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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 - David M

Ullswater - Jayden G & Logan T

Derwentwater - Alfie E, Jasmine T & Layla O

Bassenthwaite - Harry B, Henry C & Rudi T

Ennerdale - Grayson P-Y

Buttermere - Clara S



Attendance winners:

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

Overall school attendance this week is: 98.68 %



Christian Value Award

Windermere- Modana M

Ullswater - Robert M

Derwentwater- Tia K & Nancy H

Bassenthwaite - Charlie B

Ennerdale - Isla S & Jenson M

Buttermere - Archie L



Homework Heroes

Windermere - Lily T

Ullswater - Kayden Lee A

Derwentwater - Eden E & Millie W

Bassenthwaite - Paige J

Ennerdale - Archie S & Ella M

Buttermere- Harry G

Mrs Jackson's Club- Jaxon S

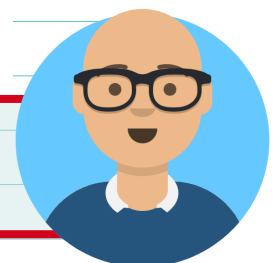


Each week, all of the children gaining 100% in a reading quiz are placed into a prize draw to win a book of their choice. This week's winners were Oliver G & Henry C

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, Jett H, 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 this week's Newsletter. This week we have had a number of visitors coming into school to speak to the children. Firstly we welcomed PCSO Mark Fishpool to speak to the children about road safety; about being seen at night during the darker months; and about personal safety if ever approached by a stranger. Thank you Mark for giving your time to come in and speak to the children. Secondly, Reverend Jackson came into school to speak to the children about Christ the King Sunday, and how Christ was a healer, a teacher and how he was a king to all people in the Kingdom of God. Robert even got to wear the crown of thorns. Ouch!

In addition to this, the children have been learning about Anti-Bullying as part of Anti-Bullying week and how we can reach out to friends, families, teachers and classmates in dealing with bullying. As always, hearing the children's views of kindness and respect of others makes me feel very proud to be the Headteacher of such compassionate students.

This morning we met as a whole school to celebrate the weekly achievements of our students. It is brilliant to see the enthusiasm the children are showing for their new History topics of The Victorians (Years 5/6) and Iron Age/Bronze Age (Years 3/4) and many certificates were handed for demonstrating rhythm and coordination in dance, being role models in Maths and fantastic reading efforts at home.

Have a restful weekend, Mr Beattie



School Notices & Reminders—

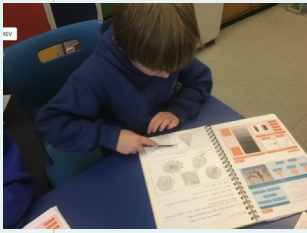
- **Reader Volunteers**— A reminder that if you can afford some free time on a Monday or Tuesday to listen to our children read in an afternoon, we would love to hear from you.
- **Year 4 Residential**— We have once again booked to take our Year 4 children to Robinwood's Barhaugh Hall, Nr Alston for their residential. Letters have been sent home with the children and a copy is on our [website](#)—a payment item will be opened on SchoolMoney straight away for any families who would like to pay in instalments to spread the cost over the next few months.
- **Committed2Rock Choir**— It is great to join forces with TheCommitted2Rock Choir in putting a combined performance at St James' Church. It is great that there has been so much interest from the children and we are now busy learning the songs in preparation for the performance on the 9th December. To help with this we have set up a link on our Music page of the school website where children can hear and learn the songs—www.stjamesjun.cumbria.sch.uk/class/music. To see our students singing alongside this a full adult choir, you can purchase tickets from school money at £5 each (no charge for children taking part).
- **Message from Afterschool Club**—For safeguarding reasons it is extremely important that if your child is booked into afterschool club and you no longer need them to be, that you let school know. Otherwise staff look for your child and then needs to make calls to establish the child's whereabouts. It is fine to call the office who will pass the message on and cancel the booking on SchoolMoney for you.



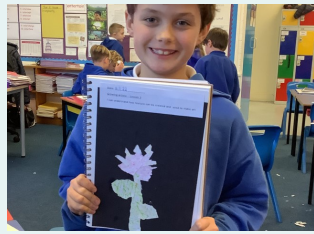
- **How we teach Maths in School**— Following requests from parents at parent's evening about how Maths is taught in schools, there are some great videos which are linked on our website here—<https://whiterosemaths.com/maths-with-michael>—and as well as showing how subjects are taught in Maths, they also discuss how the teaching of Maths has changed.
 - Children have been working hard improving their timetables this term so far, with an impressive 103 children significantly improving their test score since September. Of these children two children were randomly selected who have won a Rubix Cube prize—well done Sophia R and Zoey H-O.
- As we approach the **Winter season** can we please remind parents to ensure that children come into school with the appropriate clothing and footwear suitable for our very unpredictable Cumbrian weather. We encourage vests, warm and waterproof clothing and shoes with grips, rather than smooth soled footwear. The school site is inspected each morning to remove leaves, debris and if necessary paths and pavements will be gritted as much as possible. If conditions are wet, icy or snowy please can we remind parents to take care and to leave for school in plenty of time. If conditions are extremely poor or hazardous then please keep checking your phone and emails for any notifications from the school that it might be shut.



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



Ennerdale—Shading



Bassenthwaite—Texture Pictures



Ullswater Irreversible Changes



Windermere Stop Motion Animation

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' -

- ⇒ Week Commencing 5th December—Windermere Swimming Block
- ⇒ Wednesday 14th December—Year 5 & 6 Visit to Beamish
- ⇒ Thursday 15th December—Nativity Performance
- ⇒ Friday 16th December—Christmas Jumper & Christmas Dinner Day and Cinema Visit
- ⇒ Monday 19th December—Full Governors Meeting
- ⇒ Tuesday 20th December—Christmas Service 12.15 p.m.

Weekly Clubs & Activities

- ⇒ Tuesday—Gymnastics Club (Collected from Whitehaven Sports Centre @ 4.30 p.m.)
- ⇒ 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** & Committed2Rock Choir Practice (until 4.15 p.m.)
- ⇒ Friday—Zumba Club (until 4.15 p.m.)



Christmas Diary—

Thursday 15th December—Nativity Performances 1.00 p.m. & 5.00 p.m.—St James' Church—
Ticket Admission, free tickets will be able through SchoolMoney

Friday 16th December—Christmas Cinema Trip, Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day! (if your child does not normally have school dinners a dinner can be ordered through SchoolMoney or by contacting the office)

