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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 - Kathryn D

Class 2 - Anya N, Jasmine T & Eva F

Class 3 - Jack H

Class 4 - Logan T, Rosalee T, Theo M, Nate H,
Logan R

Class 5 - Lucian K, Wilf P, Layla O

Class 6 - Riven H, Amy H, Lilia T, Issie A



Attendance winners:

Class 6 had top attendance this week and will receive an extra MUGA day.
Overall school attendance this week is: 88.77 %

Timestable Rockstars

Maths Class 1 - Kaeden L

Maths Class 2 - *

Maths Class 3 - Skyler C

Maths Class 4 - *

Maths Class 5 - Eden E

Maths Class 6 - *

Spelling Shed

Superstars

Class 1 - Matty C

Class 2 - *

Class 3 - Luke C

Class 4 - *

Class 5 - *

Class 6 - *

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 Joseph T & Jenson H



* Some classes did not have specific winners this week—but well done to all the children who have been practising their spellings and timestables!

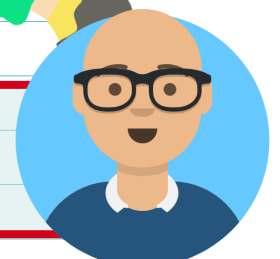
Every week, children are encouraged to take part in the 'St James' Fitness Trail' and a winner is drawn from everyone who has completed it that week. Well done to this week's winner, Archie L, who has won a sporting prize of their choice.



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





Hello and welcome to this week's Newsletter. Despite the challenges we are facing, there still remain many reasons to celebrate. Just this morning we hosted two separate celebration assemblies, where teachers spoke proudly of how our students overcame many challenges during their residential trip. It seemed that they really enjoyed the activities and impressed the staff with their attitudes and demonstrations of 'The St James' Way'. The children who remained in school were equally recognised, with staff describing the positive efforts and kind, respectful behaviour across the school.

There were a few weary heads on Thursday morning following the residential, but it was great to hear stories from staff and children in how they much they enjoyed their time away. The galleries on the website also capture the challenges they faced and the fun they had at Robinwood. For the vast majority this was the first time away on a residential and feedback from staff was how well behaved the children were and how well they worked together and encouraged each other on the various activities. Yesterday I spoke to Robinwood to ask for clarification on the night-time snack eating. For the many of you who were on the Parent Zoom Meeting you will have heard me mention that we would allow a moderate amount of night-time snacks to be eaten before lights-out. Unfortunately, when the children were at the centre, eating in dorms was not allowed. When speaking to the centre, they state that their policy is to not eat in the dorms unsupervised, as this causes a choking hazard, although they now allow snack eating as part of the quiz night called 'Team Challenge'. Unfortunately this was not conveyed to schools or staff and the centre apologise for this. For many this didn't cause too much disruption to what was an excellent, enjoyable experience for the children and we look forward to using the centre for our Year 4's next year. If you haven't seen yet, please follow the links to the galleries.

I am wishing you all a restful and healthy weekend.

Covid Update – I'm sure that you will be aware of the spike of transmission that has again returned to us at St James'. Firstly can I pass on hopes that the children affected are doing well and not too poorly. Secondly, can I thank you all who have picked up levels of testing over the last few days. In addition to the letters sent out this week, we are asking that if all **children and staff are able to test before to Monday** to reduce chance of further transmission across the school. Children who test positive can return to school after 5 days, following **2 negative test results 24 hrs apart**. Therefore any children returning from isolation on Monday morning should have received a negative LFT on Sunday and on Monday morning. Tests do still remain free from most local pharmacies.

Easter at St James' C of E Junior School

A big thankyou for the kind donations today as part of our first non-uniform day, boosting our Easter Egg stocks. Details are shared below for our non-uniform day next Friday where we are asking for a bottle for our tombola. The bottle can be anything really: alcohol, fizzy drinks, water, shampoo, bubble bath. It all goes into the tombola. Many thanks in advance for the support offered for our fund-raising event.

Easter Fayre – We are really excited that this year we can again plan to hold our traditional Easter Fayre. This will be on the afternoon of Friday 1st April at 1.30pm. This has always been our main fundraising event of the year. Parents are invited to join the children at 1.30pm and spend some time in school enjoying the various games, raffles, and snacks. It is estimated the Fayre will finish at approx. 2:30/3pm. All money raised goes directly towards the children, and we hope to host a great even once again

Non-uniform days with the 'contribution' for each non-uniform day being as follows:

Friday 18th March - A bottle of something

Friday 25th March - Something for our coloured hampers:

Class 1 - Red Class 2 - Green Class 3 - Orange Class 4 - Yellow Class 5 – Blue Class 6 –Pink

The stock raised during these non-uniform days are used on the stalls so, again, we really appreciate everyone's support in helping put on an event like this.

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



Robinwood (6 Galleries)



Year 3 Basketball Circuit Session



Year 6 Algebra



Class 6 Pennies in the Jar

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.

School Messages & Information—

- **Reading Diaries** – As part of our reading reward scheme, children collect stickers to be added to their book marks. The children can get a sticker when they present 3 entries with parental signature in their reading diary each week. If they have 3 signed entries they receive the sticker that then builds into a prize book from a great collection of books we have recently ordered. I have been asking children to read to me this week, and looking through their reading diaries and have been really impressed with their fluency and understanding of their books, with some collecting their 8th sticker this week. Keep up the great effort kids!!
- Cumbria County Council has launched its [Cumbria's Holiday Activity and Food Programme](#) for the Easter holidays. Initially the offer will be exclusively open to children with a Free School Meal entitlement and then the offer will be opened up to encompass all eligible children, with most activities also being available to book (for a cost).
- **Egg Decoration** – In addition to the information on the previous page about the Easter Fayre, another St James' tradition is our annual egg decorating competition. We have had some amazing entries in the past and we always showcase all of the entries during the Fayre on their own dedicated stall. Winners from each class will be chosen with winners receiving an eggs-traordinary prize. I have gone through the archive and found a lovely gallery Class 6 last year, showing our [Decorate an Egg entries](#). I'm hoping that they provide useful inspiration to you.



Coming up at St James' -

- 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) & Year 6 SATS SPaG Booster Group (Until 4.15)
- ⇒ 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 Science Club (3.15—4.15 p.m.) & Year 6 SATS Maths Booster Group (Until 4.15)
- ⇒ Friday—Mr Carruthers Drama Group 3.15-4.15 p.m. ([18th March—Year 6s](#))

