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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 - Jess T

Ullswater - Ellis D & Lauren H

Derwentwater – Millie W

Bassenthwaite - Philippa B, Zachary H & Conall C

Ennerdale - Jacob G

Buttermere - Clara C

Attendance winners:

Ullswater had top attendance this week and will get an extra MUGA day.

Overall school attendance this week is: 96.63%



Homework Heroes



Windermere - Modana M

Ullswater - Harrison S

Derwentwater - Jasmine T

Bassenthwaite - Tyler T

Ennerdale—Halle W

Buttermere - Jaxon S

Christian Value Award



Windermere – Aoife C

Ullswater - Lexie R

Derwentwater - Ellis M & Ethan H

Bassenthwaite - Daniel P

Ennerdale - Amy H

Buttermere - David D & Rose 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 Lucian K & Harry G.



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, Anna G, 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!





Welcome to our weekly newsletter. It has been another bright summery week and the children have been busy growing and learning together. Below are details of some of the many adventures the children have had across the county, whether it has been success on the football field or discovering new learning lakeside at Ennerdale. In the classroom, the children have continued to show great enthusiasm and work ethic, discovering lots of new things from across the curriculum including some really creative and inventive artwork and computing that we have seen from all students this week. Unfortunately I was not in school today but it was lovely reading the reasons teachers offered for all of the pupil of the week certificates when putting letters together for

parents.

Enjoy a restful weekend before another busy week ahead, *Mr Beattie*



School Messages, Notices & Reminders—

Yr 5/6 Football winners – The team arrived back from Carlisle late last Friday but the bus was filled with plenty of happy faces. The Yr 5/6 boys: LJay, Ethan, Ellis, Zayne, Lewis, Nathaniel, Kaedan, Aiden and Nate were an absolute credit to the school playing with great sportsmanship and enthusiasm. The team got through the group and then went on a magical run, winning the quarter final, semi-final and final all on penalties, meeting some large Carlisle Primary Schools on the way. Well done boys, you did yourself and the school proud!



Yr 5/6 Girls football at Jericho – A warm up for an upcoming festival saw the girls visit Jericho for a Yr 5/6 girls friendly. The team: Charlotte, Modana, Amelia, Freya, Loe, Tia and Layla played really well and enjoyed the chance to compete against some team mates from their

grassroots team. The girls were an absolute credit to the school, playing with energy and enthusiasm and finishing the game off with a narrow win. This all sets us in good stead for a Carlisle festival next Friday.



Geography fieldwork at Ennerdale – Again thank you for all involved at Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project for supporting our Geography fieldwork. All classes have visited Ennerdale Water to complete orienteering tasks and to study map work of the local Geography around the lake.

Computing Workshop from Mrs Fowler from The Whitehaven Academy – A special thank you to Mrs Fowler who came to St James' this afternoon to work with Windermere on using microbits to code and programme an automatic plant watering system! It was great to see the children meeting the challenge of working with Mrs Fowler on this program, and it was clear how much they enjoyed it. Next week we see Mrs Fowler return to work with Ullswater and Derwentwater classes.

Reminder Year 2 Parents – A reminder to all Year 2 parents that they are invited to a meeting next Thursday to share information, see and order PE Kit and ask any questions about transition plans and September.

Year 6 Leavers Service – Parents of Year 6 children are invited to join us for a special Yr 6 Leavers' Service at St James' Church on Wednesday at 12 – 12:45 p.m. School will finish following the service and we expect to be back to school from the church at 12:55pm.

Water Safety Year 6 – Letters have been issued today for the first two dates of Water Safety/Wild Swimming program which is being run by Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project at Bassenthwaite Lake. The first two sessions are Monday 26th and Wednesday 28th July and all parents have been contacted today with details. We will send out letters to the following 3 groups with their dates next week.

Careers Day – Due to a lack of interest from volunteers, we are unable to host a Year 5/6 careers day this year unfortunately. Thank you to those who were able to volunteer and we will look to possibly run a similar event at a future date.

Disco—We will be holding a termly disco on Tuesday 11th July. Due to problems experienced at the last disco with traffic and congestion outside the school we will be trialling a staggered start between Year 3 & 4 and Years 5 & 6—please see timings on the next page. This will hopefully avoid the problems experienced last time and will also allow for the first session to be a little bit quieter for the younger children.

Summer Performance Tickets— Tickets for the summer production are now available to buy on [SchoolMoney](#).

Vacancies — From September we will be looking for new people to join our team of Midday Supervisors. If you or a friend or a family member are looking for part-time work, doing something really rewarding and beneficial for the school then we would love to hear from you. We can potentially offer 3/5 days roles, so even if you can't do every day we would still be keen to hear from you. If you are interested please contact Mrs Maiden, School Business Manager.

Term Time Holidays—We have recently seen an increase in parents requesting a term-time absence. Because of this we have reissued the letter sent out to all parents from Dan Barton at the local authority which can be found on our website. We are unable to authorise any absence other than the most exceptional circumstances. We also 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.

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



Ennerdale Fieldwork



Bassenthwaite- Drawing with scissors



Derwentwater—Doodlers



Windermere—Olympic Throwing

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' -

- ⇒ Saturday 1st July – Uniform selling day at St Benedict's School
- ⇒ Tuesday 4th 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—**1.30 p.m. & 6.00 p.m. (TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE)**
- ⇒ ~~Tuesday 11th July—Careers Morning~~ **CANCELLED**
- ⇒ **Tuesday 11th July—Leavers Disco 5-7 (5-6.15 Lower, 5.45-7 Uppers)**
- ⇒ Thursday 13th July—Sports Day (Parents welcome from 1-3 p.m.)
- ⇒ **Wednesday 19th July—Year 6 Leavers service 12-12.45 p.m.**

⇒ **End of Summer Term—Wednesday 19th July—School Finish at 1 p.m.**
PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB ON THE LAST DAY OF TERM



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.) **THIS IS THE LAST SESSION**
- ⇒ Wednesday –
 - ◆ 8.00 a.m. Judo Breakfast Club
- ⇒ Thursday
 - ◆ Mr Carruthers Year 6 Drama Club (Collect from school @ 4.30 p.m.) **THIS IS THE LAST SESSION**

Absence Reporting Procedure— Can all parents/carers ensure that if their child is not attending school they notify the school **via telephone**, not by email or Seesaw please. It is in the Attendance Policy that parents should telephone, but we are increasingly getting more emails and therefore will now insist that notifications are made by telephone please (please leave an answerphone message if your call is not answered including the reason for the absence, otherwise we will call back for additional details). Thank you for your understanding.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE