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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 - Lilymae M

Ullswater - Jayden G

Derwentwater- Lucian K

Bassenthwaite - Harry B & Jensen F

Ennerdale - Thea L

Buttermere - Jenson H



Attendance winners:

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

Overall school attendance this week is: 96.81 %



Homework Heroes

Windermere - Zaahira F

Ullswater - Rosalee T

Derwentwater - Bella T & Oliver G

Bassenthwaite - Raine P-Y

Ennerdale - Jenson M

Buttermere- Alfie C

Mrs Jackson's Homework Club- Luke C



Christian Value Award

Windermere – Kai S

Ullswater - Kai T

Derwentwater - Freya M

Bassenthwaite - Paige J

Ennerdale - Ava L

Buttermere - Ahtee J



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 Archie L & Clara S



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, Evie S who has won a sporting prize of their choice.



Thank you to all the Lunchtime Hall

Helpers and Craze It Crew who have helped this week!





Good Afternoon and welcome to this week's Newsletter. This week has seen the children continue to work hard and overcome challenges set in their way.

Our Christian Value of the half-term is endurance and I would like to start by mentioning our Ennerdale Class who have completed an intensive swimming block this week. I can see the physical effort this has taken, but also the joy and pride they all now feel having progressed so well with their individual swimming distances. Well done for your endurance Ennerdale Class. This week we have also spoken to the children about the power of kindness and challenged them all to consider how they can colour their world with kindness.

It was great to recognise this positive attitude to school life in our weekly Celebration Assembly this morning. Teachers spoke with great pride about how well children have shown our school's Christian Values, demonstrated a commitment to being a Homework Hero; or indeed having been chosen to be a Pupil of the Week for reasons such as working hard to develop a positive attitude to learning, sharing ideas and thoughts in class discussions and making fantastic progress in reading.

Have a restful weekend, Mr Beattie



School Notices & Reminders—

Year 3 & 4 Honister Trip – Many of you will have already noticed the letter on the School-Money system, but we thought it best to share the letter alongside our newsletter this week as well, for those who may have missed the original posting. The date for the trip is Thursday 9th February and all other details are on the letter.

RobinWood Parent Drop In – On Wednesday 1st - Friday 3rd March, many of our Year 4 children will take part in a 3-day residential at Robinwood Outward Bounds Centre. This is a centre that we visited in 2020, having used this as a location for residentials in my previous school. We would like to invite parents to attend a small presentation in school on Monday 13th February @ 3:30pm to share the required kit list, to give a flavour of some of the activities on offer, and to signpost information from Robinwood website that can be used to prepare children for the visit. Children do not have to attend, but can if they would like to.

Family Learning Sessions (Awesome Me)—We still have spaces available on our 5 week block of courses covering the following topics; the importance of self esteem and how to develop it at home; recognising and naming emotions in self and others; growth mindsets. Its ok to make mistakes!; developing perseverance and using descriptive praise and managing anger. Each session is 2 hours, with the first hour working with the group leader and the other adults in the group, and the second hour working along side your child on a project. Please see

attached flyer for more details and contact the school office to book a place.

Cumbria County Council

Family Learning

'I Can't Do It ... YET!'

Wednesday 1st March 9.15 – 11.15 am

Then every Wednesday for 5 weeks. Final session - 29th March

Does your child lack confidence? Maybe they have trouble dealing with their emotions?

This 5-week course is a great way to reconnect with your child and learn together. Each week has a different focus. As well making some great resources, which fits perfectly with each session, you will learn new strategies and techniques to use at home.

Week 1 - The importance of self-esteem and how to develop it at home.
 Week 2 - Recognising and naming emotions in self and others. Supporting the development of emotional literacy.
 Week 3 - Growth mindsets. Its ok to make mistakes!
 Week 4 - Developing perseverance and using descriptive praise.
 Week 5 - Managing anger

FREE CHILD CARE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 4!

Please contact Mr Beattie for more information. Family Learning tutors are friendly and approachable and aim to make the sessions fun and accessible for all. If you would like to book a place, please complete the slip below and return to school reception as soon as possible, as the course can only run with sufficient numbers.

Parent/carer name _____ I would like to book a place on:

Child's name and class _____ I Can't Do it ... YET!

Your contact number _____ **Please contact Mr Beattie if you require free childcare**

Signature _____

COME JOIN US

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WHITEHAVEN

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UNDER 9s
(YEAR 4)

TRAINING FRIDAY'S 5-6PM
CONTACT US VIA FACEBOOK
MESSENGER FOR FURTHER DETAILS

Whitehaven RUFC Sharks Youth section is looking for new players for their Under 9s team, School year 4. Anyone who is interested please contact them through their Facebook page.

Volunteer Readers – Our volunteer readers continue to work with the children and it is great to see their confidence and fluency improving through this chance to read alongside an adult. If you, or even a grandparent, aunt/uncle or other relative can offer a Monday or Tuesday afternoon we would love to hear from you to help build up the team and offer the chance for more children to read each week.

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



Ennerdale Swimming



Bassenthwaite—What did Jesus look like?



Windermere—Counterbalances



Ullswater—Creating Texture

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' -

- ⇒ **Monday 13th February @ 3.30 pm—Robinwood Parents Meeting**
- ⇒ 13-16th February—Scholastic Book Fayre (In hall after school each day)
- ⇒ Week Commencing 20th February—Half Term
- ⇒ Week Commencing 27th February—Ullswater Swimming Block
- ⇒ Wednesday 1st March—'I Can't Do It...YET!' - 1/5 Family Learning Session
- ⇒ Wednesday 1st March—Friday 3rd March—Year 4 Robinwood Residential
- ⇒ Tues 7th & Wed 8th March—Parents Evening
- ⇒ Monday 13th March—Pupil Progress & Welfare Governors Meeting
- ⇒ Tuesday 21st March—Easter Disco
- ⇒ Monday 27th March—Full Governors Meeting
- ⇒ Friday 31st March—Easter Fayre & STIX Percussion performance
- ⇒ Easter Holidays—Monday 3rd April—Friday 14th April

Weekly Clubs & Activities—

- ⇒ Tuesday—8.00 am Zumba Breakfast Club & After School 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.)



