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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-

Class 1 - Kenna A & Kai S

Class 2 - Joe T & Eva M

Class 3 - Erin S

Class 4 - Poppy S, Emilia A, Rhys F  
& Zayne M

Class 5 - Raine P-Y

Class 6 - Lottie F & Lily T



### Attendance winners:

**Class 4 had top attendance this week and will receive an extra MUGA day. Overall school attendance this week is: 95.7 %**

### Timestable Rockstars

Maths Class 1- Matty C

Maths Class 3 - Skyler C

Maths Class 4 - Harry B

Maths Class 5 - Joseph F

Maths Class 6 - Sophia Renesmee M

### Spelling Shed Superstars

Class 1 - Ethan H

Class 3 - Jack H

Class 4 - Nate H

Class 5 - Scarlett H

Class 6 - Isla S



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 Jett H, Carson M, Kai T, Jacob G, Jenny M & Aaron H



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, Lewis G who has won a sporting prize of their choice.



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

Mr Beattie





Hello and welcome to our final newsletter before our summer break. As is standard at this time of year, it has been a week filled with enrichment events in addition to the teaching happening inside the classroom. On Monday we welcomed the children and staff of St James' Infant School to watch an outdoor performance of our show 'The Amazing Adventures of Superstar'. The children enjoyed one last opportunity to perform in front of a great audience and the children and staff from the infants were full of praise at how well the children sang, danced and performed. You will have noticed some galleries on the website showing pictures of the show and we will soon be able to release the video of the afternoon performance for those parents unfortunate enough not to be able to make it to the Civic Hall last week.

Continuing on the theme of music and performance, we welcomed in Stix Percussion to complete some excellent drumming workshops with the Upper school children. The children loved this experience and demonstrated great rhythm and timing with the percussion instruments. We also welcomed in Natalie from Little Lifers who completed emergency first aid training with our lower school children. The kids loved enjoying these vital life lessons. Many thanks to Cumberland Building Society and i3 for sponsoring both of our workshops. We welcomed in a team from Sellafield to deliver an electrical systems workshop to our older children. Thank you to Nicola and her team for sharing their expertise.

Finally the children and parents joined together today, for our Commonwealth Game inspired Sports Day at the home of Whitehaven AFC. The children enjoyed taking part in a variety of track and field competitions as well as an intra-school football competition. The focus of the day was FUN and participation in sport, and it was brilliant to see the children laughing and enjoying some gentle competition between each other. Thank you to Mr Tyson and the team of staff for putting a great day together for the children. The eventual winning house was Scafell/New Zealand. Congratulations go out to all in that team.

Wishing everyone a restful weekend, *Mr Beattie*

- **A reminder that the last day of this term is Wednesday 20th July (SCHOOL WILL FINISH AT 1.00 PM) and children return in September on Wednesday 7th**
- **School Dinners**—Due to the impact of increased costs in the kitchen, the cost of school dinners will increase to £2.40 in September. We have held our current price at £2.20 for a number of years but in order to still be able to provide high quality dinners we have found it necessary to make this slight increase. Thank you for your understanding
- **SchoolMoney**—As we approach the end of term we would be very grateful if parents could clear outstanding balances on SchoolMoney. If you have any queries about payments then please contact the office.
- **PE Kit & Uniform**—We have now ordered all of the PE Kit for which we have received orders. Any additional orders for September must be received by Monday 18th July. We will also order again in September, but there is a usually a 2/3 week lead time. PE kits orders can be placed through the 'shop' section of SchoolMoney. If any Year 6s who are leaving, or others who have outgrown PE kit or school uniform in good condition, would like to donate items at the end of term then we will happily accept donations. We will then have items on an honesty rail in September for families to buy, for a small contribution, if they would like to.
- For activities to do during the summer break parents can have a look at the [Cumbria County Council Holiday Programme](#) which has a great directory of events and as always we encourage as many children as possible to take up the [Summer Reading Challenge](#).

**Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project** – As WHYP have been unable to offer afterschool sessions this term, they have offered two dates in August specifically for St James' Juniors Year 5 & 6 children. The sessions will be on Bassenthwaite lake near Keswick, leaving WHYP at 10 a.m. and returning at 4p.m. There will be 10 places available on both Thursday 11th and Thursday 18th August. The cost will be £12 for the day. The type of craft will depend on the wind and weather on that day (canoe/kayak/paddle-board). Parents should book direct with WHYP using the code 'St James'.

**Year 6 Leavers Service** – Parents of Year 6 children are invited to traditional Year 6 leaver's service that will be held at St James church at 12.15 p.m. on Wednesday 20th July, there are no tickets needed for this event. Year 6 children can be collected from **school** after the service at 1 p.m. (*Parents of Year 6 children only to attend the service please*)

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



Little Lifers



Drum Workshops



Clip & Climb



Electrical Systems Workshop

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.

**Governor Vacancy** – We are still looking to fill a position on our Governing Body and would welcome applications from parents, other relations and family friends—you do not need to be a parent, just someone with an interest in supporting our school. If you would like to find out more about the vacancy and role of school governors, please contact the school office for details.

#### Coming up at St James' -

- Wednesday 20th July—**LAST DAY OF TERM 1.00 pm FINISH & Year 6 Leavers Service at St James' Church 12.15p.m.**



#### Weekly Clubs & Activities

- ⇒ Monday – Guitar Tuition (Year 5 & 6) -
- ⇒ Tuesday—Keyboard Tuition (All Year Groups) & Mr Carruthers Sports Club Yr6 s until 4.10 p.m.
- ⇒ Wednesday – 8.00 a.m. Judo Breakfast Club