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

Welcome Back!

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Hello Parents and Carers, and Happy New Year,



Welcome to the first newsletter of 2022 and we are hopeful and optimistic that it will be successful year for everyone at St James' without too many bumps in the road. The children have returned with great focus and we have spoken at length during our collective worships on themes of new beginnings; New Years resolutions; and showing endurance (which is our Christian value for this term), when faced with challenges. This is something that our students and families have done with bells on over the last two years, and I am confident that we can continue to do the same.

Unfortunately not all of our students have returned as some have tested positive for Covid-19 over the Christmas break. We look forward to welcoming these students back in the coming days. I would also like to draw parents attention to the email letter sent to parents on 5th January. This letter details that children who live with someone who has tested positive are able to attend school each day if they have a negative LFT, which they can present to the school each morning for 7 days following the positive result. This is something that families have utilised this week and we are pleased to welcome children back in school for face-to face teaching as much as is safely allowed.

Because of the shortened week, we did not have a traditional Celebration Assembly this week but I have been delighted with the nature in which children have returned and pleased to hear from teachers of the excellent work and kind behaviour that has been demonstrated by our students over the last 3 days. Enjoy the weekend and see you all on Monday.

School Messages, Reminders & Information—

- Class 2 Zoom Parents Evening has been re-arranged for the **11th & 12th January**—Slips have been sent home with children.
- Judo Club will restart next week, see activities schedule next week—this group will continue with all of the same children who are will continue to learn and develop their skills as the week progress.
- Adventure Club will also restart next week with a new group of children, you will have received notification through School-Money if your child has a place for this half term.

Special Message— *We are pleased to announce news that after 14 years of dedicated service at St James' C of E Junior School, Mr King has been successfully appointed as Headteacher of Skelton Primary School starting September 2022. I know from working closely with Mr King, this has been his ambition for some time and he is naturally very excited about this next step in his career. Mr King joined the school as a newly qualified teacher 14 years ago supporting the learning of hundreds of students in this time. In the past 3 years, he has also supported the direction of the school tremendously well as a member of the School Leadership Team, as Assistant Head and also governor to the school. He will certainly be missed come September. I am sure all parents, students (past and present), will join me in congratulating Mr King in his new role. I am certain of the positive impact he will offer students and families at Skelton Primary, and hope that we are able to form a connection with his new school so that our paths can cross closely in the near future. For now though, Mr King is looking forward to continuing to support the Year 6's in upcoming SATS exams and ensuring an enjoyable and memorable learning experience with his last class in Class 2.*

Weekly Clubs & Activities

- ⇒ Monday – Guitar Tuition (Year 5 & 6)
- ⇒ Tuesday—Keyboard Tuition (All Year Groups) (Next week Only—Class 2 Zoom Parents Evening)
- ⇒ Wednesday – Judo Breakfast Club, Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project Adventure Club until 4.45 p.m. (Collection from Swingpump Lane) (Next week Only—Class 2 Zoom Parents Evening)
- ⇒ Thursday - Guitar Tuition (Year 3 & 4)
- ⇒ Friday - Mr Carruthers' Tennis Club (Years 5 & 6) (3.15-4.15) - Boys - 14.1.22

