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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 - Zaahira F
- Ullswater - Erin S & Tilly S
- Derwentwater – Eden E & Bella T
- Bassenthwaite - Archie L
- Ennerdale - Lottie F
- Buttermere - Cooper R

Attendance winners:

Ullswater had top attendance this week and will get an extra MUGA day.

Overall school attendance this week is: 96.79%



Homework Heroes



- Windermere - Ellis M
- Ullswater - Theo M
- Derwentwater - Bella T & Danny M
- Bassenthwaite - Zoey H-O
- Ennerdale—Ella M
- Buttermere - Lottie Y

Christian Value Award



- Windermere – Kenna A
- Ullswater - Logan T
- Derwentwater - Layla O & Jasmine T
- Bassenthwaite - Hollie M
- Ennerdale - Rose J
- Buttermere - Sophia-Renesmee 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 Noah S & Charlotte J.



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, Thea L, 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 this week's newsletter. We are edging ever closer to the summer break but life at St James' Juniors feels as busy as ever with loads of exciting events running and lots of great learning happening in the classroom.

Unfortunately I wasn't in school today as I had joined our Yr5/6 girls football team in Carlisle so this time Mrs Foye had the pleasure of handing out the certificates for all the great achievements this week. This included excellent artistic skills, choosing powerful vocabulary and a fantastic attitude. Great to see The St James' Way in action across the school.

Wishing you a restful weekend. *Mr Beattie*



School Messages, Notices & Reminders—

Year 6 Water Safety Sessions – We have had 2 of the 5 groups complete their wild swim sessions at Bassenthwaite Lake this week. Thanks to all of the support and guidance from Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project in what has been a fun, but important lesson in swimming safety and competency in deep water. The kids have really enjoyed the workshops and were brilliant in braving the chilly waters. The other 3 groups continue in the next few weeks and are really excited - letters will be sent home next week to the remaining children with their specific dates.

Microbit workshops with Mrs Fowler from The Whitehaven Academy – This week Ullswater and Derwentwater classes were joined by Mrs Fowler from The Whitehaven Academy who delivered a workshop in the programming of microbits to create a workable self-watering robot. Reports from Mrs Fowler were that our children were really knowledgeable and enthusiastic and created some great models.

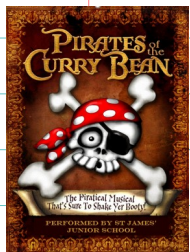
Final Soundwave session – A special thanks to Emma and Dave for their efforts in running our Soundwave club. The kids have loved experimenting with different instruments and sound machines and put on a special performance of their song called St James' Way

Girls Year 5/6 Football Tournament - A great team performance today from Charlotte, Mo, Amelia, Nancy, Loe, Layla, McKenzie, Freya & Tia who represented the school brilliantly in the Active Schools Football Tournament. We are extremely pleased that following on from the success in the boys tournament a few weeks ago, that the girls won all 7 of their games and were crowned overall champions beating Beckstone Primary in the final. The girls were an absolute credit to the school, well done!



Year 2 Parent Visits – It was great to invite our new parents from Yr 2 up to the school hall for an information talk held by myself and a trusted group of volunteers: Henry, Cooper, Isla, Eden, Ellis and Lexie who loved talking about their experiences of school and even completed guided tours around the school with parents. We hope parents found the session informative and answered some of the questions they have around the new Yr 3 group starting in September. On Tuesday we look forward to inviting all of the children along for a 'Move-Up Morning' with their new classes and teachers. Any parents who weren't able to attend will be emailed a copy of the presentation and forms will be sent home via the Infants school.

Science Visit—Bassenthwaite Class were lucky to take a trip down to St Nicholas Gardens for a Science workshop with Miss Pool on Thursday. As Science lead, Miss Pool was very impressed with our understanding and enthusiasm when they were looking at topics around food and nutrition and they even got to meet a robot.



Pirates of The Currybean reminder – The children are sounding and looking great and are all really excited to perform for you all at The Civic Hall, Whitehaven next Thursday. Performances are at 1:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. Emails have been sent out about choir costumes— if anyone has any questions please contact the office. On the day of the performance, children will need to be brought back to the Civic Hall for the evening performance at 5.30 p.m. If children are booked into afterschool

club they will be taken directly down ready for the evening performance.

[Tickets for the summer production are available to buy in the shop on SchoolMoney.](#)

Sports Day – This year our school Sports Day will once again be hosted at the home of Whitehaven Amateurs on Coach Rd, Whitehaven on Thursday 13th July. Parents are invited along for 1pm – 3pm when we will be completing the track events. There is limited parking on site and access can be tricky when traffic is high, so we would ask that parents car share where possible, and look to park away from site whenever possible. We are happy for the children to be collected from site at the end of the sports day and we will walk other children back to school who can't be collected. Next week, children will be given their team (and colour).



Disco Helpers—Thank you to all those who have volunteered to help with the disco. If anyone else is available to help on the evening of Tuesday 11th July or during the afternoon to help put together sweet bags we would be very grateful.

Vacancies — From September we will be looking for new people to join our team of Midday Supervisors. If you or a friend or a family member are looking for part-time work, doing something really rewarding and beneficial for the school then we would love to hear from you. We can potentially offer 3/5 days roles, so even if you can't do every day we would still be keen to hear from you. If you are interested please contact Mrs Maiden, School Business Manager.

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) -



Water Safety at Bassenthwaite Lake



Microbits Workshop



Ullswater — Doodlers



Bassenthwaite - Geography-Settlements

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' -

- ⇒ Tuesday 4th 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—**1.30 p.m. & 6.00 p.m. (TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE)**
- ⇒ **Tuesday 11th July—Leavers Disco 5-7 (5-6.15 Lower, 5.45-7 Uppers)**
- ⇒ Thursday 13th July—Sports Day (Parents welcome from 1-3 p.m.)
- ⇒ **Wednesday 19th July—Year 6 Leavers service 12-12.45 p.m.**
- ⇒ **End of Summer Term—Wednesday 19th July—[School Finish at 1 p.m. PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB ON THE LAST DAY OF TERM](#)**

Weekly Clubs & Activities—

- ⇒ Tuesday—
 - ◆ After School Gymnastics Club (Collected from Whitehaven Sports Centre @ 4.30 p.m.) **LAST SESSION**
- ⇒ Wednesday –
 - ◆ 8.00 a.m. Judo Breakfast Club
- ⇒ Friday
 - ◆ Mr Carruthers Year 5 & 6 Sports Club (Collect from school @ 4.30 p.m.)



Absence Reporting Procedure— Can all parents/carers ensure that if their child is not attending school they notify the school **via telephone**, not by email or Seesaw please. It is in the Attendance Policy that parents should telephone, but we are increasingly getting more emails and therefore will now insist that notifications are made by telephone please (please leave an answerphone message if your call is not answered including the reason for the absence, otherwise we will call back for additional details). Thank you for your understanding.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE