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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 - Ellis M, Evan C, Ethan H & Kaeden L

Ullswater - Lucas Y & Aiden P

Derwentwater – Eden E, Jules F & Aysha E

Bassenthwaite - William P & Anna G

Ennerdale - Amy L

Buttermere - David D

### Attendance winners:

**Buttermere had top attendance this week and will share an extra MUGA day.**

**Overall school attendance this week is: 92.21%**



### Homework Heroes



Windermere - Charlotte B

Ullswater - Tilly S

Derwentwater - Jack B

Bassenthwaite - Nevaeh R

Ennerdale - Ella M

Buttermere - Clara S

### Christian Value Award

Windermere – Kathryn D

Ullswater - Erin S

Derwentwater - All Y6

Bassenthwaite - Sammie B

Ennerdale - Elsie L

Buttermere - Evie 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 Charlotte J & 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, Aalayah B who has won a sporting prize of their choice.



Thank you to all the Lunchtime Hall Helpers, Tuck Shop Volunteers and Craze It Crew who have helped this week!





Hello and welcome to the final Newsletter of the half term. The children have been busy working hard, but also enjoying the summer sunshine and I hope the nice weather continues into next week's break. The school has been busy as normal with visits, visitors and a continuation of clubs and after-school groups. We hope that children have enjoyed what we have offered in terms of enrichment activities and we are busy planning other special events happening next half-term. Much of this is already included in the diary dates on page 3. This week our Worships have been based around compassion and kindness to one another and the power we can all have in being rays of sunshine to others. In the classroom, the children have been producing some wonderful writing, and I have been lucky to have many children sent to my office proudly sharing their work with me. Some of these children acquired certificates this week in our celebration gathering for reasons including making impressive sling shot car designs, making huge improvements in spelling and grammar and children bringing positivity and energy to the classroom. Great to see The St James' Way in action once again this week.

*Wishing you all a restful half-term break and we look forward to seeing you all back fully recharged for our busy Summer 2 term, Mr Beattie*



### School Notices & Reminders—

**Swimming Gala** – This week a further swimming team represented our school in a Workington Gala. The team and Miss Mahone returned back to school on Tuesdays with beaming smiles, tales of success and glimmering medals around their necks. What a pick-up it gave us all to hear how well they had done. Well done swimming team, you should be really proud of your achievements and for showing the great qualities of team work, sportsmanship, encouragement and compassion. You were all brilliant!

**Visit to St James Infants/transition for Year 2 children** – This week I enjoyed my visit to St James Infants' to chat with Mrs Moore about the Year 2 children who will become our newest students in September. I spent some time saying hello to the children and chatting to them about their work. Plans have now been agreed for the work we will undertake next term which will include meetings between key staff, visits by the children, an information sharing meeting with new parents and a 'move up' half day on Wednesday 5th July.

**Year 6 Cyclewise**—Some of our Year 6s will be involved in the Bikeability/Cyclewise Scheme week commencing Monday 12th June. Bikes should be brought into school on the Monday and can be kept in school for the rest of the programme. Please note that we recommend ensuring bikes are insured 'away from home' if they are particularly valuable.

**Subject Leader Networks** – Thank to Mr Youngman at The Whitehaven Academy for hosting a Whitehaven Subject Leader Network meeting. This was an opportunity for subject leaders across primary and secondary schools in Whitehaven to come together and share good practice and offer support for one another. As someone who has been involved in the local Art leader cluster for some time, I can see the huge benefits this offers our school and in turn we can offer support to others. What was particularly nice about the evening is how well we were looked after by the Year 10 prefects, some of which were ex-students who enjoyed talking to their past teachers of their current successes.

**Work Experience** – Talking of ex-pupils we have been joined by Poppy Oliver this week for a week's work experience. We hope that you have enjoyed visiting St James' once again and working with our students.

**Baby & Child First Aid for Parents**—The Family Connector Project have very kindly arranged and funded two training sessions for parents, open to both parents at the Infants and the Juniors, in baby and child first aid. These are really important skills and we are pleased that we can offer out this training to our families free of charge. **\*\*Please note we are now able to offer this to grandparents, so please contact us to book\*\*** Remaining session – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023 9-12 a.m. If you would be interested in attending please either contact Mrs Maiden or Mrs Brown at the Infants.

