. If this is negative, they can return to the setting, but should isolate again immediately and get another test if they develop symptoms of COVID-19 at a later date.

#### • Exemptions

The groups exempt from this advice and able to continue to attend the setting when identified as a household contact of a positive case are:

- Any child or young person who has had at least one dose of the vaccine more than 14 days ago
- Any child or young person who has tested positive for COVID-19 themselves via a PCR test within the past 90 days.

Where there are significant concerns about the impact of exclusion on the child or young person, and a risk assessment indicates that the risks of exclusion to the individual child outweigh the wider benefits.

Here are links to some activities which have been happening in school this week (click on pictures) -



It was school photo time this week...



Upper school have been asking Was Jesus the Messiah?



Class 1 Playing Tag



Class 3 Creating a Whitehaven Timeline

Check out some of the other [galleries](#) showing the children learning and exploring a range of different topics.

Check out your child's [class page](#) here.

### Guitars —

To all of our new guitarists, please speak to Mrs Maiden in the office if your child has started guitars but does not yet own one to practice on at home. We have a few spares in school which could be loaned out to enable children to do regular practice and get the best out of their lessons.





### Coming up at St James' this half term-

- Monday 11th October—Full Governors Meeting
- Wednesday 13th October—Class 6 visit to the Sea Bins Whitehaven Harbour\* & Netball Tournament @ St Benedict's (Yr 5/6)
- Monday 18th October—Building & Finance Governors Meeting
- Tuesday 19th October—The Rum Story Visit (Year 5/6)
- Wednesday 20th October—Class 4 visit to the Sea Bins Whitehaven Harbour\*

Thursday 21st October—Class 5 visit to the Sea Bins Whitehaven Harbour\*

*\*The Whitehaven Harbour Sea Bin visits will be within school time and be part of an Art Project (there is no charge or special arrangements required, but all children should make sure they bring coats with them)*

*After Half Term—*

- Wednesday 3rd November—Nasal Flu Immunisations
- Thursday 4th or Friday 5th November—The Big Ramble - *Weather dependent*
- Thursday 11th & Friday 12th November—Year 5 Residential to Winmarleigh

### Weekly Clubs & Activities

- ⇒ Monday – Guitar Tuition (Year 5 & 6) & Afterschool Maths Tuition (3.30-4.15)
- ⇒ Tuesday—Year 3 & 4 After School Cricket Club—3.10—4.15 p.m., Keyboard Tuition (All Year Groups—starting 21st Sept) & Afterschool Maths Tuition (3.30-4.15)
- ⇒ Wednesday – Judo Breakfast Club (Year 3 & 4), Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project Adventure Club until 4.45 p.m. (Collection from Swingpump Lane) & Afterschool Maths Tuition (3.30-4.15)
- ⇒ Thursday - Guitar Tuition (Year 3 & 4) & Afterschool Maths Tuition (3.30-4.15)
- ⇒ Friday - Mr Carruthers' Tennis Club (Years 5 & 6) (3.15-4.15)