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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 this week. Here are our Pupils of the Week-

Class 1 - Ellis M

Class 2 - Jasmine T

Class 3 - Harry E-B



Class 4 - Nate H & Emilia A

Class 5 - Freya M, Philippa B & Archie L

Class 6 - Amy H & Maddie C

### Attendance winners:

**Class 4 had top attendance this week and will receive an extra MUGA day.**  
**Overall school attendance this week is: 94.96%**

Please note all Covid-19 absence is excluded

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 winner was Ava L.



Click this icon to email the school office

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

Mr Beattie





Well as we reflect at the end of the first full week at the juniors I would like to share a few words. Firstly, the children have been excellent. All year groups have really settled well into the start of the school year and it has been a pleasure walking around classes and seeing the excellent work already happening in classrooms. I know I mentioned it last week, but I feel that it is worth repeating how well our Year 3 children have done. Their behaviour around lunchtimes and the quickness in which they have grasped the routines in the lunch hall has been unprecedented in my time here. Well done for settling into the St James' Way so well.

This morning I held my first celebration assembly, although it was a return to zoom assembly for our uppers we were still able to have some children in the hall to join in the celebrations of the children's achievements. When hearing from teachers how the children have been displaying maturity, listening attentively and helping our new children to settle in to our school, it certainly gives a headteacher and much-needed lift after a tricky week.

Unfortunately it has been a week that has been tainted by the impact of Covid, resulting in a number of our children testing positive and being forced into isolation. We do hope that the children are recovering well. Speaking to most parents the symptoms have been mild, but it is deeply unfortunate for these families having to face further disruption. I am reassured by the words of Claire King – Consultant for Public Health Cumbria, who shared in our meetings this week, that we are not alone and this scenario is very much in the local authorities plans for the future. I would urge all families to read the [letter we issued on Wednesday morning](#) outlining ways both school and families can support the further transmission in school.

Wishing you all a restful weekend and we look forward to meeting up with you all again, bright and breezy on Monday morning.

**Early Birds & After School Club (EBASC)** - Mrs Thomas and Mrs Jackson have been really pleased this week to see so many new and familiar faces back in EBASC and are enjoying using the Lodge as their new dedicated space. This week we have been able to give families a bit of flexibility in terms of pre-booking, however moving forward we need to reinstate the procedures that were in place last year so that we can ensure we have sufficient staffing in place.

- Breakfast Club starts at 7.50 a.m. and After School Club finishes at 5.15 p.m.
- Bookings for the following week should be made [the previous week](#) (by midnight Friday) and should be booked through SchoolMoney.
- Emergency bookings can be made by calling the school office on 01946 695311 and whilst we will always do our best to accommodate your needs, at very short notice we may need to confirm staffing arrangements before confirming we can offer a place.
- Can all parents please take a note of the EBASC mobile number **(07563 785331)** which should be used as an out-of-hours emergency contact between 7.50 a.m.—5.15 p.m. in case there is no one in the school office.

**Music Tuition**—Letters have been sent home with the children and we have had lots of responses so far for children looking to start and resume music tuition with Mr Curzon (Guitars) and Miss Bailey (Keyboard). Our plan is for them to come in next week to have an initial session with the children. All of the children who have returned forms will meet with the music teachers and we will then be in touch with parents to confirm the start of lessons and arrange payments. Please note that it is important that children have instruments at home for them to practice on outside of school. If anyone else would like to be added to the list then please contact the school office - [admin@stjamesjun.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stjamesjun.cumbria.sch.uk) . Music lessons are £6 per week for a group tuition session.



**PE Kit Update** - Mrs Maiden is very pleased to report that the children will be bringing their new PE kits home this evening. After many hours going through lists and sticking on name labels we hope that everyone receives the right items. If you have not received items that you have ordered, then please check your School-Money account as any 'to follows' will show as uncollected. If you have any problems with your orders then please don't panic, in the first instance email Mrs Maiden—[admin@stjamesjun.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stjamesjun.cumbria.sch.uk)—and she will go through the emails on Monday and try and resolve issues.

Here are links to some activities which have been happening in school this week -

- Mr Carruthers [welcoming and measuring the new Class 3's!](#)
- Mr Tyson's Maths Class working on [Using Base 10](#)
- And check out the video of Year 5 English using [Vocabulary Circles!](#)



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' this half term-

- Monday 13th September—Full Governors Meeting & Year 3/4 Trip to Maryport Aquarium
- Thursday 30th September—School Photographs

### Weekly Clubs & Activities

- ⇒ Monday – Guitar Tuition (Year 5 & 6)
- ⇒ Tuesday—Year 3 & 4 After School Cricket Club—3.10—4.15 p.m.  
Keyboard Tuition (All Year Groups—starting 21st Sept)
- ⇒ Wednesday – Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project Adventure Club until 4.45 p.m. (Collection from Swingpump Lane)
- ⇒ Thursday - Guitar Tuition (Year 3 & 4)



### Additional Notes about weekly clubs—

- *If children have signed up for **music tuition** and already have an instrument at home please can they bring with them on their designated days.*
- **Adventure Club**—*We have had unprecedented response to the Adventure Club this year. We are going to be working with the Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project throughout the year, so just to reassure parents and children that we will try and get everyone through a block of sessions this academic year.*
- *Can parents please ensure they check their emails with regards to **Cricket Club**—again due to the high number of children wanting to take part we have had decided to split the group and you will have received an email notifying you of the dates for your child.*

### Outside School Activities—

WHITEHAVEN SHARKS—CALLING ALL YEAR 3 📣

Our under 8s group has space for more Sharks!

If your Boys and girls are year 3 and would like to try a free session with the sharks please [message the page](#), we'd love to see some new faces 🤝👋

📅 Sunday 12th September

🕒 09:30

📍 Whitehaven Rugby Union Club

Come and join our fun and friendly kids and coaches, make friends and enjoy the wonderful sport of rugby Union!

