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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 - Kaleb H

Ullswater - Lewis G, Ellis D & Zayne M

Derwentwater- Eden E

Bassenthwaite - Nevaeh R & Zoey H-O

Ennerdale - Elsie L

Buttermere -

Cooper R



Attendance winners:

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

Overall school attendance this week is: 97.65 %



Christian Value Award

Windermere– Kathryn D, Modana M, Charlotte B & Ellis M

Ullswater - Erin S

Derwentwater -

Bassenthwaite - Tyler T &

Tammy G

Ennerdale - India H

Buttermere - Evie S



Homework Heroes

Windermere - Ellis M

Ullswater - Lauren H

Derwentwater - Loe R-E & Oliver G

Bassenthwaite - Rudi T

Ennerdale - Lottie F

Buttermere- Emilia A



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 Sammie B & Lucian K

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, Alfie C & Cooper R who have won a sporting prize of their choice.



Thank you to all the Lunchtime Hall

Helpers and Craze It Crew who have helped this week!





Hello and welcome to this week's newsletter. In our first full week back since the turn of the year, the children have worked hard in re-establishing our working routines and it has been great to see The St James' Way back in action. A special mention must go out to Bassenthwaite Class who have all displayed our Christian Value of Endurance during their weekly swimming block. It has been great speaking to them at lunch each day and hearing how much they have felt they have improved in their swimming each day. Well done Bassenthwaite. This week has also seen a return to a great program of extra-curricular enrichment activities with Judo Club, Drumming & Percussion Club, Gymnastics Club and Zumba Club being joined with new clubs for this term in STEM Club and Animation Club. Another example of the many roots (connections) we have. Its great to see learning happening in so many ways even beyond the school day.

This morning we gathered as a whole school to celebrate the achievements of many this week who have shown great examples of work or positives behaviour. These include excellent verbal contributions in class discussions, fantastic teamwork and skills in PE and recognition for some of the children in Bassenthwaite who have pushed themselves and achieve in their swimming despite being nervous at the beginning of the week.

We look forward to more of the same next week.



School Notices & Reminders—

Spirit tree – This week you will have received a letter outlining our shared approach to supporting spiritual learning in school. Each class has now got their spirit tree displayed in class with the roots clearly labelled with the many connections our school has with other schools, clubs, teachers, coaches, charities. We now need some leaves, and would encourage you to share or ask your child to share experiences that can then be added to leaves and used to help our spirit trees grow. This weeks' homework asks you as a family to work together to develop your own family spirit tree. Feel free to show the connections your family has on the roots and then use the leaves to show the lovely memories your family has made. Whether you complete the homework on Seesaw or on your own pieces of paper, we would like to see a copy in school and might even make a nice display out of them in the hall.



Healthy Tuck Shop & Snacks— Next week we are really excited that our school tuckshop will return. Children will be able to purchase a piece of fruit or a pastry, i.e. croissant or pain au chocolat, for 20p at morning break. Can we remind everyone that snacks brought from home for breaktimes should not be crisps and chocolates,

but healthy alternatives.

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, aunt/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.

ParkPlay Whitehaven—Active Cumbria have asked us to share the information with families for Whitehaven ParkPlay which takes place every Saturday morning.




Whitehaven ParkPlay

Come and meet Christina, Rachel & Rebecca at South Whitehaven Family Hub, Family Action CA28 8BN every Saturday from 09:30 am

Cornerstone Partners:



ParkPlay welcomes everyone, so turn up for games, activities, fun - and a community here for you.

Register at park-play.com  ParkPlay



Well Whitehaven 

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



Animation Club



Buttermere— Chinese New Year Music



Windermere—Gymnastics



Derwentwater - Computing Search Engines

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' -

- ⇒ Monday 23rd January—Building & Finance Governors Meeting
- ⇒ Week Commencing 30th January—Ennerdale Swimming Block
- ⇒ Week Commencing 27th February—Ullswater Swimming Block
- ⇒ Wednesday 1st March—Friday 3rd March—Year 4 Robinwood Residential
- ⇒ Tues 7th & Wed 8th March—Parents Evening
- ⇒ Monday 13th March—Pupil Progress & Welfare Governors Meeting
- ⇒ Tuesday 21st March—Easter Disco
- ⇒ Monday 27th March—Full Governors Meeting
- ⇒ Friday 31st March—Easter Fayre
- ⇒ Easter Holidays—Monday 3rd April—Friday 14th April

Weekly Clubs & Activities—

- ⇒ Monday—**Yr 5 & 6 Cardboard Engineering Club until 4.30 p.m. (POSTPONED)**
- ⇒ Tuesday—**8.00 am Zumba Breakfast Club** & After School Gymnastics Club (Collected from Whitehaven Sports Centre @ 4.30 p.m.)
- ⇒ Wednesday – 8.00 a.m. Judo Breakfast Club, STIX Percussion Club (until 4.15 p.m.) & Adventure Club (Yr 5/6) at Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project (collected from Swingpump Lane @ 4.45 p.m.)
- ⇒ Thursday—Year 5 & 6 Animation Club (until 4.10 p.m.)

