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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 again this week. Here are our Pupils of the Week-

Class 1 - Rihanna W

Class 2 - Zac M

Class 3 - Rosa F, Catie M, Ananda J, Maisie R, Emme S, Isla D & Olivia C

Class 4 - Caleb H, Matthew M, Lucas Y & Skyler C

Class 5 - Kathryn D

Class 6 - Jasmine T & Amelia D



Timestable Rockstars

Maths Class 1 - Bethan A

Maths Class 2 - Olivia A

Maths Class 3 - Matthew D

Maths Class 4 - Ellis D

Maths Class 5 - Oliver G

Maths Class 6 - Zaahira F



Attendance winners:

Class 1 & 4 had top attendance this week and will receive an extra MUGA day.

Overall school attendance this is week: 98.18%

Please note all Covid-19 absence is excluded

Spelling Shed Superstars

Class 1 - Anya N

Class 2 - Alice T

Class 3 - Matty C

Class 4 - Poppy S

Class 5 - Jamie F

Class 6 - Theo K

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 weeks winners were

Harrison S & Amy A



Spelling Shed 



Every student. Every day.



[Click this icon to email the school office](#)

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

Mr Beattie



Another week that shows an increasing normality about the place. I have enjoyed getting into class to observe all of the children at work. It has been brilliant to see such positive and respectful interactions with their teachers and class mates and a great productive work ethic on show across the classes. Having witnessed this, I think I can say with confidence that the children are getting used to the 'new normal' of working back in a normal classroom.



There have been some great [galleries](#) added to the website this week, including our Year 6 doing [algebra on the front yard](#), both [Class 5](#) and [Class 6](#) focusing on their Maths, looking at decimals and fractions, and Class 4 learning about [muscles and skeletons](#).

It has also been great to see and hear laughter after school in the clubs that are springing up about the place. With increasingly warm weather and further reassurances from the Local Authority, we are hopeful of extending this out further into next term.

We have shared the news in class this week that Miss Morgan (Class 4) will be leaving us at Easter to take up a full time post at the Infants, I am sure that staff, parents and children will all join me in wishing her well and thanking her for her time with us at the Juniors.

Well done St James' for demonstrating 'The St James Way' this week and enjoy a restful weekend.

Mr Beattie



Homework—Weekly homework has been set on Seesaw and the expectation is that homework is completed along with Spelling Shed, Timetables Rockstars and regular reading at home on a weekly basis, with reading diaries being completed. We encourage parents to keep using the Seesaw Family App which helps you to see when work is set and communicate with teachers—please contact the office if you need log in details.

Easter Holidays – Spring Term finishes on Thursday 1st April. We won't be having an Easter Fayre or Church Service this year and so we will finish at normal time. The afterschool sports clubs and Maths tuition groups will run as normal on the Thursday.

Summer term will start on Monday 19th April.



Decorate an Egg – We are running this popular competition again this year as a bit of fun. Obviously we are unable to run an Easter Fayre but hoped that we could still have a decorate an egg competition. For those new to St James' there are no real rules or restrictions. Just decorate an egg in the style of your choice and bring your finished entry on Wednesday 31st March. A team of TOP SECRET judges will then judge a winning entry for each class who will be awarded a nice Easter Treat. Good luck with your creating everyone!!!

Easter Holiday Activities—

Easter Exercise and Fitness Offer—Active Cumbria in partnership with CandoFM have organized a series of 'LIVE' exercise and fitness sessions for children and young people over the Easter holidays. To register, participants will need to visit the following link: <https://activecumbria.eventbrite.co.uk> so that they can access the zoom link to the activity session they wish to attend. The number of participants for each activity session is limited, so please do register early to avoid any disappointment.



Family Action – Families, Food and Fun - Throughout the Easter holidays children, young people and their families will be invited to get involved with a wide range of fun activities - arts and crafts, nature detectives, fun food recipes, and much more. Find out more on our 0-19 district Facebook page— <https://www.facebook.com/CopelandSupport>

Please follow this link [Testing information for parents and carers](#) for the latest news from Public Health about Covid-19 testing including; when to get a test, how to get a test and what type of test to get.

Parents Evening – We will be hosting our Parents Evening over the 27th & 28th April. As in Autumn term, this will be run over Zoom with parents dialling in to discuss how well your child has settled back in and to share details of recent assessments and observations. We will be sending out times from w/b 19th April for you to book in a suitable time.

Leavers Hoodies

For any pupils in Year 6 who would like to order a Leavers Hoody, please click on the following link:

<https://www.schoolleaverscompany.co.uk/leavers-hoodies-login>

The login details are as follows:

USERNAME: SL53863

PASSWORD: 53863james

The online shop is set up so you can make a payment, choose your own colour and size.



For help with sizing see our sizing help and size guide:

<https://www.schoolleaverscompany.co.uk/leavers-hoodies>

The online shop will close on 21st April and orders must be received before then.

Drop off & Pick ups Reminder—

- Lower bubble are to arrive for 8:40am and no later than 8:45am so that they can be registered and order lunches before lessons start at 8:50am.
- Older children should not arrive until 8:50am when their registration begins.
- We will accept siblings coming together but we ask that families without siblings respect these times so as not to overcrowd the gates at the start of the day.
- We would prefer children to pre-order meals at home so to allow registration to run smoother, but there will be time allocated for this for those who are unable to do so.

Collection time is staggered over 15 minutes from 3pm – 3:15pm with adults joining the queue on the playground whilst wearing masks, unless medically exempt from doing so.

Older children are permitted to walk from site themselves, although we will stagger their departure so as not to overcrowd the pavements directly outside.