



# St James Catholic Primary School Newsletter

## 14 September 2015

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*"I have loved you with an everlasting love"*  
**Jeremiah 31:3**

**RECEPTION:** Well, what a lovely week we have had! It has been great seeing all the children come in so happy. Just a reminder – doors open in the morning at 8.45am and session finishes at 11.45am. Afternoon gate opens at 1.10pm and session finishes at 3.15pm.  
Have a lovely weekend!

**YEAR 1:** We have had a great start to Year 1! The children have worked really hard and have risen to a lot of challenges. Next week we will be starting our new topic 'Space' where we will be reading lots of stories and lots of investigating. PE is going to be on Wednesday afternoon this year, so please can you make sure that your child has their PE kit in school for this. Also, if your child has their ears pierced, then their earrings do need to be taken out for that. Have a lovely weekend!

**YEAR 2:** Thank you everyone for making such a fantastic start to year 2. We have started our first text, 'Monkey Do' which the children are learning. In RE we are looking at The Chosen People. Science this term is Animals including Humans. Our history topic, this term is The Great Fire of London. Please take note – PE is on Thursday afternoons at the moment, can you make sure your child's kit is in school and earrings are removed.  
Could you please try and read every night with your children as this really helps them make a good start in year 2. Books will be sent out next week! Have a great weekend.

**YEAR 3:** Welcome to Year 3! Children have made a good start this week and tried really hard to get used to all the new rules and routines! Our overarching theme for this half term is 'Under our feet'. This incorporates a local study - looking at Millom and how it has changed over the years with a particular focus on Hodbarrow and the mines. We will study rocks and soils in Science and our first Literacy text will be 'The 3 Billy Goats Gruff'. We will also look at 'How to trap a troll' and hopefully 'Krindlekrax' in the weeks to come. In RE our topic is 'The Christian family' and in Maths we have started with a number and place value focus. This term PE days will be: Thursday – Multi skills and hopefully some rugby on Wednesdays. Children need to make sure they have the correct kit in school on these days and earrings removed. It is useful to have PE kits in school every day, however as days can change. Homework will be sent home on a Friday and should be returned to school by the following Wednesday so it can be marked ready for new homework to be sent home. Finally, if anyone has any concerns or questions relating to anything in Year 3, please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office. Have a lovely weekend.

**YEAR 4:** We have had a great start to the school year and the children have settled in really well. The children have been working hard to develop their understanding of place value and numbers up to 10,000. In English we have been writing poetry based on the Summer. This coming week in Maths, we will be finding 1000 more or less than a given number and rounding to the nearest 10, 100 or 1000. In English, we will be looking at letter writing, looking at some good examples and having a go at writing our own letters. In RE we have been thinking about creation, including a walk around the local area and in the coming week will be learning about Abraham. Our topic work for this term will see us learning about how the second world war impacted upon children in Britain. This will be started off with an exciting topic day on Thursday with Charlie Lupton. The children will bring home a maths workbook this week for homework. This book will be used for homework throughout the year. The set homework will be marked with the date and will be closely linked to the work that we have been doing in class. PE days this term are Tuesdays and Wednesdays and the children will need black shorts and white t shirts on these days. Thank you for your help. Have a great weekend!

**YEAR 5:** It has been a lovely first week for year 5 and me! We have enjoyed getting to know each other and I am looking forward to a fantastic year with my new class. We had a visit from some pupils and a member of staff from John Ruskin School on Thursday to give information about their school and we are expecting visits from Millom School and St Bernard's Catholic High School in the near future. The schools will be having open days should you wish to have a look around before making any decisions in September next year. PE starts this week and our day will be Thursday so please can children bring in their kits on this day. Could you please encourage your children to read each night, even just 10 minutes does make a difference to them. Have a lovely weekend.

**YEAR 6:** It's lovely to see the children back at school; they have all made a really good start to year 6. We have begun our first topic, 'Wheels of Change' and have started by looking at the way in which crime and punishment have changed over time. In Literacy, we are writing recounts based on our topic theme. In maths we have started by looking at negative numbers and how they are used when reading co-ordinates. Our RE topic is 'The Kingdom of God' and this is being taught by Mrs Marmion on Thursdays. Our Onside lesson is on a Thursday morning, and so the children will need their PE kits in school on Thursday. As we have no lifeguard at present, the children aren't going swimming on a Wednesday. We will endeavour to have a second PE slot on another afternoon. I hope you all have a lovely weekend!

### **A NOTE FROM MRS NICHOLAS (PLEASE READ THIS SECTION AS ALL SCHOOL INFORMATION IS IN HERE)**

Welcome back everyone for the start of our new school year, I hope you all enjoyed your summer holiday and are ready for the hard work ahead. We would especially like to welcome our new Reception Class children, also Jack and Leon who have joined us in year 2 and year 1. We also welcome two new members of staff, Miss Mullan who is our new year 5 class teacher and Mrs Pennington who has joined us as a Teaching Assistant in Reception Class. We hope they both enjoy working with us.

**This week:** On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> we have our start of year school Mass in Church at 9.30am, you are all very welcome to come and join us. On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> year 4 have a visit from Charlie Lupton who will be bringing history to life with the WW2 day, building an Anderson shelter! Year 4 parents are welcome to come to the hall after school to see the shelter!

**Advance information:** On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>, year 6 will be having an exciting trip to Lancaster Castle, a separate letter has been sent home about this. Year 3 have their class Mass at 9.30am on this day too.

**Future Newsletters:** This week we have sent out paper copies of our newsletter but from now on we will be producing the newsletter electronically, which will be e-mailed to you if you have supplied us with an up to date email address. The newsletter will be published on the school website [www.stjamesrc.cumbria.sch.uk](http://www.stjamesrc.cumbria.sch.uk) and a link to this will also appear on our school facebook page.

**School Meals:** From Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Orián will be changing to an online system for ordering and paying for school meals. The website is [www.lunchshop.co.uk](http://www.lunchshop.co.uk) and log in details have been issued to parents for each child. It is important that you go on the site and order your child's lunch before 9.30am on the day the meal is to be taken; this applies even if you are in receipt of free school meals or your child receives the universal free school meals. We will not be accepting payments for meals from 14<sup>th</sup> September. We will however, need cash or cheque payment sent to school for any meals which are owed from 7-11 September. We are sure the new system will be beneficial to all of us.

**Facebook site:** We have launched our new Facebook page, which we hope to use to let you know about things in the future. Please have a look and 'like' the page!

**Data collection sheets and start of year letters:** Next week we will be sending out some letters and forms which need to be completed and sent back to school as soon as you can please.

**Transfer to Secondary School Letters:** Children from year 6 should have brought home letters which contain information for parents on how to request places at secondary schools. Please could you make sure your child has given you their letter as it contains log in details for the electronic forms on the County Council website.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

#### **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS:**

Choir starts on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

George Spry Tennis Club starts on Tuesday 15 September 2015.

KS1 Multi Skills After School club starts on Wednesday 16 September 2015: 3.15pm to 4.15pm.

Year 5 & Year 6 Art Club – Starts on Wednesday 16 September 2015: 3.15pm to 4.15pm.

KS2 Multi Skills After School club starts on Thursday 17 September 2015: 3.15pm to 4.15pm.

#### **RUGBY LEAGUE GRAND FINAL TRIP**

Martin has asked for people who have booked tickets for the Grand Final on 10<sup>th</sup> October to start paying for their tickets please. He will be sending out further information about the trip in the near future. The cost of the ticket is £36.

#### **LITTLE JIMMY'S TODDLER GROUP**

Little Jimmy's will start again on Friday 11 September 2015.

#### **BREAKFAST CLUB**

Opens at 8am the cost is **£1 per day** and any new children need to be booked in please. Children are offered a variety of cereals, drinks and toast with bacon and sausage buns being offered on Thursdays. Children can bring colouring books, books or games to play or they can do their homework.

**PLEASE CAN YOU REMEMBER TO PAY DAILY OR WEEKLY FOR BREAKFAST CLUB – THANK YOU ☺**

#### **NO DOGS IN THE PLAYGROUND. THANK YOU**

Can we please ask that you do not bring dogs into the playground when you are picking children up from school or dropping them off. Thank you.

#### **ILLNESS**

Please remember to ring into school in the morning if your child is absent, stating the nature of their illness. Could we also remind you that if your child is absent due to sickness and / or diarrhoea, the recommended time they need to be absent from school is 48 hours from the last episode. This is to help reduce the spread of infection. Thank you for your help with this

#### **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

Just a reminder of our official school uniform which should be worn by all pupils;

**GIRLS UNIFORM:** Grey skirt, pinafore dress or trousers.

Blue polo shirt. Maroon jumper or cardigan with school logo.

Black flat-heeled shoes (not trainers) or White socks or grey tights.

**BOYS UNIFORM:** Grey trousers or Shorts. Blue polo shirt. Maroon jumper with school logo. Black shoes (not trainers) or sandals. Grey socks.

All shoes worn to school should be sensible and appropriate for the weather.

#### **PE KITS**

**All children should have a PE kit and a pair of pumps in school at all times. Please check and ensure that your child has the correct uniform. PE KIT:** White top (with or without school logo). Black shorts. Black pumps (not trainers).

*If your child does not have their kit, they will not be able to do PE. This includes pumps or trainers. Thanks for your help with this.*

#### **SAFEGUARDING & CHILD PROTECTION**

Safeguarding and Child Protection is very much in the news at the moment and very much at the heart of our school life. We would like to make you aware that if you do have any concerns or issues, these can be discussed in confidence with Mrs Nicholas, who is our Designated Safeguarding Lead. She can be contacted through the school office. If anybody has any concerns about any child either in school or outside of school please call the County Triage Team in confidence on 0333 2401727. There is a website which has lots of useful information which we would recommend you have a look at, the address is: [www.cumbrialscb.com](http://www.cumbrialscb.com) there is a link to this on our school website.

