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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 - Jamie C, Matthew D, Daria R

Class 2 - Isaac M

Class 3 - Ellie S

Class 4 - Tommy C

Class 5 - Eren A, Gus M

Class 6 - Livvy R, Sophia L

Class 7 - Sonny H, Dean C

HOUSE TEAMS

Skiddaw are this week's winners with 66 points

MATHS MASTER

Class 1 - Tor N

Class 2 - Daniel E, George P

Class 3 - Bradley T

Class 4 - Ciaran S, Alysha D

Class 5 - Melissa S

Class 6 - Sophia L

Class 7 - Noah O

Attendance

winners:

Class 7 have top attendance this week with 99.42% and will receive an extra play-time.

Overall school attendance this is week: Is 95.8%

ACCELERATED READERS OF THE WEEK

Class 1 - Jay C

Class 2 - Evie W

Class 3— Taylor C

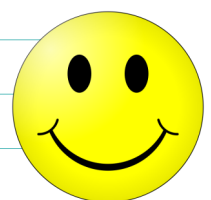
Class 4 - Charles S

Class 5 - Ethan C

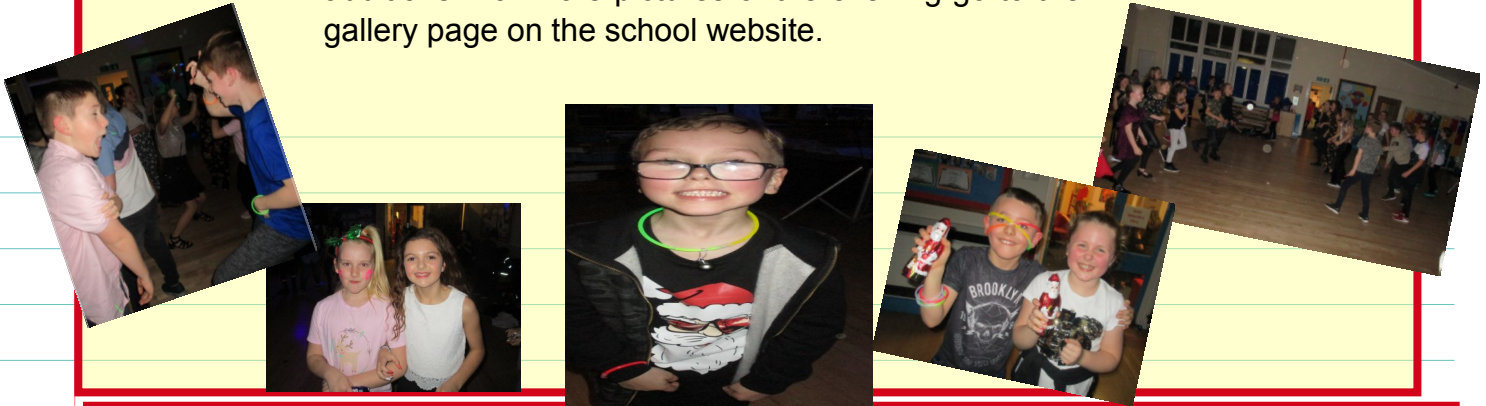
Class 6 - Grace F

Class 7 - Anna E

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 weeks winner was Grace F. So far our school have read **10,172,965** words this year.



Christmas Disco—The children had a really good evening on at our annual Christmas Disco. Special thanks to Ian & Katie for the fab disco and Lisa, Tracey, Penny, Rox, Clair, Nicola and school staff for selling sweets, making jewellery and painting faces and tattoos. I know the children really appreciated it. After expenses the final profit for the disco was £240 which will be added to the Friends' of St James Account and used for plans of playground additions. For more pictures of the evening go to the gallery page on the school website.



Change to Guitar Lessons Next Week

FOR NEXT WEEK ONLY - YEAR 3 & 4 CHILDREN WILL HAVE THEIR GUITAR LESSON FOR MONDAY AND YEAR 5 & 6 WILL HAVE THEIR LESSON ON THURSDAY



Nativity Tickets – There are still some forms outstanding for the Christmas activities including nativity tickets, cinema and Christmas dinner. Please can these be **returned by Monday 10th**, tickets are now limited and we will not be able to guarantee you a ticket after Monday. The letter can be downloaded from here - <http://www.stjamesjun.cumbria.sch.uk/page/newsletters-2018-19/47317>. The vast majority of the tickets and reserve list have now been handed out, so please check with children/school bags – there are some still on the reserve list for the 5.00 but these will be issued Monday after all forms have been returned.

