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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 - Lexi S

Class 2 - Ashton H & Luca R

Class 3 - Amy B & George E

Class 4 - Robert M and Zayne M

Class 5 - Kenna A and Loe R-E

Class 6 - Poppy M, Jack B, Madison C and Naomi S



Attendance winners:

Class 1 (Upper Bubble) & 6 (Lower Bubble) have top attendance this week and will receive an extra playtime.

Overall school attendance this is week: 97.63%



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

After our first full week, it has been a joy to see and hear how well the children are doing in their learning. The classrooms are buzzing with learning again and I am immensely proud of seeing 'The St James' Way' back in action as children and staff alike continue to Be Kind, Be Respectful and Give Their All. Enjoy the weekend everyone and see you all again on Monday morning.

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

Mr Beattie



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Uniform Update—As we are having to ventilate rooms, with open windows and doors, the rooms are a little chilly. Please ensure your child has their jumper/hoody in school. Also thanks to all parents who have written the child's name in their uniform. We were able to get lost uniform back to many of the children this week. If you could please check this regularly as quite often the names wash out over time. A further positive is that our procedure with wearing PE kits is going well, and is reducing the need to mix in groups while getting changed.

Coloured pencils—Almost all children now have their packs for their own use. Thank you for your understanding with this.

Pick up/Drop off—As we all get used to this new routine, we are seeing the drop off and exit times running much more smoothly. As we become more streamlined with this, we may tweak the times further. We will let you know in due course if times do change. If that happens to cause a problem with pick-up times for siblings we will continue to work with you to find a solution. With recent news in the media of the Government's intent to tighten up restrictions we ask you all to be even more mindful of social distance from one another during these busy times.

Messages—Linked to the item above, I am always happy to pass on messages to class teachers in the morning. However if the front gate is busy with children passing through, please instead email into the office and we can get messages to class teacher through that channel. Thank you for your understanding with this.

Homework - Homework will start again this weekend, and as mentioned in recent communications, Seesaw will be used to complete our homework tasks. Your child should now have received their new Spelling Shed and Timestable Rockstar passwords to allow them to use these platforms at home. If you're having any issues with Seesaw or other platforms please just email into school.

Pre-ordering lunch—With our new routines for registration, we are recognising that when children pre-order their meal through School Grid, then it makes it much easier for staff to start their lessons. Because of this we are now actively encouraging families to pre-order their meals whenever possible, so that staff can smoothly begin the learning for the day with less disruption. Thank you

Snacks—Currently, we are not able to provide a tuck shop with healthy snacks. For the time being, children can bring in a breaded product i.e. crumpets, pancakes, waffles or a piece of fruit.

Important Information from Fellview Health Care—Please find attached a letter from Fellview Health Care Team. The letter gives a clear explanation on the ways that schools are being asked to act when dealing with Covid-19 symptoms, including coughing and high temperatures. The letter also signposts important information in how to access a Covid-19 test locally for your child. The school office team have been working with some cases this week, which test thankfully coming back negative. In these cases, we would like to offer our thanks to all the families for helping us with information to ensure that we can support close contacts efficiently. We have also attached a guide to parents of the steps to take if a child presents with any Covid-19 symptoms.

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

- Thursday 1st October - School photograph's
- Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October - Half Term

Parent Governor Vacancy— If you would be interested in becoming a Parent Governor at St James please find attached letter.

