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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 - Isla D

Class 2 - Reece F & Joe T

Class 3 - Skyler C

Class 4 - Clara S

Class 5 - Loe R-E

Class 6 - Maddie C



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 Lewis G & Shahidah A



Spelling Shed Superstars

Class 1 - Kai S

Class 2 - Morgan L

Class 3 - Lucas Y

Class 4 - Rosalee T

Class 5 - Nancy H

Class 6 - Nathaniel F

Attendance winners:

Class 4 had top attendance this week and will receive an extra MUGA day.
Overall school attendance this week is: 94.19%

Including Covid-19 absence

Timestable Rockstars

Maths Class 1 - Olivia C

Maths Class 2 - Kwaku B

Maths Class 3 - Skyler C

Maths Class 4 - Solomon D

Maths Class 5 - Zaahira F

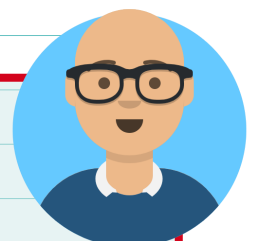
Maths Class 6 - Aaron H



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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





I write to you at the end of a week that has felt like we are starting to get back on track with our school term. School trips and clubs are once again being planned for, and I would draw your attention to details of our Year 5 residential and updated club lists. The majority of children initially affected by Covid have now returned and we look forward to greeting back the last remaining students and staff who are currently isolating. We appreciate the unhappiness, worry and disruption that the isolations are causing, but we endeavour to support you all in the best way possible. Stick in there and we look forward to seeing you pass through the school gates very soon! This morning saw me catch up with classes and teachers as we came together (over Zoom once again, I'm afraid) to celebrate the achievements of our students. The efforts of our children in completing their homework tasks can be seen on the Spelling Shed and Timestable Rockstar boards on page 1. The teachers also spoke generally about positive attitudes shown in class. For some of the individuals nominated for Pupil of the Week Awards, my jar was filled with pennies when hearing comments about children showing kindness to one another; thoughtfulness and compassion shown by older students looking after younger students; and for positive attitudes to listening well in class and working hard at their learning. These are fantastic qualities that our students have shown this week and something that fills a Headteacher with great pride. Keep it up St James'.



Homework—Now that we are into the swing of the new school year, weekly homework will be set on Seesaw on a Thursday and the expectation is that homework is submitted the following Wednesday along with Spelling Shed, Timetables Rockstars and regular reading at home on a weekly basis, with reading diaries being completed. Children should have their Seesaw logins in their reading diaries but please contact the office if you need log in details.

EBASC—Thank you to everyone for taking on board the comments in last weeks Newsletter about EBASC. For reference—

- 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.

As well as making booking as far in advance as possible, can we also please ask that we are made aware of cancellations as early as possible. If we arrange additional staffing to cover the numbers, and the number of children suddenly decreases due to last minute cancellations, then this costs the school money. In some circumstances, if we do not receive sufficient notice of cancellations or have repeat cancellations, then we reserve the right to still charge for the service. We thank you for your understanding.

PE Kit Update—Almost all of the children now have PE items. We have been doing our best to accommodate size changes and hope everyone is happy with the items. We certainly think they look very smart in school! We understand that as the items are very new, some of the children have felt that the underside of the badge is a little bit itchy. This certainly improves after the items have been washed, but we are also sourcing some interfacing (backing material) which can be ironed inside to cover the back of the embroidery.

Year 5 Residential—In addition to our traditional annual residential trips for Year 4 and Year 6, we have been able to arrange a mini-residential break for our Year 5s who missed out last year (when they were in Year 4). The children will have the opportunity to go for a two day/1 night stay at Winmarleigh Hall in Preston which has a range of exciting activities. This will be on the 11th & 12th November and we will be sending details out to parents very soon.

Harvest Festival—In previous years we have supported the North Lakes Foodbank by collecting donations as part of our Harvest Festival celebrations. We would like to do this again this year and ask for donations from the following list. If donations can be brought into school as soon as possible and we hope that by coming together to donate, we can help families in need. Thank you



Please only donate items from this list (they are not able to accept other items) -

Fruit Juice (1lt UHT carton), Tomatoes (400 g tinned/carton), Tinned Fruit or Vegetables (400g), Tinned Meat (400g), Tinned Fish (100g), Rice Pudding (400g tinned), Cereal (500g only), Pasta Sauces (jars or sachets—but no 'pasta & sauce' mixes please)), Pasta (500g bags), Milk (full fat or semi-skimmed UHT only), Sponge pudding (400g), Biscuits/Snack Bars/Chocolate, Coffee, Jam (not homemade) Tinned Beans & Soups (400g), Instant Mash Potato. They also request that items are NOT low calorie please.

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

- [Lower school visiting Maryport Aquarium \(Gallery 1, Gallery 2\)](#)

- [Rev Jackson handing out bibles to our new Year 3s](#)



- [AfterSchool Cricket Club](#)

- [Class 3 -Studying The Function of Blood](#)

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-

- Thursday 30th September—School Photographs
- Monday 11th October—Full Governors Meeting



Weekly Clubs & Activities

- ⇒ Monday – Guitar Tuition* (Year 5 & 6) & Afterschool Maths Tuition (3.30-4.15)
- ⇒ Tuesday—Year 3 & 4 After School Cricket Club—3.10—4.15 p.m., Keyboard Tuition* (All Year Groups—starting 21st Sept) & Afterschool Maths Tuition (3.30-4.15)
- ⇒ Wednesday – Judo Breakfast Club, Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project Adventure Club until 4.45 p.m. (Collection from Swingpump Lane) & Afterschool Maths Tuition (3.30-4.15)
- ⇒ Thursday - Guitar Tuition* (Year 3 & 4) & Afterschool Maths Tuition (3.30-4.15)

****All music will start from week commencing 27th for the taster sessions and children should plan to bring their instruments with them (if they have them)***