

St James' Church of England Junior School

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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 - Kathryn D & Evan C

Class 2 - Oliver G, Theo K & Millie W

Class 3 - Lewis G

Class 4 - Ellis D, Rhys F & Rosalee T

Class 5 - Wilf P

Class 6 - Jenson M & Aoife C

Attendance winners:

Class 3 had top
attendance this week and will
receive an extra MUGA day.
Overall school attendance this
week is: 97.98 %

Timestable Rockstars

Maths Class 1 - Elizabeth S

Maths Class 2 - Jasmine T

Maths Class 3 - Erin S

Maths Class 4 - Nate H

Maths Class 5 - Rosalee T

Maths Class 6 - Aaron H

Spelling Shed Superstars

Class 1 - Isla D

Class 2 - Oliver G

Class 3 -

Kate H & Lewis G

Class 4 - Rory W

Class 5 - Layla O

Class 6 - Charlotte J

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 Rayen B & Grace F

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 Jaxon S who has won a sporting prize of their choice.

The <u>Craze it</u> Crew also picked two children who they wanted to congratulate for outstanding behaviour in the Craze It Arena this week and these were India H and Jack G!







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

Mr Beattie





Welcome to this week's newsletter,

Lots to celebrate again this week. I would firstly like to mention how much fun it was yesterday to see the children enjoying World Book Day. There was a range of fantastic costumes around the school and the children spent the day joining in lots of fun activities, including a live lesson. Our playground was full of wizards, fairies and other characters yesterday enjoying a run around and a turn on our new craze: 'Ride It'. All week, the children have really enjoyed this craze and have had such a nice time playing in the warm

spring sunshine. We were also pleased to be able to re-open our Trim trail after some repairs over half-term.

In this weeks' Collective Worship we have spoken about the power of messages and the lessons we have all learnt over the last two years. We have also been looking at the story surrounding Lent and asking children if they are willing to give up something they desire for the next 40 days. We have also been playing tennis with frying pans in Collective Worship when looking at Shrove Tuesday.

It was great to see our community inside the school again after a lengthy 2 year wait for face-to-face Parent' Evening meetings. Some children came along also to share their book with parents, and it was lovely to nosey in to some of those conversations. Teachers have also commented how great it was meet back up with parents, particularly those parents in Year 3 & 4 that we have not been able to invite on site before. The children have been working so hard and have made great progress in this Spring term, and we look forward to further hard work as we build towards our final term.

Easter at St James' C of E Junior School

Easter Fayre – We are really excited that this year we can again plan to hold our traditional Easter Fayre. This will be on the afternoon of Friday 1st April at 1pm. This has always been our main fundraising event of the year. Parents are invited to join the children at 1.30pm and spend some time in school enjoying the various games, raffles, and snacks. It is estimated the Fayre will finish at approx. 2:30/3pm. All money raised goes directly towards the children, and we hope to host a great even once again

To boost stock for the Fayre we hold 3 **Non-uniform days** with the 'contribution' for each non-uniform day being as follows:

Friday 11th March - An Easter Egg (All children in non-uniform bring an Easter Egg.....

Friday 19th March - A bottle of something (this could be anything from alcohol, to a nice bottle of bath-bubbly!) Wednesday 26th March - Something for our coloured hampers:

Class 1 - Red

Class 2 - Green

Class 3 - Orange

Class 4 - Yellow

Class 5 - Blue

Class 6 -Pink

The stock raised during these non-uniform days are used on the stalls so, again, we really appreciate everyone's support in helping put on an event like this once per year.

Egg Decoration – Another St James' tradition is our annual egg decorating competition. We have had some amazing entries in the past and we always showcase all of the entries during the Fayre on their own dedicated stall. Winners from each class will be chosen with winners receiving an eggs-traordinary prize.

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









Class 1 World Book Day

Year 4 World Book Day Maths

Class 6 Gymfit Circuits

Lenten promises

Check out some of the other galleries showing the children learning and exploring a range of different topics. Check out your child's <u>class page</u> here.

School Messages & Information—

- The <u>Year 4 Robinwood Residential</u> is Monday—please remember to check kit lists and to bring any medication needed into school (ensuring that a form has been completed at the office). If you have any questions over the weekend please email the school and we will try and answer any urgent queries.
- As this is the first time in a long while that we have been able to fundraise, we have found that many of our PTA
 members, now no longer have children at the school—can we please put a call out for any parents and/or grand-parents who would consider helping us rebuild our PTA and help fundraise for school to contact Mrs Maiden in the office please. You do not need any specific skills, just a wiliness to be involved in school activities!
- <u>COVID-19</u>—We are awaiting a letter from Colin Cox, Director of Public Health, which will shortly be shared with schools to give parents and carers the most up to date advice. As it stands at the moment the Public Health advice remains that any one with symptoms of, or who has tested positive for Covid-19 should isolate for at least 5 days from the onset of symptoms (or positive test) and follow the <u>COVID-19</u>: people with <u>COVID-19</u> and their contacts government advice. We continue to ask parents to be vigilant for symptoms and to report any cases to school. Thank you for your understanding, we will share all updates to this information as we receive them.

Coming up at St James' -

- Monday 7th—Wednesday 9th March—Year 4 Robinwood Residential
- Monday 21st March—Friday 1st April—Swimming block Class 2 & 4*
- <u>Tuesday 7th—10th June</u>—Year 6 Shropshire Residential
- Monday 6th June—Friday 17th June—Swimming block Class 5 & 6*
- Monday 27th June—Friday 8th July—Swimming block Class 1 & 3*

Weekly Clubs & Activities

- ⇒ Monday Guitar Tuition (Year 5 & 6), Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project Adventure Club (Year 4 Group) until 4.45 p.m. (Collection from Swingpump Lane) & Year 6 SATS SPaG Booster Group (Until 4.15)
- ⇒ Tuesday—Keyboard Tuition (All Year Groups)
- ⇒ Wednesday − 8.00 a.m. Judo Breakfast Club, Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project Adventure Club until 4.45 p.m. (Collection from Swingpump Lane)
- ⇒ Thursday Guitar Tuition (Year 3 & 4), Year 5 Science Club (3.15—4.15 p.m.) & Year 6 SATS Maths Booster Group (Until 4.15)
- ⇒ Friday—Mr Carruthers Drama Group 3.15-4.15 p.m. (11th March—Year 5s)

*Swimming Blocks—In a countywide initiative swimming arrangements have changed, and swimming will now take place in a block and children will swim every afternoon for 10 consecutive days. Children will need spare swimming kits, swimming caps for long hair and plenty of towels for drying, to last them the 10 days.

