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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 - Kai S

Ullswater - Nate H

Derwentwater - Skyler C, Even C &

Reece F

Bassenthwaite - Zachary H

Ennerdale - Jack E

Buttermere - Fletcher M

Homework Heroes

Windermere - Zaahira F

Ullswater - Skyler C

Derwentwater -

Bassenthwaite - Henry C

Ennerdale - Jacob G, Isla S &

India H

Buttermere- Alfie C

Mrs Jackson's Club- Emilia A



Attendance winners:

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

Overall school attendance this week is: 94.44 %



Christian Value Award

Windermere- Joseph M

Ullswater - Lexie R

Derwentwater- Reece F & Oliver G

Bassenthwaite - Anna G

Ennerdale - Rose J

Buttermere - Bethan L

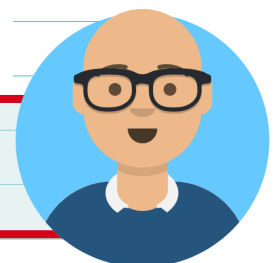


Each week, all of the children gaining 100% in a reading quiz are placed into a prize draw to win a book of their choice. This week's winners were Lottie Y and Zoey H-O.

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, Jakob S, 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 our first December Newsletter.

This week we have gathered often to rehearse our various Christmas Carols, Nativity songs and performances for our Big Sing-A-Long with The Committed2Rock Choir. At this time of year, I am always uplifted by how beautifully the children sing and enjoy their performance. With me leading the choir, I am also always slightly bewildered as to why their great singing doesn't rub off on me. I am yet to hit a correct note, but as they say, God loves a trier! Our Collective Worship Committee held a great Worship this week as they shared the life of Mahatma Gandhi.

They delivered their message confidently and this was followed up with some work in class with children discussing how they can be inspired to follow his words 'Be the change, you want to see in the world'. Peace has been our theme for worship this term with children also acting out the story of Jesus calming the storm. In the build up to Christmas, we look forward to gathering with our parents during planned services, and hope that the voices and performances of our students help you to 'calm the storm' that sometimes comes with planning for the big day.

In the classroom this week, the children have continued to show their kindness to others, respect for their classmates and a great work ethic in giving their absolute all. It was great to celebrate that this week with certificates handed out for super effort in Maths and with timestables, being full of positivity and enthusiasm and giving some super thoughts in group discussions.

Wishing you a restful weekend, Mr Beattie



School Notices & Reminders—

- A reminder to **Year 4** parents about the **Robinwood Residential** in March—If you would like your child to go, a small deposit can be paid now, with as many instalment payments are preferred, paid through SchoolMoney, towards the balance before **28th February**—this does not need to be paid in a lump sum.
- EBASC will be running **Christmas Crafts** on Monday 5th and Monday 12th December, so if any children would like to attend please book them into After-School Club through SchoolMoney.
- A reminder that **Windermere** have their **intensive swimming block** next week—children will need to bring swimming costumes and towels every day.
- As mentioned on the Newsletter last week, the children have been working with Mrs Maiden and Mrs Raby to develop a new and exciting **Spring term menu**. We are pleased to be able to attach the new menu and hope that everyone enjoys the meals we have planned.



- **Christmas Dinner Day**—The Christmas Dinner meal selection is now live on SchoolMoney for Friday 16th December and is open to all children, even those who normally have packed lunches. So if you would like a Christmas Dinner please go on and order.
- If you have not already please contact the office to order Nativity tickets (or return the form brought home by the children) and if your child is part of the Big Sing-A-Long please do not forget to order tickets through SchoolMoney.
- **Christmas Experience Workshops** – Thank you so much to Rev Jackson and the St James' clergy for preparing and delivering the Christmas Experience Workshops this week. I managed to join Derwentwater and Bassenthwaite classes during the week, and loved hearing the reflections of the children about the true meanings of Christmas. Thank you all for your hard work in preparing such lovely lessons. Please see gallery on the next page and on your [child's class page](#).

- **Entitlement to Free School Meals**— With the cost of living pressures on families, as a school, we would encourage anyone who thinks they might be eligible for free school meals to apply—[please see the Cumbria County Council website](#) for more details and to see if you are eligible.



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



Ullswater Victorians Schools



It's Christmas!!!



Derwentwater—A French
Beast!



Bassenthwaite—
Christmas Experience

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
- ⇒ Monday 5th December—7-8 p.m. Committed2Rock Choir Practice at St James' Church
- ⇒ Friday 9th December—7-9 p.m. Committed2Rock Sing-A-Long Concert at St James' Church (**Tickets available on SchoolMoney**)
- ⇒ 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—Attendance & Homework Reward & 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 order forms sent home with children**

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)

Monday 19th December—Attendance/Homework Reward—popcorn, hot chocolate & a movie!