**Whitehaven Rugby League** - Thanks go out to Whitehaven Rugby League who over the past 5 weeks have been working with Ullswater Class in an introduction to Rugby League Skills and teaching about fitness and nutrition goals. The children, whether experienced with Rugby or not, have absolutely loved the sessions and I would like to pass on my thanks to all involved at Whitehaven RLFC.

**Goodbyes** – *Today is a sad day for us at St James' as we say goodbye to a much-respected member of staff. Miss Mahone has supported the children here over the past 3 years and has always offered a kind and nurturing way to help our students with their learning and assistant the work of the class teacher. Miss Mahone will start her new role at Sellafield next month and we wish her all the very best on her new venture.*

**Term Time Holidays**—We have recently seen an increase in parents requesting a term-time absence. Because of this we have reissued the letter sent out to all parents from Dan Barton at the local authority which can be found on our website. We are unable to authorise any absence other than the most exceptional circumstances. We also feel that it is also worth sharing that the Local Authority request all details around term-time holidays, and in cases where they are concerned about issues surrounding attendance, have the authority to issue fixed-penalty notices to families. Thank you for your understanding on this.

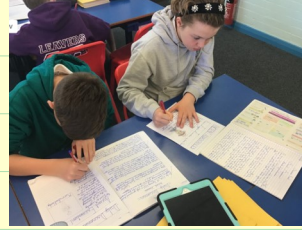
Here are links to some activities which have been happening in school this week (click on pictures) -



**Ullswater—Whitehaven Rugby League Training**



**Pantathlon Swim Team**



**Year 6 Writing**



**Ennerdale Sculptures**

Check out all 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 29th— Friday 2nd June—HALF TERM
- ⇒ Tuesday 6th—Friday 9th June—Year 6 Residential
- ⇒ Week Commencing 12th June—Year 6 Bikeability
- ⇒ Saturday 17th June – Uniform selling day at West Lakes Academy
- ⇒ Friday 23rd June—Parents First Aid 9-12 a.m.
- ⇒ Saturday 1st July – Uniform selling day at St Benedict's School
- ⇒ Wednesday 5th July- Y6 Taster Day—Whitehaven Academy, St Benedict's & West Lakes Academy
- ⇒ Wednesday 5th July – Year 6 Parents information evening at St Benedict's & West Lakes Academy
- ⇒ Thursday 6th July—Summer Performance
- ⇒ Thursday 13th July—Sports Day (Parents welcome from 1-3 p.m.)
- ⇒ End of Summer Term—Wednesday 19th July

## Weekly Clubs & Activities—

- ⇒ Tuesday—
  - ◆ After School Gymnastics Club (Collected from Whitehaven Sports Centre @ 4.30 p.m.) &
  - ◆ Soundwave Music Club (Collect from school at 4.30p.m.) - **CANCELLED 6th JUNE DUE TO RESIDENTIAL**
- ⇒ Wednesday –
  - ◆ 8.00 a.m. Judo Breakfast Club
  - ◆ Adventure Club (Yr 5/6) at Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project (collected from Swingpump Lane @ 4.45 p.m.)
- ⇒ Thursday
  - ◆ Mr Carruthers Year 6 Drama Club (Collect from school @ 4.30 p.m.)



**Summer message**—Now we are in the Summer season can we please remind parents to ensure that children come into school with appropriate clothing, long lasting sunscreen and water bottles. On extremely hot days and on school trips it may also be advisable for children to bring hats to provide shade and protection and we will advise parents accordingly. The SunSmart skin cancer prevention concept is Slip, Slop, Slap. Seek and Slide –

**SLIP** on clothing to cover your arms and legs, **SLOP** on sunscreen with factor 15+ (30+ is considered best practice), **SLAP** on a wide-brimmed hat, **SEEK** shade or create your own shade and **SLIDE** on some UV protective sunglasses.

Please refer to our [Sun Safety Procedures](#) for more details.

