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"With exploring minds, and faith, we grow and learn together."

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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 - Harry A

Class 2 - Daniel H

Class 3 - Skyler C, Harrison S & Kate H

Class 4 - Bethan L & Logan R

Class 5 - Jasmine T

Class 6 - Charlotte J

Spelling Shed Superstars

Class 4 - Jenson H



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 Reuben D, Logan T, Lauren H, Philippa B, Wilf P, Kayden-Lee A & Jaxon S



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 winners Jasmine T & Carson M who has won a sporting prize of their choice.

Attendance winners:

Class 6 had top attendance this week and will receive an extra MUGA day in the New Year.

Overall school attendance this week is: 96.24 %
Including Covid-19 absence

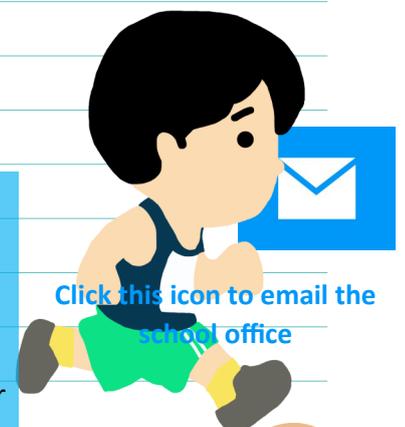
Timestable Rockstars

Maths Class 4 - Lucas CF
Maths Class 6 - Emilia A



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

Mr Beattie



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Dear Parents/Carers,

The excitement of Christmas has grown in the children all through December and they are now fit to pop as we reach the end of term. It has been great to see and hear how much they have enjoyed the activities building up to Christmas. Those events only happen because of the continued hard work of the staff and all here are now looking forward to a well-earned break.

2021 has been another challenging year. However, the children continue to work tremendously hard and have met each challenge the Covid Crisis has thrown at them head on. It is also great to see how well our Year 3 children have settled into school life at St James' Junior School. Their confidence and enthusiasm for learning was clear to see in the recent Nativity. After a two -year wait, I

know many parents and families shared the same sense of pride and joy in how the children performed, which is another fine example of how the children have overcome challenges to shine like the stars they are!

This term we have seen a return to school of many things that we have yearned for. Many of our Year 5s were able to experience the residential they missed last year. We have also seen a return to some sporting clubs and enjoyed the occasional school trip. We continue to look ahead to next year with optimism that many more of these events can be part of daily life at St James'.

There is uncertainty of what other challenges we may need to face, but I am reassured that whatever comes our way, we will face it together as students, staff and parents by following 'The St James' Way' of being kind, respectful and giving our all.

Our minds now turn to the festive period. I dearly wish you all the happiest and healthiest of Christmases, and hope that your time is spent with many family and friends.

On behalf of the staff and governors of St James', may I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and peaceful New Year.

Mr Beattie



School Messages, Reminders & Information—

- Class 2 Parents Evening has been re-arranged for the 10th & 11th January—Slips will be sent home in the first week of January .
- EBASC—EBASC has always been well supported by donations from families and at this time of year when children will be receiving many new items, they have asked to please consider donating any older, unwanted items for the children. They would be particularly grateful for Wii games and specifically FIFA and football related ones, and they have even optimistically asked Santa for a pool table!
- We would like to continue to thank families for donations of books as well. They are a great addition to our school library and again if children are having a sort out over Christmas and New Year then all donations are gratefully received.
- Clubs will re-start the first full week back (from the 10th January) and we will send messages out in the first week detailing which clubs will be on offer.
- We are extremely proud to announce that our totals this year raised for the British Legion through the sales of poppies and other merchandise was an impressive £341.53 and our final total for Children in Need raised through the Big Ramble was £2,416.29.

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



Christmas Dinner



The Christmas Jigsaw!



Class 6 Christmas Baking



Class 1 Christmas Cards

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.