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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, Tyler G, Isabel S, Olivia A,

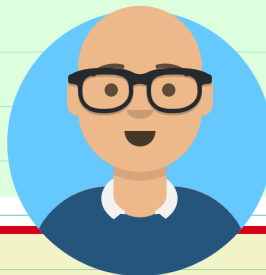
Jimi F, Lexi S, George T, Daniel H & Matty C

Class 4 - Zayne M & Ellis D

Class 5 - Lucian K

Class 6 - Oliver G, Nathaniel F,

Theo K & Aoife C



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!!

Good Afternoon,

I hope that this newsletter receives you all in good health. As we fast approach the end of our 3rd week of lockdown I'd like to offer my continued thanks for the tremendous effort shown with our home learning and wish you well over the weekend. It is a week where we have faced continued challenges, but again browsing through the Seesaw journals it is great to see the great variety of learning and evidence of quality work going on across all the classes. Working with a group of children this week in lower bubble has offered me some relief to my daily chores and it has been so uplifting to see and hear about their enjoyment in the tasks set. Spending time to browse through all of the children's journals has also been a real tonic to see the results of everyone's efforts over the past 3 weeks. As well as the weekly Pupil of the Weeks, each child is winning their own little battles and progressing so well.

Clinic Update – From next week we will be making it simpler to access the Zoom passwords. Passwords will be assigned by each teacher and will be valid for ALL morning dial ins, live lessons and help clinics, all week long. We've not been inundated by families using the clinic, but just wanted to make you aware that staff are on hand between 11:30am – 12:30pm every day, to offer some additional advice on any tricky areas of the work, so please dial in to the class teacher (or maths teacher) if you need any assistance between these times.

Reading Packs – As well as the stationery station offering books, pencils and other necessities, we are looking at other ways to support. On dry days (although I now we've not had many of this this week), we will put out stationery and a sample of library books. In addition to this, we can put together packs of reading books that can be collected for your child.

If you would like some school reading books, just email admin@stjamesjun.cumbria.sch.uk with your child's name and the banded colour of books that your child reads i.e Joe Bloggs—Purple books. We can put together a sample of that coloured books that can be collected quickly from the school office.

Reading Challenge – Next Friday is the deadline for The Reading Bingo Challenge. I can already see a few ‘drafted’ copies of evidence lurking in children’s journals ready to submit. Very exciting!! Remember that all children who can tick off 10 of the Bingo Chart will be put into a prize draw for some book tokens. Keep building your evidence and keep reading your books.

Seesaw Family App— If you have not already please download the Seesaw Family App as detailed in last weeks newsletter. If you need any help with this please email the office—admin@stjamesjun.cumbria.sch.uk.

Remote Learning Guidance—We have added some information to the website about the whole of our [remote education provision](#). This information contains lots of guidance about what we are doing and how we are aiming to support children in their learning and may be useful if you have any questions.

Governor Annual Statement – Our governors have published their annual statement which can be found on our [Governors website page](#) along with other information about our Governing Body.

Parent Carer Covid Vaccination advice—Cumbria County Council have issued some information and advice about vaccinations for Parent/Carers which may be useful to some of our families.



Lockdown PE Training Montage - SJJ Style—For a bit of light relief before the weekend check out our [St James’ PE Training montage](#) (a must see for any Rocky fans!!) - Please note this is on an unlisted, unpublished YouTube link and cannot be viewed unless you have this link.

As always if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us. Have a great weekend!

Best regards

Mr A Beattie