We have a wonderful team of volunteers for our PTA: Friends of St James'. In the past year, they have raised over £2000 to support plans for developing the school playground. If you are interested in volunteering some time (it doesn't need to be for every event!) Then please pass your interest and email into the school office and I will add you to the e-mailing list for upcoming events. Thank you and welcome to Nicola and Abi who joined the team this week..



Sponsored Read

A steady stream of forms are now coming into school. So far we have raised in excess of £600 and are hoping that more money will be coming in next week.

As mentioned previously, with continuous pressures on my school budget, I offer a personal plea to support this event. All money raised will go directly into reading books, and will really support the fantastic work we have undertaken in recent years in promoting a love of reading in our students.



No EBASC 13th December

Unfortunately there will be no EBASC facility after school on Thursday 13th December. Breakfast club will be available that day. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

No Sing Squad 13th December

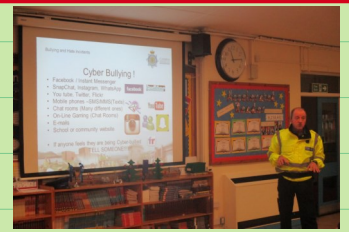
Unfortunately there will be no Sing Squad after school on Thursday 13th December.

Bright Stars—Well done to all of the children who wrote their letters of interest to sign up for Bright Stars. The Year 3 & 4 children have been working hard in Literacy at writing persuasive letters and their knowledge of this was used to great effect with some really powerful reasons why they would add value to the Bright Stars Team.

On Thursday Mrs McGrane & Mrs Glaister were joined by Buzy Bees Software and spoke to the candidates. From this a team was chosen to represent the Board of Directors. Another team of children will support the management by working on different events..

Next week the Board of Directors will meet again to form their Business Plan.

Cyber Bullying—Thank you to PCSO Alan Willison for coming in this week to talk to the children about the impacts and consequences of Cyber-Bullying. As always, I was really impressed with the children's understanding of how to keep themselves safe on line and what to do when faced with an issue online.



Year 5/6 Newcastle Trip—Our upper school children very much enjoyed their trip to Newcastle this week. Armed with substantial packed lunches they crammed in a whole host of activities at Newcastle Life Centre, ST James' Park and A local Ice rink.



Thank you to all parents who volunteered to escort our large group around Newcastle.



Parking Issues— Thank you all for your co-operation with our recent parking issues. The pavements and around directly outside of school have been much clearer over the past week, making it much safer for our children to enter and exit school safely. I have spoken to a number of families about this issue over the last week and am so pleased to have the support of you all in dealing with this safety matter.

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

Mr Beattie



School Activities taking place this half term ...

- ◆ Lego Club—Monday after school /Christmas Disco)
- ◆ Guitar Group Yr 5 & 6 Monday afternoon, Yr 3 & 4 Thursday afternoon
- ◆ Keyboard Group—All year groups Friday morning (Last session 7th Dec)
- ◆ Gymnastics Year 5/6 Monday afterschool pick up at Whitehaven Sports Centre 4pm
- ◆ Sing Squad—Thursday after school
- ◆ Adventure Club—WHYP every Wednesday

Key Dates

- Saturday 8th December—Singing at Whitehaven Christmas Market 11-1
- Christmas Cinema Trip—date TBC
- Monday 17th December - Full Governors Meeting
- Tuesday 18th December - Nativity (1.30 & 5)
- Thursday 20th December Christmas Guitar Concert
- Thursday 20th Wear a Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas Dinner
- Friday 21st December - 1:15pm the Big Christmas Sing
- School Finishes at 2pm

Wk 3	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
CHOICE 1	Margari-ta/chicken piz-za with chips and peas	Meatballs in gravy with pasta and cauliflower	Roast pork din-ner with stuffing, Yorkshire pud-ding, potatoes and car-rots/broccoli	Sausage roll with diced potatoes and mixed veg	Fish fingers with potato wedges and baked beans
CHOICE 2	Tuna pasta bake and bread roll	Vegeta-ble/cheese bakes with pasta/diced potatoes and cauliflower	Vegetarian roast dinner with York-shire pudding, stuffing and boiled/roast po-tatoes	Cheese/onion roll with diced potatoes and mixed veg	Salmon nibbles with potato wedges and baked beans
CHOICE 3	Jacket potato	Chicken mayo ba-guette with pasta/ pota-toes	Jacket potato	Savoury cheese ba-guette with diced pota-toes and mixed veg	Jacket potato
DESSERT	Plain sponge and custard	Spiced choc-olate brown-ie	Chocolate krispy cake	Apple crum-ble and cus-tard	Grasmere gingerbread or cake selection

If you have any questions about food allergens, please phone us to speak to the kitchen team who will be happy to provide more information.