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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 - Modana M, Ellis M  
Ullswater - Theo M, Matthew M,  
Robert M & Skyler C  
Derwentwater -  
Bassenthwaite - Tammy G & Kieran H  
Ennerdale - Halle W  
Buttermere - Jenny M



### Attendance winners:

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

**Overall school attendance this week is: 98.14 %**



### Homework Hero's

Windermere - Aoife C  
Ullswater - Tilly S  
Derwentwater - Wilf P  
Bassenthwaite - Zachary H  
Ennerdale - Rose J  
Buttermere - Rory W



### Christian Value Award

Windermere- Ethan H  
Ullswater - Logan T  
Bassenthwaite - Archie L  
Ennerdale - Seth F  
Buttermere - Jaxon S & Jett H

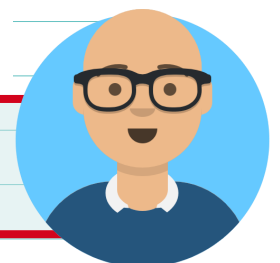


Each week, all of the children gaining 100% in a reading quiz are placed into a prize draw to win a book of their choice. This week's winners were Tammy G & Clara C

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, Phillipa B, 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 weekly Newsletter.

It's a wet and windy end to a week that has seen me visit all the classrooms to sit in with the children's English lessons. Seeing how hard the students are working and how respectfully they listen to adults and each other was a joy to behold. The achievements of our students were acknowledged this week during our weekly Celebration Assembly. Staff spoke proudly about the achievements of their classes including enthusiasm, excellent vocabulary and children who are always willing to share ideas and contribute to discussions. Well done to all certificate winners and the collective classes for your continued efforts.

This week we have been visited by a number of visitors. Firstly, Janice from Judo Knights joined us to hold a Judo demonstration and it was nice to welcome two newly interested members to the Judo club on Wednesday. If any other children are interested please speak to the school office to book a place. Our second group of visitors were Mrs Brown and some former pupils (Maisie, Jasmine, Amy and Eva) from The Whitehaven Academy, who wanted to share how well they have made the step to Year 7. A very proud moment to hear of how they continue to show The St James' Way in their new school. Our final visitors were the school photographers who captured many a smile yesterday afternoon. Parents should all receive an email from Tempest shortly with details of how to access and purchase photos.

Wishing you a restful and, not so wet/windy weekend, Mr Beattie



### School Notices & Reminders—

- **Atom Prime Update**— Children are continuing to impress with their homework on Atom Prime and we are grateful of parents supporting home learning. A few parents have reported issues, where the system is requesting parents submit email addresses before allowing children to access homework—if you have this issue please could you let the school office know.
- **School Music Tuition** - Unfortunately due to staff having left the Cumbria Music Service, we are not able at this time to offer specialist instrument tuition. Traditionally children have been able to learn the guitar and keyboard, and, if and when, we are able, we will hopefully be able to reintroduce these, or similar instruments to the school timetable.
- **Harvest Festival Service**—Our annual Harvest Festival Service will be held in St James' Church on Friday 7th October at 2.15 p.m. and we would be pleased if parents and families are able to join us. If you are able to donate any of the items on the attached list, we would be happy to add them to our Foodbank collection. Thank you for any donation you can offer.
- **Visit to the Beacon Museum**—On Monday our Year 6, and the Year 2 children from the Infants school, will go together to see the [Rembrandt exhibition at the Beacon](#). The children were involved last year in a Rembrandt art workshop and their very own masterpieces will be displayed next to artwork from Rembrandt himself. We are very excited and hope to have some lovely pictures for a gallery next week.



#### Shopping List

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

- \* Fruit Juice (1ltr carton UHT)
- \* Tomatoes (400g Tinned/Cartron)
- \* 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.

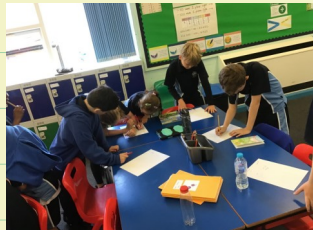
- **Spooky Disco**—We will be having a school 'Spooky' disco on Tuesday 18th October. This will be a fancy dress, for those who would like to dress up, but we ask that costumes are light-hearted and spooky, rather than too scary please. Admission will be £2 and there will be sweets and treats on sale. If we would be very grateful to any parents/carers who would be willing to volunteer to help on the evening, with sweets sales, face paints, glitter tattoos etc.
- **Parking** - As the road works in the town centre continue, they are still adding to the problems with parking and road safety around the school. Please can we remind parents that we must ask you 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.
- **iWatches/SMART watches**—Please can we ask parents that children do not come into school with SMART-type watches. Even if watches do not have internet capability, take photos or function without a smart phone, it is difficult for staff to be able to understand the different brand specifications. For safeguarding reasons, children will be asked to remove these types of watches and not wear to school again. Thank you for your understanding.

- 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 not been outside today because of the poor weather, but hopefully will be again next week and is always available in school if you want to pop to the office. Please feel free to take items, and make donations if you would like to.
- Again if we can please ask that 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.

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



Buttermere –Writing  
Instruction Texts



Ullswater—Considering Each  
Others Good Qualities



Bassenthwaite—PE



STIX Percussion Club

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' -

- ⇒ **Wednesday 5th October—Ennerdale Stone Age Day Trip** (similar trips for Bassenthwaite & Buttermere will be added when dates available)
- ⇒ Friday 7th October—Harvest Festival Service 2.15 p.m.
- ⇒ Monday 17th October—Buildings & Finance Governors Meeting
- ⇒ **Tuesday 18th October—Spooky Disco 5-7 p.m.**
- ⇒ 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.) - **N.B. Groups alternative every two weeks**
- ⇒ Friday—Zumba Club (After half term)

