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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 - Kenna A & Kai S

Class 2 - Bailey M

Class 3 - Lewis G

Class 4 - Clara S

Class 5 - Joseph F

Class 6 - Freddie J



### Attendance winners:

**Class 1 had top attendance this week and will receive an extra MUGA day.**

**Overall school attendance this week is: 91.81 %**

Including Covid-19 absence

### Timestable Rockstars

Maths Class 1 - Ljay C

Maths Class 2 - Eva F & Oliver G

Maths Class 3 - Robert M

Maths Class 4 - Nate H

Maths Class 5 - Rhys F

Maths Class 6 - India H

### Spelling Shed Superstars

Class 1 - Lilly C

Class 2 - Zane H & Theo K

Class 3 - Lexie R

Class 4 - Sophia Renesmee M

Class 5 - Anna G

Class 6 - Zaahira F

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 Lucas Y & Raine P-Y



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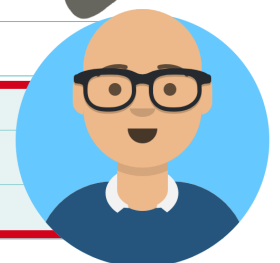
**Attendance Matters**

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.

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

Mr Beattie





Good Afternoon Parents & Carers,

Firstly I write to you with the good news that we have been notified by Public Health England, that from Monday we no longer need to function on our lower and upper school split timetable, and can return to a whole school once again. This is because we have seen a reduction in our Covid-19 cases and are now seeing children and staff return once again. This is really positive news to us all, and we hope that with continued strong attendance we can now ensure children have a clear run in school to continue making progress. It also means that we can open up the back playground and MUGA for play, which I know the children will be very happy about. We still ask for parents to notify us of all positive cases within the household, and we will send out messages of close contacts who are still encouraged to provide daily LFT tests, but we can see that the numbers of children having to do this are being greatly reduced. Thank you all (families and children) for being so accommodating with this. There is no requirement from Monday for parents to wear masks for collection/drop off under the relaxed guidance, unless you choose to do so, and we would like to thank families for their support with this as well.

Back to teaching and learning, we have had another positive Celebration Assembly today showing how well children are learning, behaving and remaining committed to their home studies. The names on page 1 show our certificate winners this week who have been put forward for a number of different reasons including their commitment to spending more time on Spelling Shed/Timestable Rockstars. Well done to members of Mrs Jackson's Breakfast Club study team for putting in big efforts with their online platforms. We also heard of children making huge progress in their writing tasks and for children giving their best and showing confidence in participating in class work.

This week we have been discussing our Christian Value of Endurance and how we can train our brain with tips to boost our confidence and self-esteem. We certainly saw great examples of this in our certificate winners this week. Well done all!

Thank you all and have a great weekend.

**Attendance/Punctuality** – The recent spike in Covid-19 cases has had a significant impact on the attendance of lots of our students. Of course, this has only been through everyone following the regulations about attending school and there has been no choice or control over this. However, time in school, in front of teachers, has been greatly impacted and would just ask parents to consider this and aim to try and reduce any further non-Covid-19 related absence. We would also like to reiterate that the current guidance reinforces the importance of children attending school and, providing that daily LFT tests are taken, children can come into school even if they have a positive case in their household. Can I also take this opportunity to remind parents that registration closes at 9.00 am in the morning and it will affect children's attendance marks if they arrive after this time.

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



Mr Carruthers Friday Tennis Club



Upper School Collective Worship



Class 3 'Let there be light'



Class 4—Shadows and reflections

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
- Monday 7th—Wednesday 9th March—Year 4 Robinwood Residential

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 – 8.00 a.m. Judo Breakfast Club, Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project Adventure Club until 4.45 p.m. (Collection from Swingpump Lane)
- ⇒ Thursday - Guitar Tuition (Year 3 & 4 ) & Year 5 & 6 Science Club (3.15—4.15 p.m.)
- ⇒ Friday - Mr Carruthers' Tennis Club (Years 5 & 6) (3.15-4.15) - [Girls 4.2.22](#)

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.