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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-

Windermere - Naomi S

Ullswater - Luke C & Joey M

Derwentwater - Reece F & Layla O

Bassenthwaite - Nevaeh R & Jensen F

Ennerdale - India H

Buttermere - Jem B



Attendance winners:

Ennerdale had top attendance this week and will receive an extra MUGA day.

Overall school attendance this week is: 96.03%



Homework Heroes

Windermere - Lucas M

Ullswater - Jayden G

Derwentwater - Lucas M

Bassenthwaite - Conall C

Ennerdale - Isla S

Buttermere - Macey G



Christian Value Award

Windermere- Madison C

Ullswater - Lucas Y

Derwentwater- Joseph F

Bassenthwaite - Harlow T

Ennerdale - Amy H

Buttermere - Solomon D



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 Sophia R & Lilia T

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, Betsy O, 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.





Hello and welcome to this week's newsletter. This week we have been busy preparing for our Harvest Festival and it was great to see how well the children performed their songs, prayers and poetry today in front of a busy church. Thankyou to all families who were able to attend and the kind, generous contributions of food that will be donated to the Foodbank. If you would still like to donate, please see the list of appropriate items below, that they will accept and we will arrange for collection for next Friday 14th October so you still have time to pass on some items.

In this week's Celebration Assembly we heard some lovely messages shared by teachers, who shared tales of their classes showing peace, compassion and endurance and wonderful friendship qualities to one another. Our Homework Heroes showed a great commitment to the learning of spelling and timetables, accurate work on Atom Prime and regular reading through the week that was captured in their reading journal. The pupils of the week also collected their certificates for reasons such as high standards of work, kindness, respect and brilliant attitudes. It's great to see our clubs in full swing now with children enjoying their drumming, tennis, judo and adventures down at Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project and next term we will be adding Zumba to our menu of enrichment activities.

Wishing you all a restful week, Mr Beattie.



School Notices & Reminders—

- **Spooky Disco**—We will be having a school 'Spooky' disco on Tuesday 18th October. This will be a fancy dress, for those who would like to dress up, but we ask that costumes are light-hearted and spooky, rather than too scary please. Admission will be £2 and there will be sweets and treats on sale.
- **Friends of St James' Juniors**—Prior to Covid the school had an active and supportive PTA who helped with events and fundraising in school. Many of those parents have now moved on, as their children have moved up to secondary school, so Mrs Maiden is looking for new parents and grandparents to form a new 'Friends of St James' Juniors'. It will involve a termly meeting to decide on the terms priorities and then help with activities like the disco's and the Easter Fayre. Please can you get in touch with Mrs Maiden if you would be willing to volunteer to help the school and contribute our fundraising and an important social element of school life.



Reg Charity No 1067541

Shopping List

We can **ONLY** put in our boxes items from this list.

- * Fruit Juice (1ltr carton UHT)
- * Tomatoes (400g Tinned/Carton)
- * Tinned Fruit (400g)
- * Tinned Vegetables (400g)
- * Tinned Meat (400g)
- * Tinned Fish (100g)
- * Rice Pudding (400g Tinned)
- * Cereal (Medium 500g ONLY)
- * Pasta Sauces (jars or sachets)
- * Pasta (Medium bags 500g of dried pasta).
- * Milk (Full Fat or Semi- Skimmed UHT ONLY)
- * Sponge Pudding (400g Tinned)
- * Biscuits/ Snack Bars/Chocolate
- * Coffee
- * Jam (not homemade)
- * Tinned Beans (400g)
- * Tinned Soups (400g)
- * Instant Mash Potato (1 pkt)

NO sachets of 'pasta & sauce' mixes please.

No Low Calorie Foods please.

- **iWatches/SMART watches**—Please remind parents that children do not come into school with SMART-type watches. Even if watches do not have internet capability, take photos or function without a smart phone, it is difficult for staff to be able to understand the different brand specifications. For safeguarding reasons, children will be asked to remove these types of watches and not wear to school again. Thank you for your understanding.

- **Seesaw Family App**— Please can we reminder parents and carers to download and log into the Seesaw family app. A copy of the class codes will be included in the email accompanying this newsletter.



- **Year 5 & 6 Space Celebration Day**—On the last day of this half term, Friday 21st October, Year 5/6 are having a Space Celebration day - this will include a full day of space related activities and a celebration of this term's topic. Children are asked to come to school dressed up in a space related theme (Astronaut, Alien, NASA, Buzz Lightyear!) - you can be as adventurous as you like.

- A reminder that **PE kit** should be worn by all students on PE days, but as the weather starts to turn cold, they can wear long tracksuit bottoms, leggings and hoodies —all in plain black or navy please. **Please note tight cycling shorts, and jewellery (other than plain studded earrings) are not to be worn on PE days.**
- **Lost property and our uniform 'donation station'** - we have lots of items, including PE kits so please feel free to take items, and make donations if you would like to—placed on the school yard on a Friday after-school.
- Again if we can please ask that in the pre-Christmas sort out, if families have any books suitable for our library (for children aged 7-11) we would greatly appreciate donations, thank you—these can be brought to the office.

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



Harvest Festival



Ullswater—The Big Bang Theory



Windermere—Movement of the Earth



Bassenthwaite—Computing

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' -

- ⇒ Monday 17th October—Buildings & Finance Governors Meeting
- ⇒ Tuesday 18th October—Spooky Disco 5-7 p.m.
- ⇒ Wednesday 19th October—STIX Percussion Performance for parents 4.00 p.m.
- ⇒ HALF TERM—24th—28th October
- ⇒ Week Commencing 1st November—Derwentwater Swimming Block
- ⇒ Tuesday 8th & Wednesday 9th November—Parents Evening
- ⇒ Monday 14th November—Pupil Progress & Welfare Governors Meeting
- ⇒ Week Commencing 5th December—Windermere Swimming Block
- ⇒ Thursday 15th December—Nativity Performance
- ⇒ Monday 19th December—Full Governors Meeting

Weekly Clubs & Activities

- ⇒ Wednesday – 8.00 a.m. Judo Breakfast Club, STIX Percussion Club (until 4.15 p.m.) & Adventure Club (Yr 5/6) at Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project (collected from Swingpump Lane at 4.45 p.m.)
- ⇒ Thursday—Mr Carruthers Tennis & Badminton Club (until 4.15 p.m.) - **N.B. Groups alternative every two weeks**
- ⇒ Friday—Zumba Club (After half term)

