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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 have all been working extremely again this week. Here are our Pupils of the Week-

Class 1 - Lola H

Class 2 - Olivia A

Class 3 - Elizabeth S & Reuben D

Class 4 - Rhys F & Tilly S

Class 5 - Tia K

Class 6 - Noah L & Lillia T



### Timestable Rockstars

Maths Class 1 - Eva F

Maths Class 2 - Alice T

Maths Class 3 - Harry D

Maths Class 4 - Nathaniel F

Maths Class 5 - Erin S

Maths Class 6 - Nate H



### Attendance winners:

**Class 1 & 4 had top attendance this week and will receive an extra MUGA day.**

**Overall school attendance this is week: 98.48%**

Please note all Covid-19 absence is excluded

### Spelling Shed Superstars

Class 1 - Grace F

Class 2 - Leo F

Class 3 - Jimi F

Class 4 - Kate H

Class 5 - Danny M

Class 6 - Charlotte B

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 weeks winners were Nate H & Eva F



**Spelling Shed** 



[Click this icon to email the school office](#)

As ever, do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns about any aspect of school life.

Mr Beattie



After our first 2 weeks back in school, it is great to see the normal routines of school life returning. For some it has taken a while to adjust, which is to be expected after such a long absence but we are all really encouraged with the way we have all started to find our flow once again. I hope that parents support our decision in not hosting a non-uniform day today for Red Nose Day, as we felt it best to keep with our focus on settling the children in and didn't want to distract from that. By all means, families who want to support the charity can do so this evening while watching the show. The work and behaviour the children have shown this week has been excellent and we are now able to post some highlights in our gallery pages. For a snapshot of things going on at St James :



Class 6 learning about [involuntary and voluntary muscles](#), Class 2 doing some [Henri Rousseau artwork](#) and Class 3 exploring their thoughts about [who was responsible for Jesus' death](#).

**Parents Evening** – We have been busy over the last two weeks getting a sense with where your children are in their learning and in their behaviours for learning. We want to share these assessments and observations with you and feel that video conferencing is the safest way at this moment in time. At the beginning of the summer term we will be hosting two evenings where you can meet remotely with class teacher who will share recent assessment data and give a flavour with how your child has settled. Obviously we want to gauge your feedback with how school life is going and encourage you to speak to teacher via Seesaw Family App in the meantime. Further details of dates and times will follow.

**Yr 6 Residential** – A sign that the good times are returning has prompted us to look into some of the brighter extra-curricular events that we typically host at St James'. We have a couple of things in the pipe-line which I will keep secret for now so as not disappoint if it can't come off. But one thing I can share is that we have booked the Yr 6 residential!!! Yeah!!! We are delighted firstly that we have been given the green light for it go ahead, however, we have had to think carefully of how it can be organised safely.

With this in mind we have ensured:

**We will stay in one place** – We have decided to stick to one activity centre rather than a program of activities and different places. This will greatly reduce contact with the wider public.



**We will stay local** – We will use a centre called RobinWood/Barhaugh Hall, based in Alston Cumbria. It is a remote setting away from the nearby village.

This is a place we used in my previous school and has excellent facilities and staff. For a look see please see their website [https://www.robinwood.co.uk/activity\\_centers/barhaugh-hall/](https://www.robinwood.co.uk/activity_centers/barhaugh-hall/)

**We will stay outdoors** – All the science points to the fact that outdoors is safer than indoors. Because of this we have planned a trip that makes the most of this with a wide range of outdoor activities on offer.

**We will leave it until late in the year** – Graphs are going down and the roadmap is opening up well. By leaving a gap before our departure date 28th June -30th June, it offers time for Covid situation to improve further and gives a great deal of time to prepare risk assessments and share important information with parents.

**We will have a great time** - Our poor Yr 6 children had to miss out last year, we were desperate that our current Yr 6 shouldn't. They have worked so hard and missed so much and it will be brilliant for them to have a lasting memory together before moving on to their respective secondary schools.

**Easter Holidays** – Spring Term finishes on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April. We won't be having an Easter Fayre or Church Service this year and so we will finish at normal time. Summer term will start on Monday 19th April.

**National science week** was earlier this month but we are going to hold a St James' science week beginning 29th March. As part of our programme of activities we would be keen to hear if any parents who work in STEM roles (Science Technology, Engineering, Mathematics). We aren't allowed any visitors on site but would hope to acquire a pool of people who could speak to the children through video conferencing about their jobs, ideally with some interactive element to the presentation (it helps to keep the children engaged!). If you would be interested in speaking to the children over the week beginning 29th March, or would like to find out a little more about what is expected, or even know of someone not linked to the school directly who might be able to help us, please get in touch via the school email or call the office number.



**Homework**—Weekly homework has been set on Seesaw and the expectation is that homework is completed along with Spelling Shed, Timetables Rockstars and regular reading at home on a weekly basis, with reading diaries being completed. We encourage parents to keep using the Seesaw Family App which helps you to see when work is set and communicate with teachers—please contact the office if you need log in details.

### **Leavers Hoodies**

For any pupils in Year 6 who would like to order a Leavers Hoody, please click on the following link:

<https://www.schoolleaverscompany.co.uk/leavers-hoodies-login>

The login details are as follows:

**USERNAME: SL53863**

**PASSWORD: 53863james**

The online shop is set up so you can make a payment, choose your own colour and size.



For help with sizing see our sizing help and size guide:

<https://www.schoolleaverscompany.co.uk/leavers-hoodies>

**The online shop will close on 21st April and orders must be received before then.**

### **Drop off & Pick ups Reminder—**

- Lower bubble are to arrive for 8:40am and no later than 8:45am so that they can be registered and order lunches before lessons start at 8:50am.
- Older children should not arrive until 8:50am when their registration begins.
- We will accept siblings coming together but we ask that families without siblings respect these times so as not to overcrowd the gates at the start of the day.
- We would prefer children to pre-order meals at home so to allow registration to run smoother, but there will be time allocated for this for those who are unable to do so.

Collection time is staggered over 15 minutes from 3pm – 3:15pm with adults joining the queue on the playground whilst wearing masks, unless medically exempt from doing so.

Older children are permitted to walk from site themselves, although we will stagger their departure so as not



**Decorate an Egg** – We would like to run this popular competition this year as a bit of fun. Obviously we are unable to run an Easter Fayre but hoped that we could still have a decorate an egg competition. For those new to St James' there are no real rules or restrictions. Just decorate an egg in the style of your choice and bring your finished entry on Wednesday 31st March. A team of TOP SECRET judges will then judge a winning entry for each class who will be awarded a nice Easter Treat. Good luck with your creating everyone!!!