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*"With exploring minds, and faith; we grow and learn together."*

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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 - Ellis M & Ethan H

Class 2 - Zane H & Keir M

Class 3 - Kate H & Aiden P

Class 4 - Sophia R

Class 5 - Loe R-E

Class 6 - Jacob G & Zaahira F



### Attendance winners:

**Class 6 had top attendance this week and will receive an extra MUGA day.**  
**Overall school attendance this week is: 96.93%**

### Timestable Rockstars

Maths Class 1 - Evan C

Maths Class 2 - Reece F

Maths Class 4 - Raine P-Y

Maths Class 5 - Aoife C

Maths Class 6 - Scarlett H

### Spelling Shed Superstars

Class 1 - Isla D

Class 2 - Joe T

Class 4 - Rosalee T

Class 5 - Danny M

Class 6 - Naomi 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 Lucas Y, Clara S & Layla O



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 Raine P-Y who has won a sporting prize of their choice.



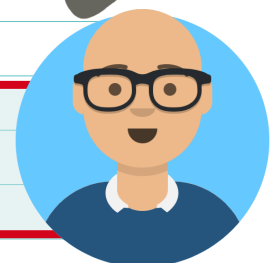
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Every student. Every day.

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

Mr Beattie





Welcome to this week's Newsletter. In a week where our children have returned from half-term to our Assessment Week, I have been impressed with the approach and resilience of many. Our Celebration Assembly finished with much news to celebrate from our certificate winners. Firstly, again the whole school have smashed the weekly target of 1 million words read. Our current total across the whole school from September currently stands at 28, 337,088 words read. I must confess that I haven't been counting all the words myself but we have a computer program that does it for us. Nevertheless what a brilliant total showing our children's enjoyment and commitment to reading. Please see details below regarding our World Book Day events. Our Assembly also showed that our attendance is now returning to normal levels with 2 of our classes having 100% attendance this week, well done Class 2 & 6. Our certificate winners were awarded this week for a variety of reasons including: working well together, being helpful, putting in lots of effort as well as achievements in learning. News of such achievements certainly makes me a very proud Headteacher. Wishing you all a restful weekend and see you all

### School Messages & Information—

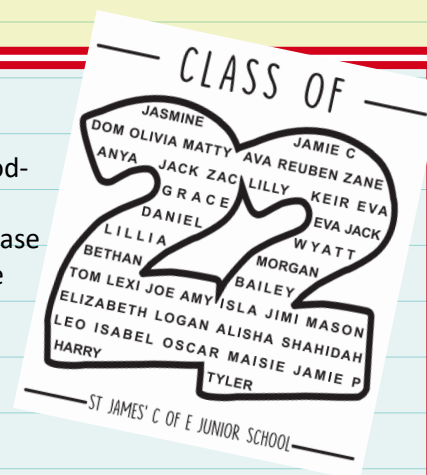
**Year 6 Leavers Hoodies—** Our online shop is now open for ordering Year 6 Leavers Hoodies. The shop will be open until 13/4/22, at which point all the orders received will be printed and despatched to the school, so please ensure you order before this date. Please also note that hoodies are available in Junior and Adult sizes, for help with sizing please use this link (<https://www.schoolleaverscompany.co.uk/leavers-hoodies>).

Please click on this link to go to our login page

<https://www.schoolleaverscompany.co.uk/leavers-hoodies-login> .

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**Residential—** Thank you to all parents and children who joined us yesterday for our Parents drop in for our Year 4 residential to Robinwood. I hope that you found the talk informative and supportive in preparing for the trip. I'm also sure that the Yr 4 groups will have a fantastic time, and come back with brilliant memories of their time there.

**Residential Payments—** Please note that we have been made aware of an issue with the online payments for residentials, which wasn't allowing part payments. This has now been resolved and you should be able to make part payments of any amount against the balance. You can make as many payments as required and there are no charges for multiple payments.

