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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 - Lily T

Ullswater - Matthew M

Derwentwater- Jack B, Oliver G &

Bella T

Bassenthwaite - Harlow T

Ennerdale - Lottie F

Buttermere - Oliver G



### Attendance winners:

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

**Overall school attendance this week is: 96.66 %**



### Homework Heroes

Windermere - Modana M

Ullswater - Zayne M

Derwentwater - Abby S

Bassenthwaite - Zachary H

Ennerdale - Elsie L

Buttermere- Evie S



### Christian Value Award

Windermere – Madison C & Charlotte J

Ullswater - Skyler C

Derwentwater - Lucian K

Bassenthwaite - William P

Ennerdale - Sam G

Buttermere - Rory W



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 Aaron H & Evie 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, Reece F, 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!





Ain't no mountain high enough... Welcome to this week's Newsletter. This week, amongst other things happening around school, we have seen our Year 3 & 4 children visit Honister Slate Mine on Fleetwith Pike. It was a glorious day yesterday and the photos of the children made me very jealous sat at my desk. Unfortunately our website providers are experiencing difficulties and the website is not accessible at the moment, but we are hopeful that we will be able to upload galleries on Monday. This week we were also visited by Mr Alex Jenkins who talked to the children about his climbing of Mount Everest, which certainly inspired us all on our hike this week. Thank you Mr Jenkins for visiting us and sharing your inspiring story. We have been speaking about endurance/perseverance this week and we would have needed to show lots of this quality not just in our mountaineering but also in our design and technology lessons this week that saw our Year 5 & 6 children design and create their very own soft toys. Some excellent stitching going on and I'm sure you will agree the galleries (once they are uploaded) show some amazing creative work on show.

As well as the usual clubs that have seen children dancing, kayaking, drumming, creating animations or perfecting their judo throws; this week we had a group of our students visit St Bees School to take part in a Panthalon competition. The children were amazing and each collected a medal for their efforts. It was also nice for staff and children to meet back up with previous students who supported the event.

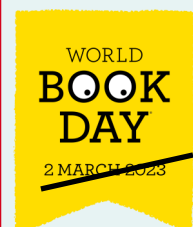
Alongside this, we have had a week filled with learning and it was great to recognise the efforts that children have shown in their learning and their behaviours around school this week in our Weekly Celebration Assembly. Teacher spoke proudly about children who collected certificates for huge improvements in effort, mature attitudes and being great role models and showing The St James' Way.

Wishing you all a restful weekend, Mr Beattie



## School Notices & Reminders—

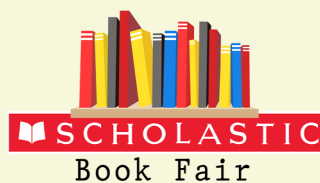
- Notification for parents that the **Year 5 & 6 Animation Club** has now finished. We have also been unable to re-arrange a new start date for the **Cardboard Engineering Club**, as the company providing the club have now confirmed they will not be able to staff this for us and so parents will receive a refund in the next week.
- **Strike Information** – The 2<sup>nd</sup> planned strike day, by the NEU teaching union, is planned for Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February. As yet, we are unable to share how this will impact our school but will be sending out information to parents and families as soon as we can confirm plans.
- Salvation Army Donation – Major Stevens from the Salvation Army is working closely with some of the refugees housed locally and is appealing for help. Many of the men do not have suitable shoes but have quite small sized feet so it is quite difficult to source shoes. Does anyone have **men's shoes sized 6 or 7** that they could donate? They can be dropped off at school and we will ensure that they reach those in need.
- **Holiday taken during term time**—As we approach the Summer Term please can we remind parents of the Local Authority guidance with regards to taking holidays in term time, and have re-attached the letter issued by Dan Barton earlier this year. Thank you for your understanding.
- **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.
- St James Church is providing a **food pantry** in the entrance to the church starting 13th February, open from 9am to 4pm. The church took the decision as the cost of living soars and they hope that by putting a pantry in the church entrance it might give a bit extra help to provide something towards a meal so they are encouraging people to take what they need without obligation and without judgement.
- **World Book Day**— World Book Day is always a fun and engaging day with children sharing their favourite authors and getting involved with different reading activities across school. The day is about reading and not about the costumes but we do know that children (and staff!) do like to dress up in fancy dress. Please see [this link](#) for creative and cost-saving ways to put together the costume for the day.



Unfortunately the official World Book Day is planned for Thursday 2nd March. On this day we have almost all of Year 4 at Robinwood and Ullswater will be swimming. Therefore, so everyone can get involved and the swimming baths doesn't get clogged up with wizard wands and witches hats, we thought it best to move our World Book Day event to **Thursday 9th March**. We could rebrand it as a St James' Book day instead!

## School Notices & Reminders (continued) —

**Scholastic Book Fayre**— Next week we will host a Book Fair in school so we encourage children and families to come and have a look round. These are a good way to pick up some books for reading at home and every purchase also helps to support the school by enabling us to add books to our school library as well. **It will be open from 8.15—8.45 Monday and Friday Mornings and 3.20—3.45 on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.** Please come in and take a look.



**Pokemon Cards**— I have spoken to children in assembly today, but if I could also pass the message onto parents that Pokemon cards are no longer allowed in school. This is due to continuous fallings out at breaktimes and disruptions in lesson times. Thank you for understanding.

Mobile phones – **Mobile phones are not allowed in school.** If parents of children in Year 5 & 6 do need children to carry a phone for safety and/or for safeguarding reasons then they must let school know the reason. Children must bring phones to the school office each morning and they can be collected at the end of day.

**Easter Fayre** – On Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March we will be hosting our annual Easter Fayre. This is our major fundraising event of the year and the money supports the running of the school. In our past Easter Fayre's we have used funds to support the stock of our school library and also used it to purchase equipment for playtimes. Mrs Maiden and school leaders are looking for any parents who feel that they can volunteer any time to help prepare and run the event. We will also be hosting 3 consecutive non-uniform days to help gather stock that can be sold during the fayre. We do appreciate that times are hard for all of us at the moment, so any contributions you can afford will be even more greatly received this year.

The non-uniform days will be: **Friday 10th March** - An Easter Egg donation for our tombola, **Friday 17th March** - A bottle donation for our bottle tombola (anything alcoholic, or toiletries or even soft drinks & cordial) and **Friday 24th March**— a coloured donation for the class hampers which are our raffle prizes.

Class colours are;

- Windermere (Mrs L Pool) - Yellow
- Ullswater (Mrs Foye) - Blue
- Derwentwater (Mr Carruthers/Mrs Jopson) - Green
- Bassenthwaite (Mrs Pickering) - White
- Ennerdale (Mr Tyson) - Pink
- Buttermere (Mrs A Pool) - Purple



**Ullswater Swimming Block**— The week that we return after half-term will be the turn of Ullswater class (Mrs Foye's class) to take part in their weekly swimming block—letters will be sent out next week.

### Coming up at St James' -

- ⇒ Monday 13th February @ 3.30 pm—Robinwood Parents Meeting
- ⇒ 13-16th February—Scholastic Book Fayre (**see main section for opening times**)
- ⇒ 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
- ⇒ Friday 10th March—Non Uniform—Easter Egg
- ⇒ Monday 13th March—Pupil Progress & Welfare Governors Meeting

- ⇒ Friday 17th March—Non Uniform—Bottle Donation
- ⇒ Tuesday 21st March—Easter Disco
- ⇒ Friday 24th March—Non Uniform—Colour Donation
- ⇒ 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—

- ⇒ 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.)

