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

Class 1 - Jacob W

Class 2 - Alfie H & Tyler G

Class 3 - Ananda J, Catie M & Marcie S

Class 4 - Zaynnah B

Class 5 - Ljay C

Class 6 - Noah L & Jack B



### Timestable Rockstars

Maths Class 1 - Rihanna W

Maths Class 2 - Alex M

Maths Class 3 - Jamie C

Maths Class 4 - Ellis D

Maths Class 5 - Jack B

Maths Class 6 - Jamie F



### Attendance winners:

**Class 3 & 6 had top attendance this week and will receive an extra MUGA day.**

**Overall school attendance this week is: 98.14%**

Please note all Covid-19 absence is excluded

### Spelling Shed Superstars

Class 1 - Grace F

Class 2 - Maisie P

Class 3 - Melissa S

Class 4 - Erin S

Class 5 - Wilf P

Class 6 - Charlotte B

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 Aoife C & Olivia A.



**Spelling Shed** 



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

Mr Beattie



Welcome to our weekly newsletter once again. A special welcome to all of our new Year 2 parents whose children will join us next year, and will be copied into newsletters each week. Please see details of upcoming transition events that we have planned. This week has seen the children continue to make great strides in their learning. We have continued to be able to run a number of enrichment activities by staff and even managed to get the Year 3 & 4 children to enjoy a trip through Castle Park to capture some sights and sounds of nature. As we start to look ahead to the excitement of the summer holidays, we at school have been reminded of the challenges that schools face in dealing with Covid-19. 55 schools in the county have reported positive cases, with 10 managing outbreaks and 2 schools fully closing. We endeavour to keep the safety of your child at the forefront of things we do and hope that we can fulfil next weeks plans without any disruption. Once again thanks for your continued support with this.



**Sports Day** – You will have all received a letter this week from Mr Tyson explaining how our arrangements have changed due to recent LA guidance. The newly formed plan is now complete and we look forward to an enjoyable (and dry) day. We are sorry this year that we are unable to allow parents along, but hope to share a flavour of the events in the galleries of photos that we will upload to the school website. Please ensure that you read the letter to find out what team (and colour) your child will be wearing, what they need to bring (i.e. packed lunch, applied sunscreen etc) and if necessary make sure you order a school packed lunch this weekend if you want one.



**Residential** – The Yr 6 children are very excited about the prospect of spending 3 days with nature in rural Alston next week. Whilst there, the different groups will be spending time challenging themselves in activities such as archery, caving, climbing and even one ominously named as Piranha Pool! Everyone should have kit lists and now have returned the forms—if there are any emergency issues over the weekend, please email into the admin email address and we will try and help. Children need to be on site by 8.40 ready to leave at 9.00 a.m. on Monday morning.



**Year 6 Leavers Service Friday 16th July 1:30pm** – With recent guidelines this week stating the dangers of visitors coming on site; this has posed many questions on how we can organise a Year 6 leavers assembly. Twelve months ago, parents and children were able to meet on the yard and sit within their family bubbles whilst individuals spoke about their memories of the time in school and spoke about their ambitions for the future. This was open air and we were able to maintain social distance with each other. The event last year was also held in the middle of a downpour that only added to the memory of the day. Under current guidance, we feel comfortable in hosting a similar format on our front yard (although hopefully the weather will be brighter). In coming days we will be sending out invites to families requesting how many seats they require. Obviously 3 weeks is a long time in the planning of events, with such worrying signals coming from the Local Authority. If guidance does change, we reserve the right to cancel, although we are hopeful that this isn't the case.

**Year 2 Transition Events** – Just yesterday I had the pleasure of meeting the Year 2 group for assembly. Unfortunately it couldn't be face-to-face but instead we had a nice chat over Zoom. This is one of the ways that we have had to change our transition plan to comply with recent guidance. In the coming weeks we have a number of other remote transition events. Next Wednesday (30th June) Yr 2 children will join next year's teacher and class mates over Zoom. This will be a chance to ask them about life in Year 3 and how our current Year 3s have coped with their first year in the juniors. This will be done in school time. On Thursday (1st July) I will meet with....

..... parents over zoom to introduce myself and talk through practical details regarding uniform, school payments, after school clubs and answer any questions you may have. The following Wed 7th July, myself and Mrs Foye will meet with Mr Craig and Mrs Sapsed for the last session of information sharing. The glaring omission to our plan is having children and parents visiting the site, we are disappointed of not being able to do so, although we are hopeful that we will be allowed to complete show rounds during our INSET days of 31st August and 1st September. Thank you for your understanding on this. Zoom details for the parent meeting on Thursday will be sent today with this newsletter.

