

St James' Church of England Junior School

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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 - Noah Looker and Isla D

Class 2 - Lucas M

Class 3 - Marcie S

Class 4 - Adam K & Oliver K

Class 5 - Ashton H

Class 6 - Raven B and Eva M

Spelling Shed Superstars

Class 1 - Aiden P

Class 2 - Amelia W

Class 3 - Ellie S

Class 4 - Alfie H

Class 5 - Livvy R

Class 6 - Bethan 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 weeks winner
was Ava L.

Timestable Rockstars

Class 1 - Dominic B

Class 2 - Isabel S

Class 3—Keaton L

Class 4 - Chloe S

Class 5 - Megan M

Class 6 - Charlotte B



Attendance winners:

Class 6 have top

attendance this week with 98.46 %

and will receive an extra playtime.

Overall school

attendance this is week: 94.18 %

MUGA Maestros

Chosen by the children for good sportsmanship, teamwork and sports skills:

Patrick G, Aiden P, Ava L & Gus M







What's been happening this week:

- We raised an absolutely amazing £314 from our <u>fundraising bake sale</u> for Plastic Pollution this week and were overwhelmed by the effort everyone put in!
- Massive congratulations to Eddie, Tyce, Taylor and Oliver who won the table tennis tournament in Barrow last week and move onto the next stage in the competition.
- Year 5/6 took a trip back in time, on their visit to Tullie House last week, here is a video of some of the action.
- Check out some of the other <u>galleries</u> including <u>Class 6 using percussion instruments</u>
 and <u>Lego Club</u>. Check out your child's class page <u>here</u>
- Please can everyone continue to practise Nativity songs at home please.

Important Notices:

- <u>Copies of all school letters</u> sent out this term and this <u>week's homework</u>
- We have now received a new date for our athlete visit, it will be the 4th February and we are excitedly waiting to find out who its going to be!
- By a democratic vote the children have selected Frozen II to be the movie choice for the school cinema visit on Thursday 19th December.
- <u>Nativity</u>—Year 5/6 will be playing the choir in the Nativity and will need to be dressed
 as Carol Singers, in Christmas jumpers, hats and scarves. Can all children (from all
 years) please attend both performances.
- Last week was the last Adventure Club (Wednesday) and it will start back after Christmas (those interested in continuing please let the office know).
- Next week will be the last week of after-school clubs: Textiles, Zumba, Lego, Table
 Tennis, Sing Squad, Performing Arts, Cookery, before Christmas. Judo Breakfast club
 will still be on in the last week.

Coming up at St James' (new entries in red):

- Mon 9th—Dental Survey (selected students)
- Thurs 12th December—Guitar Concert 2.30 p.m. & Mr Beattie's singing group are singing carols at St Nicholas Church at 11 a.m. (parents welcome to come and watch)
- Fri 13th December—Keyboard Concert 10.00 a.m. & Mr Beattie's singing group are singing carols outside St Nicholas Church at 10.30 a.m. (parents welcome)
- Mon 16th December—Full Governor's Meeting
- Tues 17th December—Nativity (1.30pm and 5.00pm)
- Wed 18th December—Christmas dinner & Christmas Jumper day, also school disco (4—6 p.m.)
- Thursday 19th December—Cinema visit (Frozen II)
- Friday 20th December—Carol service and then school finish—2.00pm

Special Message about the Friends of St James' PTA

We are currently aiming to add to our fantastic team of volunteers who support the work of our PTA: Friends of St James'. Over Christmas we will be looking for volunteers to help out at our Christmas Disco (18th Dec) and Nativity (17th Dec).

In addition we have some further plans for fundraising including our Easter Fayre and bag packing at local supermarkets next year.

Over the last 2 years we have raised in excess of £2500 that has helped us fund new additions to our school playgrounds and helped us build up new stock in the school library. The pressures schools face in their budgets has been well publicised, and the PTA help us secure funds that can be put aside for things like play, reading and computers.

Please don't feel that by signing up, you will be dragged into lots of extra work.

Most of our PTA are made up of parents that request to volunteer just now and again. This really helps us. If you are interested in joining our PTA please see the school office and provide your email address.

Thank you, Mr S King, Assistant Headteacher

Advice from Public Health England—

