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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 - Livvy R & Abby A

Class 2 - Zac M

Class 3 - Ava C

Class 4 - Kayden L- A

Class 5 - Jamie F

Class 6 - Mackenzie L & William M



Timestable Rockstars

Maths Class 1 - Ava L

Maths Class 2 - Alfie H

Maths Class 3 - Maisie R

Maths Class 4 - Eden E

Maths Class 5- Jeremiah I

Maths Class 6 - Aoife C



Attendance winners:

Class 3 & 6 had top attendance this week and will receive an extra playtime.

Overall school attendance this is week: 97.55%

Please note all Covid-19 absence is excluded

Spelling Shed Superstars

Class 1 - Morgan L

Class 2 - Wyatt A

Class 3 - Harry D

Class 4 - Nate H

Class 5 - Nancy H

Class 6 - Reece F

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

Eva F & Harrison S



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

Victorian Day—

Great to see the Upper Bubble children rounding off their Victorian topic with a celebration day of all things Victorian. During the day the children and staff enjoyed [street games](#), [spaghetti bridge building](#) and [Christmas card printing](#). I must say that the children and staff certainly looked the part and thoroughly enjoyed a great day of learning.



Pottery, Panto and Popcorn - We are still outstanding some amounts of money for the Pottery, Panto and Popcorn events. As detailed in the original letter, the events have been subsidised by school, but we have asked for a contribution from parents of £10 (or £13 if you would require a DVD of the Nativity).

Nativity - Nativity will be recorded next week. We will need some days to edit the video and piece it together and hope to have it launched on a secure Youtube link before Christmas. Parents will be sent the link before Christmas Day. DVDs will be copied and handed out when the children return in January.

Nativity Costumes —Can children who are wearing their own costume for the Nativity please bring them into school no later than Tuesday. Thank you.

School Closing—I would like to inform parents that we have made the decision to remain open on Friday 18th December. The option of closing a day earlier doesn't really offer myself or my staff any great benefit and would undoubtedly add further pressures of another day of home schooling.

School will close on Fri 18th at 1:30pm. Children will return on Tuesday 5th January. We will stagger the exit as usual:

- Class 4 Pickering/Morgan 1:30pm
- Class 5 Tyson 1:35pm
- Class 6 Foye 1:40pm
- Upper Bubble Walkers 1:40pm
- Upper Bubble pick-ups 1:45pm

Christingle/Children's Society—St James' Church have supplied us with Christingle packs for all of the children to do in school, which will be another activity for our Christmas week next week. Donations will be going to [The Children's Society](#) and there will be buckets available for donations for the children coming into school and for parents leaving school after pick up.

Toy Day— Although we have previously said that Friday 18th will be toy day, we have reluctantly made the decision that in the current climate that this year we will have to cancel it. Sharing toys, playing games in groups and passing items between class mates poses lots of potential 'covid' problems and we want to ensure the last day of school is as safe as any other. Ultimately we want **your** Christmas to be safe—so lets leave the toys until the big day! We thank you for your understanding.



Arrangements for week beginning 14th December:

Tuesday 15th Dec— Nativity filming (Upper bubble children to wear their Christmas jumpers—please can all Year 5 & 6 continue to learn and practice the Nativity songs—

<http://www.stjamesjun.cumbria.sch.uk/work/nativity-songs/62113>)

Wednesday 16th Dec— Christmas dinner (All children to wear Christmas jumpers please)

Thursday 17th Dec— Popcorn and Panto

Friday 18th Dec— Movie & Craft Day