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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 hard again this week. Here are our Pupils of the Week-

Class 1 - Jack G

Class 2 - Ashton H & Isla M

Class 3 - Ava C

Class 4 - Lucas Y

Class 5 - Ethan H

Class 6 - Alfie E



Timestable Rockstars

Maths Class 1 - Eva F

Maths Class 4 - Naomi S

Maths Class 5 - Kwaku B

Maths Class 6 - Lilymae M



Attendance winners:

Class 3 & 4 had top attendance this week and will receive an extra MUGA day.

Overall school attendance this week is: 96.09%

Please note all Covid-19 absence is excluded

Spelling Shed Superstars

Class 1 - William T

Class 4 - Harrison S

Class 5 - Layla O

Class 6 - Issie A

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 Noah L, Zaynah B, Lewis G & Olivia A



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

Mr Beattie





Good afternoon everyone,

I speak to you after a bumpy week of highs and lows, much of which is detailed below. One high was the victory of England over Germany in the Euros, which I am hoping will be repeated again on Saturday.

Whatever the result, I wish you all a fantastic weekend, Mr Beattie

Robinwood Residential - Firstly a week that saw many of our Yr6 group really enjoy a residential with their friends. Yet again, I was so impressed at the way they faced every challenge during the 3 days and had fun every minute in doing so. I think all children will join me in thanking the staff at Robinwood for looking after us so well. Many galleries of the activities can be [found here](#) on our school website including a brilliant [highlights montage](#).

This week we were also able to run our annual **Sports Day** event. Although we were missing a few from lower bubble due to them isolating, the rest of the children in Class 5 made up for it and acquired lots of points that helped the White team win the overall event. Again many thanks to staff, Mr Tyson for organising; and the kind people at Whitehaven Amateurs for helping us host our event. We will upload the galleries next week for you to have a look.

On a down side, we have faced further challenges due to positive Covid-19 cases of our students. In addition to 2 confirmed cases in lower bubble, we are still awaiting final confirmation to 2 other children. The results of these cases means that many children and staff have been forced into isolation across both bubbles while we await confirmation. Such actions have far-reaching repercussions including the isolation of coach drivers, instructors on our residential, teaching staff and myself. We are hopeful of getting final confirmation over the weekend and will inform families of the most recent wave of isolated children. A positive result will mean that isolation will continue until Sunday 11th July. A negative result will mean that children and staff from this wave are able to return to school. It is vitally important in the meantime to adhere to the rules of isolation set out in the emails you will have received yesterday and today. I would also wish to clarify that we have a duty of care to provide lessons to all children isolating and will do this through the usual channel of Seesaw work. Children and families unaware of the work that has been set today will obviously not be challenged, but we ask that you reconnect back on to Seesaw on Monday.

We apologise at not being able to share information as readily as we would wish for, but our decision- making is being guided by Public Health England, and often getting the correct guidance takes time. We appreciate that this is really disappointing/frustrating news to families but all being well, we will be able to get students back into school to enjoy their last days/weeks of study before the summer.



Other Information—

Last day - We will be finishing earlier on our last day of school Friday 16th July. Lower bubble will exit the site at 1:30pm. Year 5 children will leave at 1:35pm and Year 6 will leave at 1:40pm. There will be no afterschool club offered on this day.

Year 6 Leavers Service - It would be great if we could mark the Yr 6's last day with a leavers service. Because of the recent cases we are in discussions with Public Health of the possibility of running this. We have pencilled in a time for Friday 16th July, 1pm, but will confirm times and whether the service can happen in next week's newsletter.

After School Clubs— Please note that due to staffing and children isolating all afterschool clubs* (Sports, Cookery, Zumba, Drama & Football) and the Year 6 cycling proficiency will be cancelled next week. *The Afterschool club with Mrs Thomas and Mrs Jackson will run as normal.