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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-

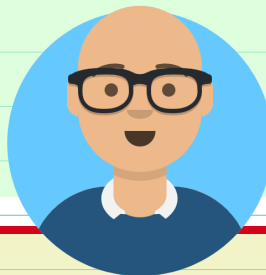
Upper School—Ashton H, Eva F. Lola H, Rihanna W,

Chloe S, Tom B, Matthew D & Eren A

Class 4 - Nate H & Rhys F

Class 5 - Kenna A

Class 6 - Jack B & Reece F



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!!

Hello Families,

I hope that this newsletter receives you well. We are fast approaching the end of another week of lockdown that continues to throw us many frequent challenges. Yet we've got through it, and I continue to applaud both the children, parents and staff on the tremendous collective effort shown in ensuring our children make the very best of this situation. It is with great pride, that I look through a wide range of journals showing such high-quality work that the children have completed with such creativity and energy. This couldn't happen without the continued support from parents who are doing such a sterling job. You will have all received news of the government's plans to extend the closure of schools until March 8th. Although this will come as great disappointment to many of you, please be reassured that we will continue to offer every effort in supporting your child's learning during this time, whilst also ensuring the highest safety measures are taken once the children can return.

Devices—Are you struggling with older tech or struggling to share devices between siblings? We still have a number of school iPads that we can loan out to families to help with this. If you feel that you would benefit from an extra device, please get in touch with the school office.

We may also be able to support you in any internet issues you may be encountering at the moment, including mobile data and 4g routers. If you feel that you could benefit from this, again please get in touch.

Reading Books—Again we are able to provide a sample of reading books at your child's level. Just contact admin@stjamesjun.cumbria.sch.uk with your child's name and banded book colour that they read in school and we can prepare a pack of these book to collect from the office. In addition we will put out our stationery station on the front yard on dry days so feel free to help yourself while passing.



Seesaw Family App—It has been great to see the increasing amount of parents downloading and making use of the Seesaw Family App. Parents are able to add feedback on their child's work, get instant updates on the work set, look over journals and communicate more openly with teachers. Seesaw Family can be found in the Apple App Store or Google Play for Android phones. If your email is getting clogged up with daily notifications this can be turned off in the settings.

Zoom Clinics— Clinics will be open a little earlier, from 10:30am -12:30pm next week for staff to be on hand to help out with any support. Remember that Zoom codes and passwords will change next week. All new zoom details will be posted to Seesaw ready for Monday Morning.

Ways to Welfare—Please find link below to the Cumbria County Council website, which details many of the ways your council can support you and ways of getting help with health, food, housing and mental health—
www.cumbria.gov.uk/welfare/. We have also attached a flyer with information about Family Learning opportunities from the Community Learning and Skills team.

Thank you to all who completed our Survey Monkey questionnaire this week. It has proven both encouraging and helpful to all staff, including our leadership team, in refining our approach.

I wish you all a happy and restful weekend.

Mr A Beattie
Head Teacher