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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-

Windermere - Jessica T

Ullswater - Harrison S

Derwentwater - Jasmine T

Bassenthwaite - Archie L &

Scarlett H

Ennerdale - Carson M

Buttermere - Evie S



Attendance winners:

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

Overall school attendance this week is: 93.85%



Homework Heroes



Windermere - Evan C

Ullswater - Luke C

Derwentwater - All of

Derwentwater

Bassenthwaite - Connor J

Ennerdale - Ava L

Buttermere- Jett H

Christian Value Award

Windermere- All of Windermere

Ullswater - Sophia R

Derwentwater - Noah L

Bassenthwaite - Betsy O

Ennerdale - Archie S

Buttermere - Charlotte R



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 Harry B & Kenna A.



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, David M, who has won a sporting prize of their choice.



Thank you to all the Lunchtime Hall

Helpers

and Craze It Crew who have helped this week!





Well it is clear that the excitement of Christmas is building as we fast approach the big day.

To see the kids happy learning, playing, singing, dancing and acting at this time of year, keeps all of our spirits up despite some chaotic moments. We hope that everyone has managed to get their tickets for our Nativity 'Superstar' which we will present at 1pm & 5pm on Thursday 15th December at St James' Church. A ticket admits 2 people, and please make sure you bring the tickets along to the performance to gain admission.

It was lovely to visit Mrs Moore and the children from St James' Infants this week, who performed their nativity for our Year 3 & 4 children and older siblings. Their show 'Lights, Camel, Action' was an absolute joy to watch with some great funky dancing, confident presenting and even a pantomime villain to boo! Parents and families are in for a real treat.

Away from our Christmas preparations, learning continues in our classrooms. We gathered today as a whole school to celebrate all of our students personal weekly achievements. Certificate winners for particular praise were raised with some wonderful reasons including excellent attitude and effort in this weeks swimming sessions, mature attitudes to learning and extra effort in Nativity rehearsals.

Wishing you a restful weekend, Mr Beattie



School Notices & Reminders—

- A reminder that tonight (Friday 9th) is the Committed2Rock Big Sing-A-Long for those who have signed up. Doors open at 6.30 p.m. for a 7.00 p.m. start and children should wear Christmas Jumpers and other festive costumes. The show will finish at 9.00 p.m.
- Next week all Year 5 & 6 children will be going to Beamish on Wednesday 14th December—**Children need to be at school by 7.30 a.m. and should be returning at approximately 5.30 p.m.** (text updates will be sent).
- **Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 16th December** is our Christmas Jumper Day. All students and staff will be dressing in their festive attire and will spend the morning at The Gaiety Cinema, watching the new Disney release 'Strange World'. Payment for this is £7 which includes a snack box. Children will then return back to school for our annual traditional Christmas Dinner. All children eat together in the hall alongside staff and enjoy a lovely turkey dinner (or packed lunch for those not wanting a school dinner that day) and maybe even a sing along to our favourite Christmas songs. We are asking this year for everyone to bring in £1 with their Christmas jumper which will help raise funds to purchase a wildlife camera for **BOOM (Back On Our Maps)** who have been working with a group of children on a recent project to repopulate South Cumbria with Pine martens. For £150 we can purchase our own camera with all wildlife footage beamed back into school.



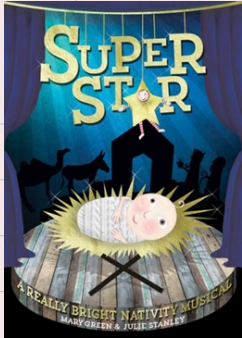
- **Volunteer Readers** – Our volunteer readers have started working with the children and it is great to see their confidence and fluency improving through this chance to read alongside an adult. If you, or even a grandparent, auntie/uncle or other relative can offer a Monday or Tuesday afternoon we would love to hear from you to help build up the team and offer the chance for more children to read each week.
- **Entitlement to Free School Meals**— With the cost of living pressures on families, as a school, we would encourage anyone who thinks they might be eligible for free school meals to apply— [please see the Cumbria County Council website](#) for more details and to see if you are eligible. **Vouchers have been organised for existing eligible families and will be despatched via email week commencing the 19th December.**
- We have revised and re-issued our **Whole School Food policy** and its is available on the school website. We would draw parents attention to discouraging nuts and nut-based products in school and to reinforce that children must not share food due to the potential for unknown allergic reactions. We are also pleased to announce that morning break tuck shop will be returning after Christmas.



Christmas Nativity Itinerary —



- On Thursday 15th Year 5 & 6 should come into school in normal uniform with Christmas Jumpers. Year 3 & 4 will change into costumes in school so should come in normal uniform.
- Children will be having an early lunch and then going across to the church for the 1 p.m. performance
- All children will then come back to school and, if parents have been to the performance, can be collected from the front playground. All other children can be collected at normal school finish time (or be booked into After-school Club).



- All children should come **back to school for 4.30 p.m.** and will then be taken across to church (including children in After-school club) for the 5 p.m. performance. Doors will open at the church from 4.30 p.m. for the audience
- Following the evening performance, all children will then come back to school and should be collected from the front playground
- No Children will be dismissed from church due to the potential for safeguarding errors and can we please remind families that school productions are **NO PHOTOGRAPHY**—pictures will be available on the school website.

Please note that there will be no afterschool club on Thursday 5th January due to essential staff training.

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



Cross Country



Collective Worship Committee



Windermere Victorians



Ennerdale Abstract art

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' -

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| ⇒ Wed 14th December—Year 5 & 6 Visit to Beamish | ⇒ Week Commencing 27th February—Ullswater Swimming Block |
| ⇒ Thursday 15th December—Nativity Performance | ⇒ Wednesday 1st March—Friday 3rd March—Year 4 Robinwood Residential |
| ⇒ Friday 16th December—Christmas Jumper & Christmas Dinner Day and Cinema Visit | ⇒ Tues 7th & Wed 8th March—Parents Evening |
| ⇒ Monday 19th December—Attendance & Homework Reward (<i>popcorn, hot chocolate & a movie!</i>) & Full Governors Meeting | ⇒ Monday 13th March—Pupil Progress & Welfare Governors Meeting |
| ⇒ Tues 20th December—Christmas Service 12.15 p.m. | ⇒ Monday 27th March—Full Governors Meeting |
| | ⇒ Friday 31st March—Easter Fayre |



Next Term

- ⇒ Thursday 5th January—After-school club cancelled for essential staff training
- ⇒ Week Commencing 9th January—Bassenthwaite Swimming Block
- ⇒ Week Commencing 30th January—Ennerdale Swimming Block
- ⇒ Monday 6th February—Building & Finance Governors Meeting

Weekly Clubs & Activities—

Week Commencing 12th Dec

- ⇒ Tuesday—Gymnastics Club (Collected from Whitehaven Sports Centre @ 4.30 p.m.) **LAST SESSION**
- ⇒ Wednesday— 8.00 a.m. Judo Breakfast Club & STIX Percussion Club (until 4.15 p.m.)

Please note that Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project, Badminton & Zumba Club have now finished for the term.