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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 - Zac S & Elizabeth S

Class 2 - Noah L & Bethan A

Class 3 - Luke C

Class 4 - Rory W

Class 5- Jamie F

Class 6 - Amy H, Riven H & India H

Spelling Shed Superstars

Class 1 - LJay C

Class 3—Leo F

Class 4 - Rosalee T & Lauren H

Class 5 - Jasmine T

Class 6 - Isla S



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 Kieran H, Jamie C & Grace F.



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Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

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 who has won a sporting prize of their choice.

Attendance winners:

Class 5 had top attendance this week and will receive an extra MUGA day.

Overall school attendance this week is: 79.8 %

Including Covid-19 absence

Timestable Rockstars

Maths Class 1 - Matty C

Maths Class 3 - Lucas Y

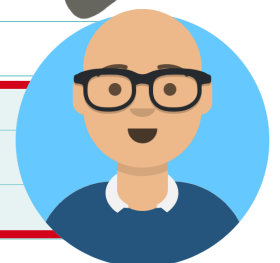
Maths Class 4 - Bethan L

Maths Class 5 - Lauren H

Maths Class 6—Emilia A

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

Mr Beattie





Hello and Welcome to this week's newsletter,

Firstly, can I continue offer my gratitude to you all who have been asked to provide proof of negative tests this week. We are aware that this has been the majority of the school and we are really thankful, as we understand that this will have been difficult to do at home for many. Children, it's not nice sticking things up your nose each morning and you have been amazing! Despite the easing of measures across the country, our school situation still remains challenging. We are still having to abide with additional measures outlined by Public Health England. This includes reduced mixing across our children; reduction of visitors on site; staggering our timetables to reduce pressures on shared spaces; as well as our usual measures of ventilation, hand sanitising and being mindful of adult-to-child social distance. We will remain under these measures for next week which also includes asking parents mask wearing during drop off and collection times. We are hopeful that transmission will start to ebb away by the end of next week and we look forward to seeing students and staff return gradually. Thank you for your continued support and understanding of our situation.

Covid aside, I continue to be amazed by the work, behaviour and attitudes of our students. This week saw our children walk down to our local museum to take part in a World War II Workshop. The exhibitors were very impressed with the children's knowledge, questioning and thirst for information – most certainly evidence of 'our exploring minds, and faith'. During this morning's Celebration Assembly I also heard staff recount how children had shown endurance in tackling division problems; tales of growing self-confidence; and willingness to contribute to group and class discussions. For further insight into the work happening in school, please click on the links at the end of the page or browse through our school galleries on our home page.

Wishing you a safe and restful weekend.

Mr Beattie

CLASS AMBASSADORS

This week we have been looking at our 5 British values during Collective Worship. One area that is of particular importance is the value of democracy. Children have learned the importance of everyone being involved in decision making, and have used democracy to elect their class ambassadors for this term. These are Class 1—Jimi F, Class 2—Joe T, Class 3—Jasmine S, Class 4—Lauren H, Class 5—Eden E and Class 6—Isla S. Well done classes, you have elected well and Mr King looks forward to meeting with you all next week to devise the project you will work on this term.

Here are links to some activities which have been happening in school this week (click on pictures) -



Year 5—Role playing for writing



Year 3—Investigating Division



Class 2 visiting the Beacon



Some of the uppers showing of their gymnastics skills this week!

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' -

- 8th February—Class 4 Trip to the Beacon (PM Only)
- 9th February—Class 6 Trip to the Beacon (PM Only)
- 8th February—Class 5 Trip to the Beacon (PM Only)
- **Half Term 14th February—Friday 18th February**
- 1st & 2nd March—Parents Evening

For all of the Beacon visits, these will take place in school time and children will be in school for lunchtime and normal collection. These visits have been risk assessed and can go ahead, at this time, as children will be walking down, so **please ensure children have coats with them on the appropriate days.**

Weekly Clubs & Activities

- ⇒ Monday – Guitar Tuition (Year 5 & 6)
- ⇒ Tuesday—Keyboard Tuition (All Year Groups)
- ⇒ Wednesday – Judo Breakfast Club, Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project Adventure Club until 4.45 p.m. (Collection from Swingpump Lane)
- ⇒ Thursday - Guitar Tuition (Year 3 & 4)
- ⇒ Friday - Mr Carruthers' Tennis Club (Years 5 & 6) (3.15-4.15) - [Boys 28.1.22](#)

The use of coaches and music teachers has been risk assessed and can currently continue, with all visitors being asked to provide evidence of a negative LFT upon arrival.