**New PE Kit** – Next year, we will be launching a new school PE kit. We feel that the new kit looks really good and the quality looks excellent on the samples we have received. The materials a high quality eyelet polyester which will wash and wear without becoming bobbly. Whatever happens next year, we will continue with children coming into school in their kit for their chosen day as well as any additional sports after school clubs and/or sporting events. This reduces changing times and all children will get good wear out of the kit if they are wearing it for at least 1 day per week. Matching shorts and skorts (short-skirt) are available but we are also happy for children to wear plain tracksuit bottoms over their shorts or plain navy/black leggings (particularly in colder months when shorts may not be suitable). As a minimum the logo polo shirt and shorts will be our standard PE kit. PE kit can be obtained at more preferential pricing for parents via a bulk order and therefore we will be opening up School-Money for parents to order from. We will include all available sizes in the polo shirt, shorts and skorts and they also have suitable tracksuit bottoms, training pants and leggings available (although these are completely optional). Items will be available on SchoolMoney by the end of today. We will be placing the first order in the last

week of term to ensure we receive, what we anticipate to be a large order, by the first day back and orders will be distributed to the children during the first two days back.



Therefore please ensure you place your orders by Monday 12th July. The company will not accept returns and therefore any returns will have to be absorbed by the school so we would encourage parents to measure and make sizing decisions (for September) as accurately as possible, although we will of course endeavor to make sure all children have the right sizing.

The sample kit we received in chest size 26/28" and as you can see is a good fit for Lillymae and Reece who have kindly volunteered to model the kit for our newsletter.



Other Catalogue Items;

Shorts (7666) , Skorts (7502), Training Pants (7823), Tracksuit bottoms (7740) & Leggings (7829)





**Covid-19 Testing & Results** – For any suspected cases of Covid-19 or for any positive test results, particularly in light of the recent guidance about surge testing, please contact [admin@stjamesjun.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stjamesjun.cumbria.sch.uk) (please email at any time, even over the weekend as the mail box is routinely monitored). Thank you

**Galleries**—Here are some links of the lessons and activities which have been happening in school this week -

Nature walk – This week our lower bubble enjoyed a trip outdoors to create some photographs for their nature poetry. The children have loved working on Lost Words Poetry and I look forward to hearing their finished pieces of poetry—[Gallery 1](#)—[Gallery 2](#)

Our Yr5/6 girls are busy in Carlisle competing in the Cumbria Yr5/6 Girls Football Tournament. I'm sure they are enjoying the experience of representing the school, and just like the boys last week are representing the school well.



There are also some great galleries about [Autism Superpowers](#) (Class 2), [The digestive system](#) (Class 6), [Cricket](#) (Class 4) and even [teeth!](#) Year 5 have also been working on [making reading skills more memorable](#) out on the MUGA this week. So please 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' (new and changes in red)-**

- Monday 28th June—Pupil Progress & Welfare Governors Meeting
- Monday 28th – Wednesday 30th June – Yr 6 Residential to Robinwood
- Thursday 1st July—Sports Day
- Friday 2nd July – Year 3/4 Mixed Football Competition - Carlisle
- Monday 5th July – Friday 9th July – Year 6 Cyclewise – Cycling Proficiency
- Monday 12th July - School Reports going out & Full Governors Meeting
- **Friday 16th July—Year 6 Leavers Service 1:30pm**



**Weekly Clubs & Activities**

- Monday – Mr C's Sports Group (3:30 p.m– 4:30pm) (**Cancelled 28th June**)
- Tuesday—Lower Bubble Cookery Club (3:15pm – 4:10pm) - By Invitation & **Year 3/4 Cricket Club (Cancelled)**
- Wednesday – Zumba Club - **30th June** (3:15pm – 4:00pm) - **Lower Bubble (due to Yr6 Residential)**
- Wednesday—Year 5 Adventure Club at WHYP (collect directly from WHYP Swingpump Lane)
- Thursday - Mr C's Year 6 Drama Group (3:30pm – 4:15pm)
- Friday— Lower Bubble Football Club (**Class 5—2nd July (cancelled last week due to bad weather)**) (3:15pm – 4:15pm)