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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 again this week. Here are our Pupils of the Week-

Class 1 - Oscar C & Jacob W

Class 2 - Zac M

Class 3 - Amy B & Zac S

Class 4 - Matthew M & Chloe T

Class 5 - Jules F

Class 6 - Reece F & Lilia T



Timestable Rockstars

Class 1 - Aysel G

Class 2 - Jay C

Class 3 - Maisie R

Class 4 - Ellis D

Class 5 - Erin S

Class 6 - Nancy H



Attendance winners:

Class 3 & 4 have top attendance this week and will receive an

extra playtime.

Overall school attendance this is week:

98.81 %

Spelling Shed Superstars

Class 1 - Bailey M

Class 2 - Tyler G

Class 3—Elizabeth S

Class 4 - Erin S

Class 5 - Freya M

Class 6 - Aoife C

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 weeks winners were Jack G & William M



Spelling Shed 



Click this icon to email the school office

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

Mr Beattie

Homework—We are now coming out of the phase of having to think about the Health & Safety of our children every waking minute and are now being afforded more time to think about the best way to support your child's learning. One area we feel that we need to focus on is our Homework and reading. The children have been spoken to about the homework routine but felt it important to map out to all parents in our weekly newsletter:



Reading at Home - Each week we expect (at least) 3 entries in the reading diary and ask parents to sign in the reading diaries.

We encourage all parents to listen to their children read but this doesn't have to happen for every entry. If children are reading longer books, the children still add an entry and include the pages they have read: e.g Thur 1st October, The BFG, pg 132 – 152.

Teachers will sign off all reading diaries every Wednesday morning. Please make sure your child has their completed reading record every Wednesday morning.

After each book is complete, the children can complete a quiz on Accelerated Reading. We are aware that some of our children have yet to complete a quiz.

Children can also take quizzes on books read at home. All they need is the code for the quiz that can be found at <https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/>

Spellings/Times Tables - We continue to use Spelling Shed/Times Tables Rockstars to support our learning of these areas. These have proven very successful in improving the children's knowledge, but we are also aware that they don't suit everyone. We are happy for children to use traditional pencil/paper methods also. An alternative website that is really useful is www.timestables.co.uk. The side menu on the website shows a wider range of timetables games with many not having time constraints of being against the clock. If your child feels pressured against the clock it would be worth having a look at this website. Spelling tests are every Wednesday.

Seesaw – We will continue to use Seesaw as our main platform for issuing and marking homework. A reminder that Seesaw work will be sent out every Thursday and collected back in every Wednesday.

Extra- curricular update—The senior leadership have recently reviewed our risk assessments. Due to the concerning patterns locally we have made the decision to defer additional music/ sporting/supply teachers in school for a further 2 weeks. This obviously means that we are unable yet to offer the wide range of extra-curricular activities. EBASC will continue with their program of activities in the interim.

EBASC Activities

- Monday — Yoga
- Tuesday — Circuits
- Wednesday — Crafts
- Thursday — Football
- Friday — Move Night

If your child would like to attend any of the after-school club activities then just email the office (click envelope icon) to book your child in. The cost of After School Club is £5 for the entire session from the end of school until 5.15 p.m. which includes an snack and a drink as well as these activities.



Parents Evening—Senior Leaders have discussed the importance of running a termly Parents Evening. Historically we wait until early November so that we can present data for you all. This year, we want to move this earlier so that we can discuss how your child is settling in and coping with the work, as well as a way to start discussions with teachers. We are proposing the Parents Evening will run over 2 evenings on w/b 12th October over video conferencing. We will provide further details in the coming days.



Coming up at St James' (new entries in red):

- Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October - Half Term