**Parents Evening –** By now you will be receiving allocated slots for our first face-to-face Parent's Evening for a couple of years. For the parents who are unfamiliar with how we have run our parent evenings in the past, you are welcome to come prior to your meeting time to look through your child's books that will be laid out on tables in the school hall. The teachers will come into the hall to walk you to their classroom to talk over your child's report. We are still being mindful of Covid-19 measures and will ensure spaces are well ventilated, hand sanitiser is available and of course parents are welcome to wear masks if they so wish. We do ask that parents are respectful of the 10 minute slot so as not to cause congestion in the school hall with parents waiting.

**Science Club –** A special thank you to Miss Eilbeck for joining us this week to host our new Science Club. The group of Year 5s really liked working on all manner of scientific experiments that indicate how detectives would solve a crime. Please follow the gallery for pictures and we look forward to next week's club.

### **Covid-19—Colin Cox, Cumbria's Director of Public Health:**

*"Although all legal restrictions to tackle COVID-19 have been removed, public health advice remains the same.*

*"If you do test positive for COVID-19, it's still advised that you stay at home and avoid contact with others for at least 5 days and then continue to do so until you receive 2 negative tests on consecutive days.*

*"The most important thing now is to consider the people around us. Consider how others might feel or be affected by COVID-19 and respect their choices.*

*"If somebody wants to wear a face mask in public spaces to protect themselves and others, everyone should respect that choice. If somebody wants to self-isolate to avoid spreading the virus to their colleagues or the people around them, they should be supported to do so whenever possible.*

*"We're moving into a new phase of the pandemic, this is true, but we all know what we need to do to prevent the spread of COVID-19 – we've been doing it for two years now. So, let's move into this next phase sensibly and respectfully and support each other to remain safe from COVID-19."*

For the latest COVID-19 situation report visit [www.cumbria.gov.uk/stophespread](http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/stophespread).

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



Science Club—Crime Scene Investigation



Class 4 Rugby Skills



Our Christian Value of Forgiveness



Class 6 Creating Websites

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.

**World Book Day** – Next Thursday we will be hosting a special dress up day for World Book day on Thursday 3rd March. The children have typically enjoyed this event and will also engage in some Book Day based learning through the week. For inspiration of ideas for costumes, including costumes that can be made at home at little cost please follow these links:

[www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up-ideas/](http://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up-ideas/)

[www.madeformums.com/toddler-and-preschool/last-minute-easy-world-book-day-costumes/](http://www.madeformums.com/toddler-and-preschool/last-minute-easy-world-book-day-costumes/)



### **Craze It!!**

Children may have been talking in the past few weeks about our Craze It! Scheme. We have introduced activities at lunchtime around a specific theme each week; Launch It, Skip It, Ride It, Game It, Draw It and Aim It!! Children have been really engaged in the activities and have been demonstrating some amazing skills with a range of different skipping activities and parachutes. We also have a great team of children, called the Craze It Crew, who help other children to engage in the different activities and games.

Parents will notice that barriers have been introduced on the front playground too, which the children have nicknamed the 'Craze It Arena' and we ask that parents bare with us whilst we get used to having it on the playground at the beginning and end of the school day.

### **Coming up at St James' -**

- Tuesday 1st March & Wednesday 2nd March —Parent Evening
- Thursday 3rd March—World Book Day & Class 1 Parents Evening
- Monday 7th—Wednesday 9th March—Year 4 Robinwood Residential
- Monday 21st March—Friday 1st April—Swimming block Class 2 & 4\*
- **Tuesday 7th—10th June**—Year 6 Shropshire Residential
- Monday 6th June—Friday 17th June—Swimming block Class 5 & 6\*
- Monday 27th June—Friday 8th July—Swimming block Class 1 & 3\*

\*Swimming Blocks—In a countywide initiative swimming arrangements have changed, and swimming will now take place in a block and children will swim every afternoon for 10 consecutive days. Children will need spare swimming kits, swimming caps for long hair and plenty of towels for drying, to last them the 10 days.

### **Weekly Clubs & Activities**

- ⇒ Monday – Guitar Tuition (Year 5 & 6), Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project Adventure Club (Year 4 Group) until 4.45 p.m. (Collection from Swingpump Lane)
- ⇒ 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 Drama Group 3.15-4.15 p.m. (Year 5 & 6 Alternate Weeks)

