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*"With exploring minds, and faith, we achieve our challenging goals."*

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## *Welcome to this week's newsletter*

The children continue to make great strides in their learning, and give a great deal of effort everyday. Here are the children who have gone that extra mile to achieve a Pupil of the Week Certificate, Bronze Awards and Catch-me-card winners this week.

### **PUPILS OF THE WEEK**

Class 1 - Blake W and Charlotte D

Class 2 - Isabelle R

Class 3 - Patrick M and Thomas P

Class 4 - Caylee C, Bethany H and Harley H

Class 5 - Daniel E, Luke S, Luka B and Charlie S

Class 6 - James M and Charlotte B

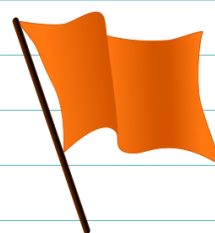
Class 7 - Patrick G, Millie M, Miley P, Keaton L

Playtime - Harley C



### **HOUSE TEAMS**

Melbreak are this week's winners with 68 points.



### **Catch-me-card winners**

Lots of children were again 'caught' doing something particularly helpful over the lunchtimes and playtime this week.

Well done to all Catch-me-card winners.

The 6 winners that were drawn out of the prize draw were:

- ⇒ Kaiden M for collecting equipment off the front yard
- ⇒ Harry W for looking after other children
- ⇒ Lennon M for waiting patiently
- ⇒ Imogen F for being kind
- ⇒ Lexi D for collecting equipment
- ⇒ Adam H for being kind

### **Attendance Winners:**

**Class 7 have top attendance this week with 98.68%**

**Overall school attendance is 96.75%**

**30 minutes lost to lateness**

### **Bronze Award winners**

**\* Isaac M**

## Norovirus —update

We're still having cases of sickness and diarrhoea in school again this week. This bug is extremely contagious and we need your help to try to stop it spreading.

- ⇒ Please remind your child about the importance of always washing their hands before eating and after using the toilet.
- ⇒ Children with diarrhoea and/or vomiting should be kept at home and need to be symptom free for **48 hours** before returning to school.



## Ice Skating

All the children enjoyed their ice skating session at Castle Park this week.

For more photos, check out our Gallery on the website - [www.stjamesjun.cumbria.sch.uk/](http://www.stjamesjun.cumbria.sch.uk/)



**Sing Squad**—Our now world—famous Sing Squad entertained parents and members of the general public as we gathered at St Nicholas Church this Monday . The children sang a collection of carols and took recommendations from the congregation. It was thirsty work so thankfully the volunteers were on hand to provide drinks and biscuits. Thank you to Rev Jackson, rev Goddard and Mrs Rudd for their commitment to the Sing Squad. I know the children have really enjoyed the club and are looking forward to meeting back up as Sing Squad at some point later in the year.



## NISCU Assembly

On Monday we had an assembly from NISCU (Northern Inter– Schools Christian Union) which provided the children with a knowledge and understanding of the Christmas story. It was an interactive assembly which a number of children enjoyed taking part in.



## Tues 13th Dec - Christmas performance: 'Bethlehem Bandits'

Performances in St James' Church; 1.30pm-2.30pm & 4pm-5pm.



- ☺ We'd like parents to be able to see the performance at its very best, and so it is important that **all** children take part in **both** performances.
- ☺ All children should remain in school at the end of the day to get ready for the 4pm performance. We will provide them with a snack Brussels sprouts & a drink.
- ☺ After the final performance, could parents please remain in church until the children and staff have left. The children will be escorted back to school by the staff to get changed and collect their belongings.
- ☺ Please collect your child/ren from the school playground in the usual way, shortly after 5pm.
- ☺ The children and staff have worked really very hard to bring this production to you - we do hope you all enjoy it.

## 'Reverse' Advent Calendar

We are still accepting food donations for our Reverse Advent Calendar that we will be sharing with our local community.



## Christmas Lunch - Wednesday 14th December

We are all very much looking forward to our Christmas Lunch Day on Wednesday. Children can wear their Christmas jumpers for the day or their school uniform as usual, but no other non-uniform please.

The hidden word for this week has a Christmas theme!

The first pupil to see Mr Beattie will get a treat when they explain where they found the word in the newsletter.

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

Mr Beattie





Everyone had fun at the school disco on Thursday evening. Huge thanks to all those parents and staff who came to help out.



### Key Dates

Monday 12th Dec: Full Governor's Meeting, 5.30pm

Tuesday 13th Dec: School's Christmas production; Bethlehem Bandits, 1:30pm—2.30pm & 4.00pm—5pm in St James' Church

Wednesday 14th Dec: Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 15th Dec morning: Full school to the Gaiety Cinema to see the Grinch.

Thursday 15th Dec (p.m.) - A group of Y5&6 children to Whitehaven Sports Centre to take part in Wheelchair Basketball & Boccia

Thursday 15th Dec: Guitar concert for parents of guitarists, 2.30pm

Friday 16th Dec: Joint School Carol Service 1.30pm & school closes at 2.00pm. The children should be collected from the playground in the usual way at 2pm.



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	Mrs Wynd's Surprise menu - choose from the hatch today	Mrs Wynd's Surprise menu - choose from the hatch today	Christmas dinner	Mrs Wynd's Surprise menu - choose from the hatch today	Mrs Wynd's Surprise menu - choose from the hatch today