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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 - Reuben D, Kai S & Matty C

Class 2 - Morgan L

Class 3 - Nat B & Harrison S

Class 4 - Emilia A, Zayne M, Theo M & Sophia
Renesmee M

Class 5 - Jensen F, Joseph F & Nancy H

Class 6 - Lilia T & Lottie F



Attendance winners:

Class 2 had top attendance this week and will receive an extra MUGA day.
Overall school attendance this week is: 77.86 %

Timestable Rockstars

Maths Class 1 - Evan C

Maths Class 2 - Oliver G

Maths Class 3 - Lucas Y

Maths Class 4 - Harry B

Maths Class 5 - Ellis D

Maths Class 6 - Fletcher M

Spelling Shed Superstars

Class 1 - Lilly C

Class 2 - Zane H &
Jasmine T

Class 3 - Lexie R

Class 4 - Nate H

Class 5 - Kieran H

Class 6 - India H

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 Lewis G & Jenson M.



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 Joseph F, who has won a sporting prize of their choice.

The Craze it Crew also picked two children who they wanted to congratulate for outstanding behaviour in the Craze It Arena this week and these were Jamie C & Carson M.



 **Attendance Matters**
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 another week's Newsletter. At the weekend we meet the Spring Equinox, where Spring officially begins and it has been nice to see our children playing and blossoming in the recent drier and warmer weather. I'm hoping that children can get outdoors and enjoy the nice weather at the weekend, and potentially clock up some points on a new app called Street Tag. It seems that we have been slow to the inter-school competition with this, but as the old proverb goes, 'It's a marathon not a sprint'. With such an active and healthy bunch I'm sure we can start clocking up the points and moving up the leader board. Certainly me and

I'm Dennis!



Dennis the dog are keen to get a good walk in over the weekend!

This week has seen a return to many children returning from their Covid-19 illness and attendance now starting to return back to normal. It has been great to see them back in school and we look forward to welcoming the remaining absences back next week. Whether at home or in school the children continue to give their all in their studies. This morning we had our Celebration Assembly where we heard teachers detail efforts in their classes including improvements in handwriting, thoughtful responses in PSHE, being kind to others and children having a super attitude across the curriculum.

Football at St Benedict's – Belated congratulations to our Year 5/6 Mixed age football team who visited St Benedict's two Fridays ago to attend an inter-school football competition with other schools in Whitehaven and surrounding areas. As always, the reports came back of excellent behaviour and sportsmanship and the team really pulled together to have some great success; winning all of their games without conceding a goal. Results aside, we just wanted to say how proud we all were of the whole team and their efforts and attitude during the competition.

Next week sees the turn of other children to attend St Benedict's for two further Football festivals, both from Year 3 & 4 & Year 5 & 6. I'm sure they will show The St James' Way as well as those who have already competed.

Please note – Can all players selected please bring a packed lunch on the day they are representing the school as well as being in full St James' PE Kit, thank you.

Swimming Update – In a change to previous arrangements, next week sees Class 2 start our weekly blocks of swimming—children will now have a double lesson each day for 5 days, rather than attend for 10 days over a two week block. We have gathered additional information from Workington Swimming baths; who have asked if children are in costume with long hair tied back—ready to swim as soon as they get there. Swimming caps and goggles are optional although encouraged to aid their swimming through the week.



Easter at St James' C of E Junior School

A big thankyou for the kind donations today as part of our second non-uniform day, boosting our Easter Egg stocks. Details are shared below for our final non-uniform day next Friday where we are asking for a something in your child's class colour for our raffle hamper prizes. Remember to also get working on your 'Decorate an egg' entries for the chance to win a prize.

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. Children attending with parents can leave the site once they've had a look around and the remaining children will be available for collection at 3:10pm under usual arrangements. 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 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.

THE WASTE WATCHERS NEED YOUR OLD STUFF!



St James' Junior School Class Ambassadors are pleased to announce that we are having a stall at the Easter Fayre. We have been finding out about the impact of waste in school, in our local area and around the globe. Our project is called: 'WASTE WATCHERS.'

For our stall, we want to find a new home for some of your pre-loved items, as well as raise some money for charity. We are asking for donations of the following items:

- 1) Clothes
- 2) Footwear
- 3) Toys/Games/CDs/Vinyl/Cassettes
- 4) Books



Be sure to visit our stall at the Easter Fayre!

Thank you—Joe, Jimi, Jasmine, Eden, Isla & Lauren



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



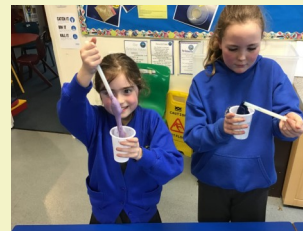
Collective Worship—
Symbols of Easter



French Shops & French Food



Year 6 Maths Club
Wagon Wheels!



Science Club—Making
Slime!

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.

Street Tag is a free child and family-friendly mobile application that uses virtual tags to incentivise communities and families to become more physically active and boost mental health.

On the Street Tag app, you collect points assigned to virtual tags all-around our community including green spaces, once you are within a 40-meter radius of any virtual tag, your app will automatically collect the points, steps can also be synced and converted into Street Tag points. These points add up in real-time on our school's leader board, with prizes to be won at the end of each season.



Please join our school team to-day!!

The following YouTube links have useful information for parents—

<https://youtu.be/kcU17-GAsSg>

<https://youtu.be/u7B2jm22d3g>



Coming up at St James' -

- Monday 21st March—Friday 25th March—Swimming block Class 2
- Monday 28th March—Full Governors Meeting
- Monday 28th March—Thursday 31st March—Swimming block Class 4
- Friday 1st April—Easter Fayre 1.30—3pm
- Monday 16th May—Buildings & Finance Governors Meeting
- **Tuesday 7th—10th June**—Year 6 Shropshire Residential
- Monday 6th June—Friday 17th June—Swimming blocks Class 5 & 6
- Monday 27th June—Friday 8th July—Swimming blocks Class 1 & 3

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. ([25th March—Year 5s](#))

