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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—Shahidah A, Ava L, Bailey M, Jamie P,

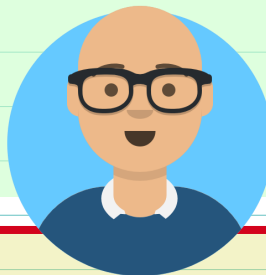
Zara R, Ava C, Zac S & Dominic B

Class 4 - Poppy S, Rosalee T,

Aiden P & Kayden-Lee A

Class 5 - Joseph F & Ethan H

Class 6 - Charlotte & Jasmine T



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,

As we approach the end of our 5th week of school lockdown I would like to continue to offer my greatest appreciation to the families of St James' for supporting the home learning of our students. Seeing the quality of work posted this week including some fantastic newspaper reports and fantastic fractions in lower bubble and some great presenting skills for our Brazil topic in upper bubble, show how hard families have worked together. I continue to appreciate the demands on your time, but I'd just like to say you are all doing a sterling job in making the best of a difficult situation. To the children, you continue to amaze me and fill my jar with pennies of pride. Despite the constraints, you continue to be resilient and show such creativity and positivity in your learning. Half-term is just around the corner, but until then, I wish you all a really enjoyable and restful weekend.

Devices—We still have a number of school iPads that we can loan out to families to help if needed. 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 still able to provide a sample of reading books at your child's level. Just contact the office 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. 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—We would like to continue to encourage parents to download 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 App 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 continue to run next week 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.

Reading Bingo Winners – Well what an effort our students and families have shown in our St James' Reading Bingo! As you will probably be aware, the children had to tick off a minimum of 10 boxes from the 20 offered, with many of our students ticking them all off. I hope the children enjoyed taking part and persuaded many to put down the tech for a while and pick up some of their favourite books. As we had so many entries, I decided that we should pick a random winner from each class. The following children will be allowed to select a book or collection of books up to the price of £15, which we can have delivered straight to the door. Great effort as always St James' community. Keep on reading !!!

Class 1 Anya N

Class 2 Jay C

Class 3 Harry D

Class 4 Tilly S

Class 5 Ellis M

Class 6 Alfie E



Mental Health Week – As part of the tasks set this week, we have included a number of tasks focussing on mental health. Seesaw journals show that children have engaged really well with these tasks and children in the hub have enjoyed sharing experiences and tastes in music. Not sure the children are convinced by Mrs Brown's and Mrs McGrane's tastes in music though, but I've quite enjoyed hearing Dolly Parton singing Joleen through the corridors.

Mr A Beattie
Head Teacher

