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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 - Lily T

Ullswater - Joey M

Derwentwater – Abby S

Bassenthwaite - Harry B & Kieran H

Ennerdale - Tait R-E & Halle W

Buttermere - Alfie C

### Attendance winners:

**Ennerdale & Buttermere had top attendance this week and will share an extra MUGA day.**

**Overall school attendance this week is: 98.14%**



### Homework Heroes



Windermere - Lilymae M

Ullswater - Rhys F

Derwentwater - Nancy H

Bassenthwaite - Tammy G

Ennerdale - Noah S

Buttermere - Ahtee J

### Christian Value Award

Windermere – Ethan H

Ullswater - Logan T

Derwentwater - Poppy S

Bassenthwaite - Jamie F

Ennerdale - Henry C

Buttermere - Isla S



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 Archie S & Oliver Gr.



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, Aalayah B 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 to our weekly Newsletter.

This week we have had plenty of spring sunshine and plenty of fun and learning happening across school. Arrangements around the Yr 6 summer production and residential are coming together and it is great to see them in their colourful Leavers Hoodies. This week we had a visit from The Whitehaven Academy to talk to some of the children about transition. Mrs Foye and the Yr 6 staff are working closely with all secondary schools to support transition in this summer term.

Across the school the children have been working hard and this was recognised today in our celebration assembly with children receiving certificates for being a perfect model of the St James' Way, and for positivity and enthusiasm taking parts in the summer play.

Wishing you a restful weekend, Mr Beattie



## School Notices & Reminders—

**Term Time Holidays**—We have recently seen an increase in parents requesting a term-time absence. Because of this I have reissued the letter sent out to all parents from Dan Barton at the local authority. I am unable to authorise any absence other than the most exceptional circumstances in this case. I feel that it is also worth sharing that the Local Authority request all details around term-time holidays, and in cases where they are concerned about issues surrounding attendance, have the authority to issue fixed-penalty notices to families. Thank you for your understanding on this.

**Yr 6 Football**— On Monday we took a group of Yr 6 children to Jericho Primary School for a friendly football match. The game ended 2-2 with an exciting ending to a well-contested match. We are hoping that we can arrange a couple of other games at Jericho with access to a school field and potentially a 5-a-side friendly on our school MUGA. A big thank you to Mr Elder at Jericho and Mr Tyson for arranging this.

**Yr 6 Residential Talk**— I hope that parents and children found the Residential Parent Meeting informative yesterday. If you were unable to make the meeting, do not worry, an electronic version of the brochure was emailed out to everyone containing all the information discussed and a paper copy handed to children today. A specific reminder about the need for a packed lunch on day 1 of the trip and £10 in an envelope for a meal on the final evening. If you have any questions regarding the meeting or would like to discuss the trip for your child please contact school without hesitation.

A reminder that the payment deadline is Friday 2nd June.

**Baby & Child First Aid for Parents**—The Family Connector Project have very kindly arranged and funded two training sessions for parents, open to both parents at the Infants and the Juniors, in baby and child first aid. These are really important skills and we are pleased that we can offer out this training to our families free of charge. **\*\*Please note we are now able to offer this to grandparents, so please contact us to book\*\*** Remaining session – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023 9-12 a.m. If you would be interested in attending please either contact Mrs Maiden or Mrs Brown at the Infants.



**Summer message**—As we approach the Summer season can we please remind parents to ensure that children come into school with appropriate clothing, long lasting sunscreen and water bottles. On extremely hot days and on school trips it may also be advisable for children to bring hats to provide shade and protection and we will advise parents accordingly. The SunSmart skin cancer prevention concept is Slip, Slop, Slap. Seek and Slide –

**SLIP** on clothing to cover your arms and legs

**SLOP** on sunscreen with factor 15+ (30+ is considered best practice)

**SLAP** on a wide-brimmed hat

**SEEK** shade or create your own shade

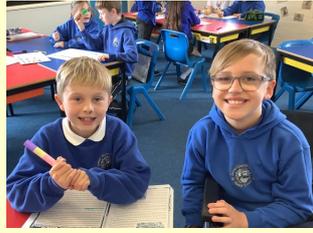
**SLIDE** on some UV protective sunglasses

Please refer to our [Sun Safety Procedures](#) for more details.

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



Ennerdale—Influencers!



Bassenthwaite— Features of a setting description



Ullswater- DT Doodlers



Pirates of the Currybean—SONgs

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' -

- ⇒ 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
- ⇒ Saturday 17th June – Uniform selling day at West Lakes Academy
- ⇒ Friday 23rd June—Parents First Aid 9-12 a.m.
- ⇒ Saturday 1st July – Uniform selling day at St Benedict's School
- ⇒ Wednesday 5th July- Y6 Taster Day—Whitehaven Academy, St Benedict's & West Lakes Academy
- ⇒ Wednesday 5th July – Year 6 Parents information evening at St Benedict's & West Lakes Academy
- ⇒ Thursday 6th July—Summer Performance
- ⇒ Thursday 13th July—Sports Day (Parents welcome from 1-3 p.m.)
- ⇒ End of Summer Term—Wednesday 19th July

## Weekly Clubs & Activities—

- ⇒ Tuesday—
  - ◆ After School Gymnastics Club (Collected from Whitehaven Sports Centre @ 4.30 p.m.) &
  - ◆ Soundwave Music Club (Collect from school at 4.30p.m.) - **CANCELLED 23rd MAY**
- ⇒ 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 3/4 Cricket Club (Collect from school at 4.15 p.m.) - **LAST SESSION**
- ⇒ Thursday
  - ◆ NEW Mr Carruthers Year 6 Drama Club (Collect from school @ 4.30 p.m.)

