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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 - Lillia H

Class 2 - Libby M

Class 3 - Amy B

Class 4 - Reece F, Logan T, Theo M, Erin S,  
Lexie R & Harrison S

Class 5 - Ethan H, Lucian K & Joseph F

Class 6 - Lily T, Ethan W, Joseph M & Lilia T



### Timestable Rockstars

Maths Class 1 - Sophia L

Maths Class 2 - Melissa S

Maths Class 3 - Shahidah A

Maths Class 4 - Lucas Y

Maths Class 6 - Zaahira F



### Attendance winners:

**Classes 1 & 4 have top attendance this week and will receive an extra playtime.**

**Overall school attendance this is week: 97.94 %**

Please note all Covid-19 absence is excluded

### Spelling Shed Superstars

Class 1 - Jack G

Class 2 - Alice T

Class 3 - Ananda J

Class 4 - Lucas Y

Class 6 - Isabelle 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 winners were Charlotte J & Jamie C.



**Spelling Shed** 



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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

Well what a week. In the midst of trying to deal with the challenges we have faced this week, we have tried our best to share updates regularly. I'll aim not to repeat too much, but just wanted to say how proud I am of the children who have been sent home. Clearly this will have upset many (and delighted many also!!) but they've dealt with things ever so well and have worked so brilliantly over Seesaw this week. The absence comes typically at a time when we felt that we had really settled children into their routines and we were seeing accelerated progress across the school. That said, the absence will only be for 2 weeks, and if children stay committed to trying their very best on Seesaw, reading and spelling, I'm hopeful that we won't have too much to catch up on upon their return.

A letter went out this week, mostly aimed at new Year 3 parents explaining our Seesaw expectations and commitment to reading, spelling and times tables. Hopefully this is keeping them busy without stressing families out too much. If I may, I also want to comment on the sensible approach of our upper bubble children who have dealt with the news of the positive tests in such a mature manner. They continue to work hard in class, behave respectfully and enjoy full use of the MUGA whilst the younger children are away.

Lastly, thanks to families and community for being nothing but supportive of the school whilst dealing (with little time to do so) with the challenges faced. Without tempting fate too much, I want to reassure you that Public Health were very complimentary of our safety procedures, that these procedures have ultimately reduced the virus jumping across bubbles; and that school remains safe. Wishing you all a great weekend, Mr Beattie

Unfortunately due to Mrs Jackson's absence and Mrs Thomas isolating according to guidelines, this does mean that our EBASC will have to remain closed until Thursday 10th December at the earliest, depending on how well Mrs Jackson is. We are wishing her and Mr Tyson both a very speedy recovery.

**Christmas Cards** – A few children have asked me whether we are allowing Christmas Cards this year. We are happy for children to share the cards, but to reduce transmission and to help us keep to agreed seating plans in the class, we are asking that all cards:

- Are passed to friends outside on the playground
- DO NOT have 'lick-sealed' envelopes. Instead the envelope could be folded in.



### **Popcorn, Panto and Pottery (...and Nativity) -**

Despite our latest hurdle, we are still hopeful in putting together our Christmas programme of events in school. The remote panto has been booked, and we have ordered some of our Christmas mugs/ornaments to decorate. We clearly now have less time to get things done before the 18th but The Crafty Workshop in Workington feel that it is just about possible to get them decorated, fired and returned in time.

To help us with ordering and meeting this tight deadline we ask that families book their package (£10 for Popcorn, Panto and Pottery and £3 for the additional Christmas DVD) as soon as possible. A payment option has been uploaded to ParentMail today and would ask that you order asap. We are also hoping that we can create a real Christmas miracle and get a Nativity finished with all of the cast isolating. Upon the children returning we can start videoing and editing, so it is important that whilst the children are off, they can practice their lines, dances and songs.

**Galleries & Class Pages** — Check out some of the Class page updates from this week—

Class 4—[Exploring the hands of Buddha](#)

Class 6—Learning about [Reptiles and amphibians](#)



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' (new entries in red):**

- Wednesday 16th December—Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day

