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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 - Kathryn D

Ullswater - Caleb H & Erin S

Derwentwater - Alfie E

Bassenthwaite - Zoey H-O

Ennerdale - Freddie J

Buttermere - Oliver G



Attendance winners:

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

Overall school attendance this week is: 97.36 %



Christian Value Award

Windermere- Ellis M

Ullswater - Lewis G

Derwentwater- Loe R-E

Bassenthwaite - Scarlett H

Ennerdale - Grayson P-Y

Buttermere - Harry G



Homework Heroes



Windermere - Modana M & Kaeden L

Ullswater - Harrison S

Derwentwater - Nancy H

Bassenthwaite - Connor J

Ennerdale - Jenson M

Buttermere - Ahtee J

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 Nathaniel F & Wilf P

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, Lottie F, 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. I hope that parents who attended the Harvest Festival last week enjoyed the singing, prayers, poetry and art presentations from our children. I think you will agree that they spoke with great confidence and the service was a real treat for us all. Thank you again for the continuous donations to our local foodbank. Our stock has swelled further since last week and the members of Foodbank have passed on their appreciation to the kindness and generosity shared by our community.

This week we have been learning about the life of St James and, with our Christian Value being friendship, looking at positive behaviours with friends.

Well done to our Year 5/6 Football & Netball team who represented our school at St Benedict's this week alongside 8 other primary schools. We eventually came 3rd with Mrs Jackson commenting on the respectful sportsmanship, kind interactions between teams mates and their 'give your all' attitude shown in their enjoyment in the games. Well done Team for following The St James' Way.

This weeks Celebration Assembly captured the St James Way with Pupils of the Week winners recognised for being positive role models, demonstrating excellent sportsmanship, super work in History and fantastic effort in reading. Our Homework Heroes have continuously been working hard at their home learning and our Christian Value Awards given for demonstrating endurance, thankfulness, compassion and friendship.

Well done to all and have a nice weekend.



School Notices & Reminders—

Parking - We continue to experience high-volumes of traffic and problems with parking around school.

This is noticeably increased during rainy mornings. As mentioned previously I am sympathetic to lack of parking around our school site but I must remind parents that I have a duty of care to ensure the perimeter of the school is kept safe for children to enter & exit the site. This area has been clearly marked by bollards to ensure the safety of the students and ask that these areas are kept free from traffic. This includes James Pitt Rd, the side street to the school. Thank you all for your understanding.

Nails/Uniform – Standards in school uniform continue to improve, thank you to parents in ensuring children are well equipped for PE days. However we have recently seen an increase with girls wearing long and coloured nails. These can hinder children's written work and hinder the ability to use computers/iPads in class. In addition they pose a health and safety risk during PE and playtimes. We ask that no children return from half-term with long or coloured nails. Again, thank you for your cooperation.

Year 5 & 6 Space Day – The children are looking forward to their involvement in our end of topic space day next Friday. This has been a really enjoyable event when we last hosted it 2 years ago. There is no huge expectation for costumes and we can offer a chance for staff to add some simple face paints to create spotty aliens for those children without a costume.

Awesome Me – Attached is a flyer for a taster session on a project called Awesome Me. This is run by the Local Authority and will be hosted in our school. Its main aim for parents/families and children to work together on a collaborative project to help boost self-esteem and celebrate the individuality and awesomeness of our children. Following the taster day, there is scope for us to introduce a 5-week block of Awesome Me, so if you are a parent who thinks it would be great for you and your child to work together on this project, please give it a go!

Swimming Sessions – Information has been sent home this week informing parents of Derwentwater class (Mr Carruthers), of their swimming block after half term. As a school we have always seen the importance for every year group/every child to be part of the swimming blocks. The intensive week long sessions were something introduced by Cumbria County Council schools, and the feedback from our school and others is that it increased the confidence and swimming abilities for all children involved compared with the old, once per week method. We do ask for a parental contribution to assist in transport to the swimming baths and this helps offset the significant cost to the school to facilitate this for every child.

Drumming/Percussion Club – This will be continuing through to Christmas with Year 3 children who had declared an interest being invited to join after half term. For those who declared interest, or for those children who now think they would like to join (in any year group), please contact the office. The cost of the club is £4 per session, payable via SchoolMoney. Parents/Families of existing members will be invited into the hall on Wednesday to see and hear a glimpse of some of the beats the children have been learning over the past 4 weeks. Myself and Andy, the percussion teacher, are shaping some ideas for something later on in the year where the club can play for a larger audience. Watch this space.



- **Spooky Disco** – If any parents are able to volunteer to help at our Spooky Disco on Tuesday night please contact Mrs Maiden in the office.
- **EBASC**—Please can we remind parents to ensure that any un-needed After-School Club bookings are cancelled or the office informed as otherwise staff are trying to locate children who have already been collected and this presents a safeguarding issue. It is always ok to phone the office to make a cancellation and the staff will cancel it on SchoolMoney for you.
- **Tennis & Badminton Club**—**Tennis & Badminton Club is cancelled for next week (Thursday 20th)**

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



Derwentwater—Pop Up Books



Football & Netball Tournament



Ennerdale—Making Fossils



Bassenthwaite—Vegetable Pittas

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—Buttermere Stone Age day at WHYP* & Spooky Disco 5—7 p.m.
- ⇒ Wednesday 19th October—STIX Percussion Performance for parents **4.00—4.15 p.m.**
- ⇒ Thursday 20th October—Bassenthwaite Stone Age day at WHYP*
- ⇒ Friday 21st October—Year 5 & 6 Space Day
- ⇒ HALF TERM—24th—28th October
- ⇒ Week Commencing 1st November—Derwentwater Swimming Block
- ⇒ Wednesday 2nd November—Ennerdale Stone Age day at WHYP*
- ⇒ 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
- *WHYP Consent forms required (sent home with children today)*

Weekly Clubs & Activities

- ⇒ Tuesday—Gymnastics Club (After half term)
- ⇒ 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 (please see note above, cancelled Thursday 20th)**
- ⇒ Friday—Zumba Club (After half term)

