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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 (and parents) have all been working extremely hard on Seesaw this week.

Here are our Pupils of the Week-

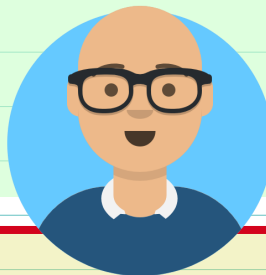
Upper School—Elizabeth S, George E, Rosa F, Maisie R,

Jack H, Jamie C & Matty C

Class 4 - Poppy S & Kai T

Class 5 - Lucas M

Class 6 - Lilia T, Lily T & Alfie E



Celebration Assembly—Each Friday I will post a recorded Celebration Assembly for everyone to join in the celebrations for our Pupils of the Week on Seesaw. It is always a difficult choice to narrow down selections and this couldn't be anymore apparent with the wide-spread achievements being seen on the Seesaw journals, including our Weekly Penny in the Jar Galleries. Keep up the great work everyone!!

Dear Parents/Carers

As we come to the end of our 2nd week of school lockdown let me first start by offering my thanks to you all for your combined efforts with home learning this week. It is clearly a difficult situation we find ourselves in at the moment, but we continue to make the best of a bad situation and this is evident in the fantastic learning that is happening around our community. Thanks once again for your fantastic efforts.

I want to bring your attention to a few tweaks we are bringing in to our remote offer next week:

9am dial ins— These are proving really successful. Teachers have been able to offer class support as well as give a message of support, encouragement and advice to the children who need some gentle persuasion. The result has been that children feel better equipped in tackling the work for the day. New codes will be posted on Seesaw that will be valid for all next week.

Live Grammar Lessons— We understand that the terminology around teaching grammar is particularly difficult during home learning. Our Live (Zoom) Grammar Lesson last week was really well received and we are looking to repeat this style of lesson again for all children on **Wednesday next week**. Watch out for details on Seesaw of how to join the grammar lesson with you child's Literacy Teacher.

Seesaw Family App— We are today sending out a link for the Seesaw Family app with details of how to download and get started. Once you're all set up, parents will get immediate notifications to their smart phone showing what work has been set. Parents will also receive notifications on the feedback received and be able to communicate directly with class teacher through the messaging area. As always if you are having difficulty in setting this up, please contact school and we will be able to talk you through it.



Stationery Station – On dry days we continue to place our stationery station at the bottom carpark. If you are out for a daily walk, and are desperately running short of supplies, or reading books, please drop by and pick up some supplies.



Reading Challenge– Launched today is our St James Reading Challenge. On Seesaw you will find a grid with 20 reading challenges. Children have until the 25th to tick off the challenges and post photographic evidence. Rather than sending individual photos of each activity separately, aim to send a post with all of your efforts alongside the ticked off grid. You have until the 25th to accept this mission. Good luck and get reading!!



Silly Selfie Challenge—Anyone after a shot of Friday happiness, click on the links to our school website Upper and Lower Bubble Selfie Challenge. Thankfully no one around to capture my strained expressions this week!!



<http://www.stjamesjun.cumbria.sch.uk/work/lower-school-selfie-challenge/63079>

<http://www.stjamesjun.cumbria.sch.uk/work/upper-school-selfie-challenge/63080>

Daily 'Work clinic' 11:30 -12:30—From next week, every day the teachers will be on hand for an hour to deal with tricky questions on a 1-to-1 basis. The idea being that children and parents can dial in and get some much-needed support on a tricky question or seek advice. These 1-to-1 sessions will need to be limited to 5 minutes and children will automatically be kept in the waiting room until a free 5 min slot becomes available with the teacher. Please be mindful of others who are also needing the support and stick to 5 minute slots. If your issue is Maths, and your child has a different maths teacher then you will need to dial into the maths teacher's clinic. All Zoom Meeting IDs and passwords will be shown on Seesaw for all teachers. If you are unsure which clinic to dial into, just ask your child who they have for that subject. In order to preserve the safety of everyone involved, these 1-to-1 sessions will be recorded and saved to the Zoom cloud (<https://zoom.us/docs/en-us/privacy-and-security.html>)—we would encourage parents to log on with children if possible.

Zoom Code of conduct – Working remotely is something we will all need to get used to again. Because of the increasing amount of time your child is spending alongside their teachers online, we feel it is important to lay out some agreements in our attached Online Code of Conduct.

If you have any questions regarding this, or indeed anything else school related so not hesitate to drop us a message.

Best regards

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