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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 - Mackenzie L & Joseph F

Ullswater - Poppy S & Rosalee T

Derwentwater- Abigail S

Bassenthwaite - Sammie B &

Kieran H

Ennerdale - Ella M

Buttermere - Emilia A



Attendance winners:

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

Overall school attendance this week is: 97.46 %



Christian Value Award

Windermere – Lucas C-F

Ullswater - Luke C

Derwentwater - Jules F & Jack B

Bassenthwaite - Philippa B

Ennerdale - Freddie J

Buttermere - Tait R-E



Homework Heroes



Windermere - Ljay C

Ullswater - Kate H

Derwentwater - Jules F

Bassenthwaite - Scarlett H

Ennerdale - Carson M

Buttermere- Clara S

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 Archie L & Archie S.

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, Macey G 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 our weekly Newsletter.

Again there has been lots going on around school and I would like to capture the enjoyment children experience in being part of our enrichment clubs. This term we have been lucky to be able to offer Zumba Club, Gymnastics Club, Judo Club, Animation Club, Adventure Club, Drumming Club and Animation Club. Seeing what these experiences provide our children fills me with pride and I would just like to offer my appreciation to both our own staff and the support of other coaches and organisations for being part of our St James' family. This week has been another week filled with learning and laughter and it was great to end it with Rev Jackson joining us for Celebration Assembly on his last day.

Wishing you a lovely weekend, Mr Beattie



Goodbyes—Today we said goodbye to two people who have had a big influence over the life of the school since my time here.



Firstly, it was with great sadness that staff joined me to attend the funeral of Rachel Morgan. Miss Morgan was an excellent teacher who supported children in both our Infant and Junior School. It has been comforting reading the messages and memories from the children on a school display that captures her caring, calm approach to doing a job that she loved. During her funeral her family spoke of her love of being Miss Morgan and they were proud of their daughters kindness and compassion. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Rachel's family and friends.

This morning we also said a sad goodbye to Rev Robert Jackson. As you will be aware, this Sunday will be Reverend Jackson's last service at St James' Church as he moves closer to his family and joins the Parish of Irlam & Cadishead. Since my arrival as Head, Rev Jackson has been a major influence over our school and I have loved seeing his enjoyment and enthusiasm for working with our students, whether that is in the role of vicar, governor, choir master or even basketball coach, Rob has enjoyed them all. Today he joined us for our weekly Celebration Assembly and we were able to pass on some gifts of appreciation and a book made by the children and staff that I hope keep his time at St James' fresh in the memory. Good luck Rev Jackson!!



School Notices & Reminders—

Strike Update – A reminder that information was sent this week outlining the action the school will take on Wednesday 1st Feb which will include the closure of Bassenthwaite, Ennerdale and Buttermere.



Dodgeball—A huge well done to our Dodgeball team this week who went to St Benedict's for a dodgeball tournament. We understand there was lots of 'dodging, ducking, dipping, diving and dodging' and they made us proud by representing the school and the St James' Way in their endeavours.

Child Safety – I have had reported a number of incidents of parents parking in the coned area outside of school at pick up time and drop off time again this week. I am aware of how busy the road gets at times and the limited spaces around school to park however, our previous communications (attached) have made clear that it is our priority to ensure that the entrance and exit points of the school (demarcated by the bollards) is to **be kept free at all times** to ensure a safe place to enter and leave the school.

We have also added some new signage and handed out leaflets to families using EBASC this week about the dangers walking across staff car parks, rather than using the paths, after staff expressed concerns over a near-miss. We would like to make sure that we share this message with all parents, as it is important **at all times that pedestrians are not on car parks**, and the gate on James Pitt Road should never be used as a pedestrian entrance/exit.

Water Bottles/Snacks – Over the last couple of days we have noticed energy drinks and fizzy drinks being brought into school. If I could use the opportunity to share that our policy is that children bring in plain water only to help them hydrate throughout the day. Our tuckshop has worked really well this week with children choosing 1 breaded item or fruit for 20p. Again, if I can just remind everyone that crisps or chocolate bars are not permitted as a morning snack. Thank you.

Fire Drill – This week we completed our termly fire drill with the added challenge of evacuating a dummy pupil hidden in the school and 2 classes having to find an alternative route due to a mock fire. Both students and staff passed the test with flying colours ensuring a safe and orderly evacuation.

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



Dodgeball



Year 5 Writing - MindMaps



Derwentwater - Luke 7:1-10
The Centurion's servant



Saying farewell to Reverend
Jackson

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' -

- ⇒ Week Commencing 30th January—Ennerdale Swimming Block
- ⇒ Wednesday 1st February—**Bassenthwaite, Ennerdale & Buttermere Classes— CLOSED DUE TO STRIKE ACTION**
- ⇒ 13-16th February—Scholastic Book Fayre (In hall after school each day)
- ⇒ Week Commencing 20th February—Half Term
- ⇒ Week Commencing 27th February—Ullswater Swimming Block
- ⇒ Wednesday 1st March—'I Can't Do It...YET!' - 1/5 Family Learning Session
- ⇒ 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 & STIX Percussion performance
- ⇒ 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.)



Judo & STIX are cancelled Wednesday 1st February due to partial school closure.