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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 - Kai S & Ljay C
- Ullswater - Robert M
- Derwentwater- Amelia D & Freya M
- Bassenthwaite- Philippa B
- Ennerdale - Freddie J
- Buttermere - Harry G

Attendance winners:

Bassenthwaite & Buttermere had top attendance this week and will share an extra MUGA day.
Overall school attendance this week is: 98.32 %



Homework Heroes

- Windermere - David M
- Ullswater - Lexie R
- Derwentwater - Oliver G & Jasmine T
- Bassenthwaite - Paige J
- Ennerdale - Scarlett B
- Buttermere - Jenson H



Christian Value Award

- Windermere – Charlotte J
- Ullswater - Zayne M
- Derwentwater - Mr C' SATs Booster Group
- Bassenthwaite - Rudi T & Mrs P's Maths Group
- Ennerdale - India H
- Buttermere - Jem B



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 Maddie C & Harlow 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, Kai S, who has won a sporting prize of their choice.



Thank you to all the Lunchtime Hall Helpers, Tuck Shop Volunteers and Craze It Crew who have helped this week!





Hello and welcome back to the first Newsletter of our Summer term.

This is a term that traditionally sees the children work towards their summer assessments, something of particular focus for our Year 6 children who sit their KS2 SAT tests the week commencing the 9th May. Children continue to work hard and have made a great start to the term and I'm sure all children will continue to learn well and shine in their assessments.

The term also offers other exciting opportunities and we are busy planning events such as: residential, drama productions, sports days, school trips, wild swimming events, cycling safety workshops, specialist sports coaching in Cricket and visits from Whitehaven Rugby league team, geography fieldwork trips and career days to name but a few.

Outside the classroom we have seen children return to our enrichment clubs including a newly founded Song writing and Music Club hosted by Emma & Dave from Soundwave. Inside the classroom we have seen children return with a sharp focus to their studies and this was recognised in our weekly celebration gathering today with particular children rewarded with certificates for demonstrating excellent learning behaviours, for conscientiousness in their work and fantastic PE Skills. Great to see The St James Way in action once again.

Have a restful weekend, Mr Beattie

School Notices & Reminders—

Easter Fayre – The term started with a whole-school gathering to announce the winners of the various competitions, raffles, games and treasure hunts from our Easter Fayre on the last day of last term. It was great welcoming the community into the school, including an unexpected visit from the fire services! I would again like to offer my thanks for the many donations and efforts from volunteers. We do hope that the winners of the raffles and games have enjoyed further chocolate treats this week. After counting up all the money from the various stalls and games, we can proudly announce that we raised over £1600 which, along with just over £200 from the Easter disco, gives us a healthy total to support our school library and other projects chosen by the Class Ambassadors.



SIAMS inspection – Parents will have received notification of our pending SIAMS inspection happening next Tuesday 25th April. We look forward to being able to share the great work we do here at St James' and how we support the development of our young students. The inspection will last 1 day and will focus on our provision of RE, our provision for daily collective worship, how we work alongside our church, how we support social, moral cultural and spiritual development and how we provide a distinctive Christian ethos across the school. The inspector will spend time with children, staff, governors and parents as part of the inspection.

Strike Update—Further to the letter sent out the parents this week, we can confirm that on the strike day of Thursday 27th April Bassenthwaite & Buttermere Classes will be closed.

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



Ennerdale Cricket



Class Photo Day!



Bassenthwaite Reporters



Buttermere Throwing & Catching

Check out all 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' -

- ⇒ **Thursday 27th April—NEU Teaching Strike Day—
Buttermere & Bassenthwaite Classes Closed**
- ⇒ Monday 1st May—May Bank Holiday
- ⇒ Tuesday 2nd May—NEU Teaching Strike Day
(Arrangements to be confirmed)
- ⇒ Monday 8th May—Bank Holiday for Kings Coronation
- ⇒ Tuesday 9th—Friday 12th May—SATs Week (Inc SATs
breakfast club)
- ⇒ Wednesday 24th May—Year 6 Dental Survey
- ⇒ Monday 29th— Friday 2nd June—HALF TERM
- ⇒ Tuesday 6th—Friday 9th June—Year 6 Residential
- ⇒ Week Commencing 12th June—Year 6 Bikeability

Weekly Clubs & Activities—

- ⇒ Tuesday—After School Gymnastics Club
(Collected from Whitehaven Sports Centre @ 4.30
p.m.) & Soundwave Music Club (Collect from school at
4.30 p.m.)
- ⇒ Wednesday –
 - ◆ 8.00 a.m. Judo Breakfast Club
 - ◆ Adventure Club (Yr 5/6) at Whitehaven Harbour
Youth Project (collected from Swingpump Lane @
4.45 p.m.)
 - ◆ Year 6 English SATS Booster @ School (until 4.20
p.m.)
- ⇒ Thursday—Year 6 Maths SATS Booster @ School (until
4.20 p.m.)