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"With exploring minds, and faith; we grow and learn together."

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Welcome to this week's Newsletter

Hello and welcome to our first newsletter of 2023. The beginning of our new term has been largely overshadowed with the tragic news of the passing of Rachel Morgan yesterday. In line with the communications shared yesterday evening, this morning we gathered together as a whole school to talk about Miss Morgan and the influence she had on us all in the committed and caring way she taught and nurtured our students. Our sadness and shock we all feel will take time to fade, but it is reassuring that staff, students and families can all support each other during this difficult time. In the coming days/weeks we will share other plans in how we aim to commemorate Rachel's influence on both our junior and infant school and ask that you let us know if any of the children are continuing to struggle with coming to terms with this deeply sad news. Our thoughts are also with the staff and children at Kells Infants School, where she was currently teaching.

I wish you all a restful weekend with family and look forward to greeting the children back to school on Monday where we will aim to continue to show The St James' Way in our approach to school life.

School Notices & Reminders—

- **Please find attached our Governors Annual Statement**
- **Zumba Club**—Zumba Club will be trialled as a Breakfast Club this half term and we hope that it will be an energetic warm up for the school day. It will be held on Tuesday Mornings (starting from 17th January), from 8 a.m. and is open to all children, including those who took part in the Autumn Term and any other children who would like to attend. If your child(ren) would like to attend please email the office admin@stjamesjun.cumbria.sch.uk
- **iWatches/SMART watches**—Please can we remind parents that children do not come into school with SMART-type watches. For safeguarding reasons, children will be asked to remove these types of watches and not wear to school again. Thank you for your understanding.
- **Bassenthwaite Swimming** —Information has been sent home this week informing parents of Bassenthwaite Class (Mrs Pickering) of their swimming block starting next week. Children will require a full swimming kit with them every day next week.

Coming up at St James' -

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| ⇒ Week Commencing 9th January—Bassenthwaite Swimming Block | ⇒ Tuesday 21st March—Easter Disco |
| ⇒ Monday 23rd January—Building & Finance Governors Meeting | ⇒ Monday 27th March—Full Governors Meeting |
| ⇒ Week Commencing 30th January—Ennerdale Swimming Block | ⇒ Friday 31st March—Easter Fayre |
| ⇒ Week Commencing 27th February—Ullswater Swimming Block | ⇒ Easter Holidays—Monday 3rd April—Friday 14th April |
| ⇒ Wednesday 1st March—Friday 3rd March—Year 4 Robinwood Residential | <u>Weekly Clubs & Activities—</u> |
| ⇒ Tues 7th & Wed 8th March—Parents Evening | ⇒ Monday—Yr 5 & 6 Cardboard Engineering Club until 4.30 p.m. |
| ⇒ Monday 13th March—Pupil Progress & Welfare Governors Meeting | ⇒ 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 @ 4.45 p.m.) |
| | ⇒ Thursday—Year 5 & 6 Animation Club (until 4.10 p.m.) |