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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 - Ethan H

Class 2 - Daniel H & Keir M

Class 3 - Jasmine S & Joey M

Class 4 - Bethan L

Class 5 - Danny M & Nancy H

Class 6 - Lilymae M & Carson M



### Spelling Shed Superstars

Class 3 - Aiden P

Class 5 - Raine P-Y

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 winner was Poppy S

### Attendance winners:

**Class 5 had top attendance this week and will receive an extra MUGA day.**  
**Overall school attendance this week is: 97.98 %**

### Timestable Rockstars

Maths Class 3 - Caleb H & Matthew M  
Maths Class 5 - Zaahira F  
Maths Class 6 - Philippa B



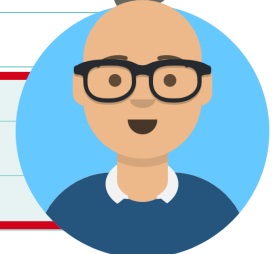
**Attendance Matters**

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, Charlotte J, 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





Hello and welcome back to our first newsletter of the Summer term. It has been great to welcome back the students after a restful Easter break and it is also lovely to come back to see our front yard tree in full blossom. The smiles, blossom and sunny weather has certainly give us all a spring in our step. It is pleasing how well the children have returned. Teachers spoke proudly during Celebration Assembly this morning about the sensible and mature approach of our students and the hard work and creativity that has been happening across the classes. Children have been busy mark-making with charcoals; printing; completing some amazing Mayan Funerary Masks; and evaluating some Mayan hot chocolate (just in case they hadn't had enough chocolate over the past few weeks!)

Well done children and staff on a successful first week back as we look forward to an excellent summer term.

Enjoy the weekend

Mr Beattie

**Easter Fayre Update** – Many thanks to the St James' community for your fantastic support during our Easter Fayre. We were grateful of a dry and sunny day (if not a little cold) but it was great to see so many families visiting the stalls and taking a much-needed break in our Easter Café. All in all we managed to raise a profit of £1050 and 50% of this money will be donated to Barnardo's Emergency Fund that works in supporting children fleeing the Ukraine crisis. The remaining 50% will be used to support resources in school, with our Class Ambassadors deciding on the focus whether it be reading books, art materials or science equipment. Thank you not just for the families who spent money on the day but for the impressive stock we were able to accumulate during our 3 non-uniform days. On Wednesday morning we held a special Celebration Assembly to announce the prize and raffle winners. The winners of the decorate an egg competition were also presented. The standard is really high every year for this, but I have to say that there was some 'cracking' entries this year and no 'yolk' it really was such a difficult decision due to all entries being truly 'egg-celent'. A [gallery of all the winners](#) can be seen on the school website.



**Waste Watchers** – Our brilliant Class Ambassadors fulfilled their termly post and agreed to focus on the issue of Waste. In addition to a brilliant assembly that they performed to our students, particularly focussing on food waste and waste caused by old and unused electronic gadgets; they also decided to host their own stall on the Easter Fayre. You may have noticed Mr King and the group selling 2nd hand toys, DVDs, games and clothing. Altogether the stall raised £201.80 which will be donated to an agreed local charity. We think the ambassadors have done a brilliant job this term and we look forward to announcing the newly elected group who will be class ambassadors for the summer term.

**Punctuality** – This term we have made a tweak to our timetable meaning that children are moving to classrooms to start their studies earlier. It would be helpful if as many families as possible could **order their school meals at home** using SchoolMoney, this will assist teachers to register children quickly before moving to groups.

It is also essential that children are punctual for school. Our school day officially starts at 8:45am with registers closing at 8:55am. School gates will now close at 8:55am as this is the cut off for lessons starting. Children arriving later than this point will be officially registered as late which could impact attendance figures. Children arriving later than this point will be officially registered as late which could impact on individual attendance figures.

**Uniform/PE Kit** – I would also like to use the start of the term to address some worries regarding school uniform. Can I ask that girls particularly do not come to school wearing leggings or additional jewellery to what is allowed (studded earrings). If I could also ask that footwear is appropriate with black shoes/trainers only. If children have outgrown footwear, meaning that you have to deviate from this, please see me or your child's class teacher. Lastly, this year we introduced our new school PE kit which is a huge improvement on our previous white T-shirts. Could I please insist that only the official tops and shorts are worn, as we saw a number of children wearing their own sport shirts and shorts last term and if leggings are worn (on PE days only) that they are plain and unpatterned in either black or Navy. Thank you.

**Street Tag** – Having joined this competition late last term, we managed to climb up the table moving up to 16th place. The leaderboard has now been reset and we begin with a fresh start against other schools for the next 3 months. Our team has grown to 31 ‘Street taggers’ but it would be great to increase our numbers so to help with our efforts. This is open to all children, parents and wider families who want to join our street tag numbers. Simply download the app on your smart phone, capture the QR code and you automatically join our numbers. Once you’ve synched up your step tracker, most smart phones now have this, it will count your steps and off you go!



#### Other Notice & Important Information—

- The online shop for the **Year 6 hoodies** has now closed and all orders being processed. Once these have been delivered we will hand them out to the children and they can be worn for the remainder of the Summer Term. If anyone hasn't ordered one who would like to, then please contact the office.
- **Judo Breakfast Club\***— As mentioned before the Easter holidays we are keen to increase numbers at our Judo Breakfast Club and we would like to offer children a free taster session. Please contact the office if your child would be interested in attending and seeing what Judo is all about.



**SeeSaw Family App**—Please can we encourage parents to download and log into the Seesaw Family App. It's a great way for parents to see what work children have been set and is a great tool for teachers and parents to communicate. Weekly messages are put on Seesaw from the teachers, so its really helpful to have as many families as possible connected. Emails were sent to everyone with the codes, but if you need them again please contact the office.



**New Appointments** – We are glad to be able to announce that we have recruited two new members of our teaching staff that will join us in September and replace the vacancies caused by Mr King's Headship and Mrs Kitchin's career change. The new teachers are called Miss A Pool and Miss L Pool. With them both having the same surname it may be a bit confusing, but we are really excited to welcome them into our team and we are certain that our children will enjoy their time working with these new staff and learn many valuable lessons. Miss A Pool is currently working at Orgill Primary in Egremont and Miss L Pool is currently working at Jericho, and both are incredibly excited at continuing their career here with us at St James' C of E Junior School.

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

- Monday 16th May—Buildings & Finance Governors Meeting
- **Tuesday 7th—10th June**—Year 6 Shropshire Residential
- Monday 6th June—Swimming block Class 5 (All Week)
- Monday 13th June—Swimming blocks Class 6 (All Week)
- Monday 27th June—Swimming block Class 1 (All Week)
- Monday 4th July—Swimming blocks Class 3(All Week)



#### **Weekly Clubs & Activities**

- ⇒ Monday – Guitar Tuition (Year 5 & 6) & Year 6 SATS SPaG Booster Group (Until 4.15)
- ⇒ Tuesday—Keyboard Tuition (All Year Groups) & Year 6 Science Club (3.15—4.00 p.m.)
- ⇒ Wednesday – 8.00 a.m. **Judo Breakfast Club\***, Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project Adventure Club until 4.45 p.m. (Collection from Swingpump Lane) & Year 6 SATS Maths Booster Group (Until 4.15)
- ⇒ Thursday - Guitar Tuition (Year 3 & 4 ), & Year 6 SATS Maths Booster Group (Until 4.15)
- ⇒ Friday—Mr Carruthers Drama Group 3.15-4.15 p.m. ([Year 5 29.4.22](#))