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"With exploring minds, and faith, we achieve our challenging goals."

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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-

Class 1 - Shahidah A, Alisha M & Lucas M

Class 2 - Millie W & Abigail S

Class 3 - Joey M



Class 4 - Sophia R

Class 5- Eden E, Jensen F & Lucian K

Class 6 - Aaron H & Lily T

Attendance winners:

Class 2 had top attendance this week and will receive an extra MUGA day. Overall school attendance this week is: 96.25%

Including Covid-19 absence

Timestable Rockstars

Maths Class 1 - Evan C

Maths Class 2 - Daniel H

Maths Class 3 - Caleb H

Maths Class 4 - Jenson H

Maths Class 5 - Nathaniel F

Maths Class 6 - Isla S

Spelling Shed Superstars

Class 1 - Zac S

Class 2 - Charlotte B

Class 3 - Wyatt A

Class 4 - Nate H

Class 5 - Loe R-E

Class 6 - Charlotte 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 Ellis D & Poppy S



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.

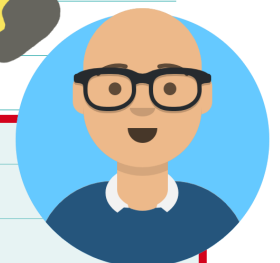
Well done to this week's winner Noah L who has won a sporting prize of their choice.

[Click this icon to email the school office](#)



As ever, do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns about any aspect of school life.

Mr Beattie





It has been another week of great learning across our classes. This morning we again came together for our whole-school celebration assembly to recognise children's achievements with their timetables, spellings and homework achievements. I know that many of our Year 5 & 6 children turned into 'chefs' for homework this week and I do hope that all families enjoyed the Spaghetti Bolognese produced by these talented children, the end products certainly all looked delicious. I have also been taken aback by the work produced across our topics this week. Our Year 3 & 4 classes have produced some amazing pieces of work for their plastic pollution topic and I know that they are looking forward to further art and design tasks next week using plastic objects donated from homes. The children in Year 5 & 6 will be spending some time on the harbour next week to re-enact the invasion of John Paul Jones and to share some reading of Jonathan Swift's Gulliver's Travels at The Candlestick Chimney as part of their Whitehaven History topic. Again, I have been really impressed with their knowledge of Whitehaven history and look forward to seeing their artwork and design tasks to complete subject next week.

Well done again to our Pupils of the Week who continue to show 'The St James' Way' in their approach to studies and they way they treat their classmates. I continue to be amazed at your achievements week after week.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Important Reminders & Notices—With various things going on in school next week please note the following notices and reminders—

- There is **no after school Maths tutoring sessions next week**
- The last of the flu forms will be collected on 19th October—if your child's form is not returned by then, your child will not receive their immunisation.
- **For next week only— Year 3 & 4 will have their guitars on Monday and Year 5 & 6 will have their lessons on Thursday—Please bring in instruments on the correct days.**
- Class 4 & 5 are going to the harbour on Wednesday and Thursday this week (see important dates section) please ensure they bring coats/waterproofs on those days.
- All of Year 5 & 6 are going to The Rum Story on Tuesday (19th). Children are encouraged to come in nautical and pirate theme costumes, but should also bring coats to wear over the top. All children need to bring a packed lunch—**if you require a school packed lunch please let the office know.** If you haven't already please can the £3 payment be made on SchoolMoney.
- If anyone has any plastic bottles top, other clean plastics (yoghurt pots, plastic wrapping etc) and boxes like egg boxes or tea boxes as well as spare 500ml drinking bottles—please can these be brought to school for Year 3 & 4 's craft projects next week.
- The cut off for the 'free to school' postage for the Tempest School photos is Monday 18th October. So please ensure that you have ordered your images before this date. If anyone has not had the link please let the office know urgently.

Donations to School— We have had some really kind donations of books for our ever expanding school library recently, thank you so much to everyone who has brought items in. We will continue to very gratefully receive donations of good condition books. Often books picked by the children, and ones they have enjoyed reading at home, will appeal greatly to other children in school and prove very popular in the library.

We would also like to say a special thank you to Lily T's Grandad who has very kindly donated a keyboard for the children who are learning the instrument in school. Thank you.

Covid-19 Guidance—Colin Cox has issued an updated letter to parents clarifying and giving information about additional procedures around isolation of siblings and household members in the case of a positive Covid-19 case. Please follow the attached link to the letter—

[Additional COVID-19 control measures agreed for schools in Cumbria](#)

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



Class 6 visiting the Sea Bin



Class 5's Plastic Pollution homework



Year 5 Drama for writing



Class 4 thinking about Christian values

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' this half term-

- Monday 18th October—Building & Finance Governors Meeting
- Tuesday 19th October—The Rum Story Visit (Year 5/6)
- Wednesday 20th October—Class 4 visit to the Sea Bins Whitehaven Harbour*
- Thursday 21st October—Class 5 visit to the Sea Bins Whitehaven Harbour*

**The Whitehaven Harbour Sea Bin visits will be within school time and be part of an Art Project (there is no charge or special arrangements required, but all children should make sure they bring coats with them)*

After Half Term—

- Wednesday 3rd November—Nasal Flu Immunisations
- Thursday 4th or Friday 5th November—The Big Ramble - *Weather dependent*
- Thursday 11th & Friday 12th November—Year 5 Residential to Winmarleigh

Weekly Clubs & Activities

- ⇒ Monday – Guitar Tuition (Year 3 & 4 **FOR NEXT WEEK ONLY**) & Afterschool Maths Tuition (3.30-4.15)
- ⇒ Tuesday—Year 3 & 4 After School Cricket Club—3.10—4.15 p.m., Keyboard Tuition (All Year Groups—starting 21st Sept) & Afterschool Maths Tuition (3.30-4.15)
- ⇒ Wednesday – Judo Breakfast Club (Year 3 & 4), Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project Adventure Club until 4.45 p.m. (Collection from Swingpump Lane) & Afterschool Maths Tuition (3.30-4.15)
- ⇒ Thursday - Guitar Tuition (Year 5 & 6 **FOR NEXT WEEK ONLY**) & Afterschool Maths Tuition (3.30-4.15)
- ⇒ Friday - Mr Carruthers' Tennis Club (Years 5 & 6) (3.15-4.15)

Please note there will be no afterschool Maths Tuition week commencing 18th October

