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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, Jamie P

Class 2 - Kieron H

Class 3 - Immy S

Class 4 - Matt R

Class 5 - Lola F

Class 6 - Jack H, George E

Class 7 - Anna E, Grace N

Mr Beattie - Alfie H

### **HOUSE TEAMS**

Skiddaw are this week's winners with 84 points

### **MATHS MASTER**

Class 1 - Dominic B

Class 2 - Joe C

Class 3 - Zane W

Class 4 - Evie C

Class 5 - Ethan C

Class 6 - Grace F

Class 7 - Oliver K

### **Attendance**

#### **winners:**

**Class 7 have top attendance this week with 100% and will receive an extra play-time.**

**Overall school attendance this is week: Is 96.09%**

### **ACCELERATED READERS OF THE WEEK**

Class 1 - Reuben D

Class 2 - Jake D

Class 3— Jayden D

Class 4 - Jenson K

Class 5 - Ethan C

Class 6 - Grace F

Class 7 - Keaton L

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 Jake D. So far our school have read **10,969,373** words this year.



Well done to the following children for completing their Award Cards this week:

Bronze Awards: Ethan C, Eddie C, Lexi S, Alana W, Keaton L, Grace F, George E and Harry D.

**Carol Singing**—It has been a real pleasure to be involved with a number of children who have volunteered to sing Carols over the festive period. On Saturday we sang for Whitehaven Christmas Market. The kids were great and battled the drizzle and a rather noisy generator to entertain the crowds.

On Tuesday the children sang for the residents at Rosehill Care Home. Children sang a number of carols, exchanged gifts with the residents and shared stories of Christmas's past over a nice juice and biscuit. One of the residents gave the children some chocolates and declared that we had made their Christmas.

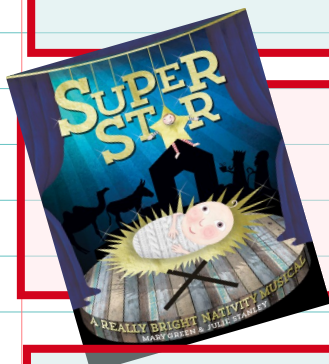
On Thursday the children sang for the visitors at St Nicholas Church.

They were fantastic throughout.



### **Guitar Concert**

Unfortunately Mr Curzon has not been well this week. We are hoping that he will return on Thursday for our Christmas Guitar Concert at 2:30pm. We ask that all guitarists keep practising their songs at home for when Mr Curzon comes back.



**Nativity Update** – We are almost ready for the final performances next week. Mr Carruthers has sent a letter out today with details of costumes that are needed in school on Monday. We still have a small number of tickets available for 1:30pm performance but no sold out for the 5pm showing.

**Vacancy**—We are currently looking to recruit a new midday supervisor. Details can be found on the link below. Please drop in to the school office and speak to Mrs Maiden, if you would like any further information about the role.

<https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/jobsandcareers/schooljobdetails.asp?Ref%20No=11927>

**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.



**Attendance Update**—Each child will have received a Red, Amber or Green Attendance Letter from school today. Children's attendance is crucial to their success in school and at St James' we always aim to promote strong attendance. Well done to the 68 children who still have 100% and will receive an extra playtime when we return in January.

### **No Sing Squad 13th December**

**New Performance Data**—New school performance data was released nationally yesterday. Both staff and children are really proud of the hard work that went into achieving such amazing results last year. Please take a peak at how well we did!!

**<https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/schools-by-type?step=phase&region=909&geographic=la&phase=secondary&for=primary&show=All+pupils+2018&datasetfilter=provisional&searchtype=&page=1>**

### **Big Christmas Sing**

Next Friday sees the school join forces with St James' Infants to put on a Big Christmas Sing. There will be a collection of Carols, Nativity Songs and talks from Bishop James Newcome. All parents and families are invited to join us in our singing. Performance starts at 1:15pm in St James' Church.

**Tree of Hope**— In church each year we put up 'The Tree of Hope' (it is the upside-down Christmas tree). Anyone is welcome to write both their hopes for the future and also to remember their loved ones who are no longer around. Labels are available from the school office for hopes and prayers to be written and hung on the tree.

All donations go to the Special Care Baby Unit, at West Cumberland Hospital.

### **Lego Club**

Lego Club will continue next Monday



**Christmas Film**—The children had a ball at Whitehaven Gaiety this morning as they watched the new Grinch Movie.

**Clubs cancelled**—Both Gymnastic Club, Sing Squad and Adventure Club will not go ahead in our last week. New groups will continue in the Spring Term

This will be my last newsletter before the New Year. 2018 has been a great year for St James'. The children continue to thrive here and I am immensely proud of them all. May I take this opportunity to wish all families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Mr Beattie

## Key Dates

- 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 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>CHOICE 1</b>	Pepperoni/Margarita pizza with chips and beans	Cumberland/vegi sausage with mashed potatoes, gravy and sweetcorn	Dinner 'use-up' day—choose at the hatch!	Christmas Dinner!	Fish cakes with potato wedges and peas
<b>CHOICE 2</b>	Chicken curry/vegi curry with rice and naan bread	Shepherd's pie/Vegetarian Shepherd's pie with diced potatoes and sweetcorn			Tomato and basil pasta with bread roll and peas
<b>CHOICE 3</b>	Filled jacket potato with a choice of fillings > Cheese > Beans > Tuna	Filled jacket potato with a choice of fillings > Cheese > Beans > Tuna			Filled jacket potato with a choice of fillings > Cheese > Beans > Tuna
<b>DESSERT</b>	Apple sponge and custard	Flapjack and custard	Muffins		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.