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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 - Reuben D & Kai S

Class 2 - Ava L

Class 3 - Mason B, Lucas Y & Kate H

Class 4 - Ellis D, Nate H, Jaxon S & Sophia M

Class 5- Jamie F

Class 6 - Nathaniel F



Spelling Shed Superstars

Class 2 - Jack G

Class 3 - Harrison S

Class 4 - Clara S

Class 5 - Mahdee M

Class 6 - Zaahira F

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 Poppy S and Chloe T.



Attendance winners:

Class 5 had top attendance this week and will receive an extra MUGA day.

Overall school attendance this week is: 95.32 %

Including Covid-19 absence

Timestable Rockstars

Maths Class 2 - Joe T

Maths Class 3 - Luke C

Maths Class 4 - Freddie J

Maths Class 5 - William M

Maths Class 6 - Amy H



Every week, children are encouraged to take part in the 'St James' Fitness Trail' and a winner is drawn from everyone who has completed it that week.

Well done to this week's winner, Zaahira F who has won a sporting prize of their choice.

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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



I write to you again at the end of an action-packed week at St James'. We were pleased to welcome back our Year 5's back from Winmarleigh Hall this afternoon, after two adventurous days canoeing, climbing and plunging into pools. The staff report excellent behaviour across the two days and they also report how enthusiastically they met their challenges and some very sleepy children on the coach home! It has been great that the children have been able to take part in the Yr4 residential that they missed due to Covid; and we now turn our attention to planning the current Yr4 and current Yr6 residentials .

The whole school came together this morning for our weekly Celebration Assembly. It was great to announce our Pupil of the Week winners and detail their confident, enthusiastic and hard-working approaches to their learning. Other reasons included the children using impeccable manners and working well with their classmates. This certainly sums up our strapline of 'with exploring minds, and faith; we grow and learn together'. Please enjoy reading our news articles and galleries of the children working, and I wish you a restful weekend.

School Message Board—Please note the following notices, messages and reminders—

Remembrance Assembly & Poppy Appeal— The Poppy Appeal has been going very well with our Poppy Team selling lots of merchandise. A special Remembrance Assembly was also held on Thursday and all classes talked about the importance of us observing remembrance day each year—take a look at the gallery and see the montage created by Class 5.



Parents Evening – We hope that parents were able to attend our Parents Evening over Zoom and now feel well informed about the progress their children have made in this first term. Teachers spoke positively about the evenings and appreciate the importance of working closely with parents. Fingers crossed that the next Parents Evening will again be face-to-face.

Year 5 Winmarleigh Residential— The children managed to get away early in Thursday morning and have been having a great time. We checked in with them this morning and children slept well, but we are certain that they will sleep tonight! This has been a really positive experience for the Year 5's, especially after missing their residential last year, and we hope that the Year 4's and Year 6's have similarly great experiences on their planned residentials for the Spring and Summer Terms.



Children In Need & The Big Ramble – The total that the children have raised for The Big Ramble currently stands at a staggering **£2169.29**. This is absolutely amazing and a real accomplishment for the children and families—Thank you to everyone for such support! We will still be accepting sponsorship money next week, if anyone has any outstanding. Alternatively if anyone wants to support Children In Need in a slightly different way then one of our Dads is undertaking a 24 hour drumathon and has a [just giving link](#) where people can support him.

Free School Meals— Please can we remind parents that if you qualify, then to please apply to receive free school meals. Free school meals are available for your child(ren) if you receive one of the following qualifying benefits: [Apply Here](#)

- Income Support (IS) or Income Based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA)
- An income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) that as of April 2012 does not exceed £16,190.
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Universal Credit

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



Class 5 'we will remember them'



Class 6 learning about the Romans



Class 2 performing The Storm in Music ([Part 2](#))



Year 5 Winmarleigh Residential

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.

Coming up at St James' next half term-

- Tuesday 14th December—Christmas Nativity
- Thursday 16th December—Carol Service



Weekly Clubs & Activities

- ⇒ Monday – Guitar Tuition (Year 5 & 6) , Afterschool Maths Tuition (3.30-4.15) & Year 5/6 Table Tennis at Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project until 4.30 p.m. (Collection from Swingpump Lane)
- ⇒ Tuesday—Year 5 & 6 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, 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) - Girls - 19.11.21