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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-

- Windermere - Charlotte J
- Ullswater - Skyler C & Kayden-Lee A
- Derwentwater - Millie W
- Bassenthwaite - Betsy O & Connall C
- Ennerdale - Archie S
- Buttermere - Emilia A



Attendance winners:

Derwentwater had top attendance this week and will receive an extra MUGA day.

Overall school attendance this week is: 97.59 %



Homework Hero's

- Windermere - Zaahira F
- Ullswater - Erin S
- Derwentwater - Layla O
- Bassenthwaite - Charlie B
- Ennerdale - Riven H
- Buttermere - Bethan L



Christian Value Award

- Windermere- Lilia T
- Ullswater - Harrison S
- Derwentwater - Danny M
- Bassenthwaite - Raine P-Y
- Ennerdale - Ava L
- Buttermere - Lottie Y

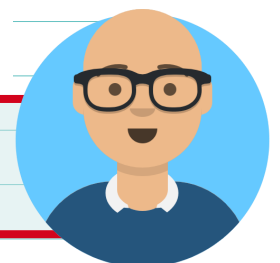


Each week, all of the children gaining 100% in a reading quiz are placed into a prize draw to win a book of their choice. This week's winners were Seth F & LJay C

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, Paige 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.





Hello and welcome to our second newsletter of the academic year. This week is a week, that has seen the children settle further into their learning and show further awareness of the school routines and our 'St James' Way'. It was great to celebrate this achievement and progress during our weekly Celebration Assembly. The winners of our 3 certificates can be found on page 1, and it was great to share the acknowledgement of great qualities such as beautiful presentation of work, effort and enthusiasm, confidence and being a role model to other children.



We have had some lovely enrichment activities this week. It was great to welcome in Glynn and Chris from the Whitehaven Sharks for a Rugby Union Workshop and we must say a big thank you clergy of St James' Church for loaning us the parish hall at short notice in the poor weather conditions. Ben from Wonderdome brought a planetarium in school as well this week and students and staff joined him in this immersive experience to discover new and exciting facts about our universe. For galleries of such events, please click on the photos on the end of the newsletter, alternatively scroll to the bottom of the school home page to discover a long list of galleries of all the exciting work taking part in schools.

You will also see near the bottom of the newsletter that we have updated details on our weekly clubs including; Judo, Adventure Club, Drumming/ Percussion Club, Tennis & Badminton with Zumba Club soon to follow. If your child is interested in joining any of the clubs, please contact the office who will be able to share details and availability for each club.

Please also note our dates for school events this term including dates for our first parents evening of the year.

School Notices & Reminders—

- Please find attached a leaflet about the **Copeland Financial Inclusion Project** which we have been asked to circulate to families.
- If you children enjoyed the **Whitehaven Sharks** sessions this week and would be interested in joining their team they are really keen to recruit players from Year 3 and 4—please see picture for details
- **Atom Prime Update** – Well done to everyone for logging on and completing your first set of homework. Teachers were very impressed with the understanding of our students this week. PLEASE NOTE: The platform has an algorithm designed to pitch the questions to the abilities of the child. Getting one wrong is perfectly fine as it suggests the question was too tricky so the following questions get a little easier. If children are really



struggling with a question, please offer some support, but also be aware that a correct answer could trigger the algorithm in delivering an even more complex problem. If you have any questions regarding Atom or other homework routines please speak to class teacher or Mr Beattie on the yard.

- **Harvest Festival Collection** – We appreciate that times are tricky for everyone at the moment, but as a school we have always offered support to our local Foodbank through a Harvest Festival Collection. If you can afford to donate any of the items on the attached list, we would be happy to add them to our collection. In the past, we have taken some of our children to visit the Foodbank to see the volunteers and read about the gratitude offered by the families who have used this service at times of need. Thank you for any donation you can offer.

- **Parking** - We are aware that the work on the roads in the town centre are adding to the already established problem we have with parking and road safety around the school. I'm sure new parents from St James' Infants will be well aware that this involves both schools. Although I am sympathetic to the problems caused, I must ask that parents do not park directly outside of school in the areas marked with bollards, this includes James Pitt Rd. We endeavour to keep these clear to make it a safe place for children to cross and get access on and off our school site. Thank you

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Shopping List
 We can **ONLY** put in our boxes items from this list.

- * Fruit Juice (1ltr carton UHT)
- * Tomatoes (400g Tinned/Carton)
- * Tinned Fruit (400g)
- * Tinned Vegetables (400g)
- * Tinned Meat (400g)
- * Tinned Fish (100g)
- * Rice Pudding (400g Tinned)
- * Cereal (Medium 500g ONLY)
- * Pasta Sauces (jars or sachets)
- * Pasta (Medium bags 500g of dried pasta).
- * Milk (Full Fat or Semi- Skimmed UHT **ONLY**)
- * Sponge Pudding (400g Tinned)
- * Biscuits/ Snack Bars/Chocolate
- * Coffee
- * Jam (not homemade)
- * Tinned Beans (400g)
- * Tinned Soups (400g)
- * Instant Mash Potato (1 pkt)

NO sachets of 'pasta & sauce' mixes please.
 No Low Calorie Foods please.

- A reminder that **PE kit** should be worn by all students on PE days, but as the weather starts to turn cold, they can wear long tracksuit bottoms, leggings and hoodies —all in plain black or navy please. **Please note tight cycling shorts, and jewellery (other than plain studded earrings) are not to be worn on PE days.**
- **Lost property and our uniform 'donation station'** has been outside on the playground after school for the second week this week, and we are pleased to see some people finding lost items and making use of the items which have been donated. Please feel free to take items, and make donations if you would like to
- In the pre-Christmas sort out, if families have any books suitable for our library (for children aged 7-11) we would greatly appreciate donations, thank you—these can be brought to the office or left in the donation box on a Friday afternoon.

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



Ennerdale training with the Whitehaven Sharks



Buttermere—
Retelling a story



Year 6 Maths—Active
Place Value



Bassenthwaite—Using a
Story map

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.

Coming up at St James' -

- ⇒ Thursday 29th September—School Photo Day
- ⇒ Friday 7th October—Harvest Festival Service 2.15 p.m.
- ⇒ Monday 17th October—Buildings & Finance Governors Meeting
- ⇒ Wednesday 19th October—STIX Percussion Performance for parents 4.00 p.m.
- ⇒ HALF TERM—24th—28th October
- ⇒ Week Commencing 1st November—Derwentwater Swimming Block
- ⇒ Tuesday 8th & Wednesday 9th November—Parents Evening
- ⇒ Monday 14th November—Pupil Progress & Welfare Governors Meeting
- ⇒ Week Commencing 5th December—Windermere Swimming Block
- ⇒ Thursday 15th December—Nativity Performance
- ⇒ Monday 19th November—Full Governors Meeting

Weekly Clubs & Activities

- ⇒ Wednesday – 8.00 a.m. Judo Breakfast Club, STIX Percussion Club (until 4.15 p.m.) & Adventure Club (Yr 5/6) at Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project (collected from Swingpump Lane at 4.45 p.m.)
- ⇒ Thursday—Mr Carruthers Tennis & Badminton Club (until 4.15 p.m.)
- ⇒ Friday—Zumba Club (After half term)