#### **The VIP's**

Imogen Jackson, Harrison Aston, Connor Jackson, Harvey Burch, Blaze Lambillion, Macy McMeekin,

#### **Birthday's 6 September 2015 – 13 September 2015**

Gabriel Robinson, Maya Hughes, Jessica Burch

#### **PRAYER INTENTIONS**

We ask you to remember in your prayers this week – Finlay's nanna, June Date who very sadly died during the school holidays. June was a mid-day supervisor at our school a few years ago and was a great friend to us all. We ask you to pray for June and her family at this sad time.

Please also remember in your prayers, Mrs Nicholas' cousin, Sharon Mason who sadly died last week. We ask you to pray for Sharon and for her mum, Sylvia and all of her family at this difficult time.

Please join us as we pray especially for June and Sharon – *Eternal rest give unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen*

Could you also remember a special family who are experiencing several illnesses within their family at the moment. We ask Our Blessed Lady to pray for them, that they will get through all the difficult times they may face and all be well again soon.

Bless you all, you are in our thoughts and prayers.

(If you have any prayer intentions or would like us to remember sick people, please hand them in to our school office and we will include them on the newsletter)

**SCHOOL MEALS**

From Monday 14 September 2015 dinners must be ordered and paid for using our new lunch ordering system supplied by Orian Ltd. Log in details have been sent home with each child and the website address is [www.lunchshop.co.uk](http://www.lunchshop.co.uk) Meals must be paid for online and ordered by 9.30 in the morning in order to ensure that your child gets their lunch. **Please note we will no longer be accepting cash payments in the office for dinners from 14<sup>th</sup> September.**  
The menu for week beginning 14 September 2015 is Menu number 2.

**BEGGARS THEATRE MAGIC SHOW FOR CHILDREN!**

Morgan & West's Utterly Spiffing Spectacular Magic Show for Kids (and childish grown ups) is on SATURDAY 19<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER at 2pm at THE BEGGARS' THEATRE.  
Tickets are priced at: £35 for a family ticket, £12 adults and £8 for children.  
PLEASE DO COME ALONG AND JOIN IN THE FUN AT THE BEGGARS!

**TERM DATES 2015 – 2016**

Autumn Term 2015: **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September** – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December  
*Half term – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October*  
Spring Term 2016: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March  
*Half term – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February*  
Summer Term 2016: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July  
*Bank Holiday – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May*  
*Half term – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June*

**MASS TIMES**

**FOR OUR LADY & ST JAMES RC CHURCH, MILLOM**

Mass is celebrated on Sunday morning at 10.30am  
Confessions are held on Sunday morning from 10am – 10.25am

**SACRED HEART RC CHURCH, CONISTON**

Mass is celebrated on Saturday evening at 6pm  
Confessions are held on Saturday evening from 5.30pm – 5.55pm  
You can contact Fr Robert Halshaw on 01229 779673 For details and information please visit the website [www.saintfrancescumbria.com](http://www.saintfrancescumbria.com)

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**SEPTEMBER**

17 September: Yr 4 WW2 Day – Anderson Shelters with Charlie Lupton  
22 September: Yr 6 Trip – Lancaster Castle  
23 September: BAE Roadshow 2.15pm to 3.10pm  
24 September: School Nurse Parent Drop-Ins @ 1.30pm to 2.30pm

**OCTOBER**

1 October: Magic Carpet Theatre (AM)  
2 October: Yr 5 & 6 – React Science Show @ Millom School

**SCHOOL MASS TIMES**

15 September: Whole School Mass @ 9.30am  
29 September: Yr 4 Mass  
6 October: Yr 5 Mass  
13 October: Yr 6 Mass

**RESIDENTIAL TRIP DATES 2016**

Year 4 Ilkley – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May  
Year 5 Lockerbie – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May  
Year 6 London – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June

**IMPORTANT - SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS & INFORMATION**

From 18 September 2015 we will no longer be sending out paper copies of our school newsletter; unless parents specifically request one. All newsletters will be sent via e-mail. School letters and information will be sent out electronically via e-mail too so it is vitally important that you provide us with an up to date email address please. If you do require paper copies, please do contact our school office to request this. We have also set up a school Facebook page and hope you will find it useful.

Newsletters will also be posted on our new school Website the address for our School Website is: **[www.stjamesrc.cumbria.sch.uk](http://www.stjamesrc.cumbria.sch.uk)**

**EMAIL ADDRESS – NEWSLETTERS**

Please fill in or indicate as appropriate and return to school. Thank you.

Name: .....

Children in Year(s): .....

Our home email address is: .....

I do not have a computer or home email address. I would like to receive a paper copy of the school newsletter and will call in at the school office to collect one each week.