



# St James Catholic Primary School Newsletter

## 21 September 2015

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

**RECEPTION:** What a lovely week once again in reception the children have settled really well. Next week we will all be in together for mornings till after lunch, the gate will open at 8:45 for morning and pick up after lunch is at 1:30. Please can I ask if your child has not got a reading bag they must have one as soon as possible as we will be starting to send home reading books etc very soon. Plus it is a vital way to send home letters. Hope you all have a lovely weekend.

**YEAR 1:** We have been working really hard on our space topic this week, and we have been finding out about the famous astronaut, Neil Armstrong! Next week in Maths we are going to doing a lot of counting in twos, so if you want to work on this with your child, we would really appreciate it. Just a reminder that the children have been asked not to bring toys into school a few times now. This is not just in Year 1, but in every class. Please could you support us in this matter! Thanks! Have a lovely weekend!

**YEAR 2:** What an exciting week we have had in Year 2. We have nearly learnt our story and are now creating more exciting ideas of our own. In Maths we have been counting in different way, forwards and backwards, ordering numbers and looking at place value and patterns. In RE we are looking at why Abraham was chosen by God. We have started our topic about the Great Fire of London. Everyone should now have a reading book and we are two sets on books, please try and read every day. Have a great weekend.

**YEAR 3:** This week we have been looking at place value in Maths and using this to help us add numbers. This had been quite tricky for some children and we have had lots of practice at partitioning the numbers into tens and ones. In Literacy we have been thinking about our wishing tales linked to the 3 Billy Goats Gruff story. Children have had to think of their main characters and what the characters want. We have also been thinking about starting sentences with adverbs. Thank you to those who have supported their children with homework this week – we hope this can continue! Next week, we will have a Year 3 mass on Tuesday morning at 9:30am – we hope you can join us. On Wednesday, KS2 have a BAE roadshow visiting school. They visited last year and it was great fun! See you next week – have a great weekend.

**YEAR 4:** Another busy week in Y4 which has seen the children working hard to develop their understanding of number in Maths and thinking about the important elements which go into letter writing. On Tuesday we had Mass to celebrate the beginning of the school year and on Thursday the children had a fun filled day with Charlie Lupton where they built Anderson Shelters. The children really enjoyed the day and this was a fantastic way to begin our topic on WW2. This coming week we will be writing our own letters, using all the things that we have learnt over the past two weeks. In Maths, we will be learning about rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. In RE we will be thinking about Abraham and Sarah and their faith in God. Have a great weekend!

**YEAR 5:** We have had another lovely week in Year 5. The children began exploring what life was like for different people in each class onboard the Titanic as part of our new topic. They examined a range of sources themselves and wrote a diary entry from the point of view of one of the passengers. We have an exciting trip to the Merseyside Maritime Museum planned for later on this half term to coincide with our topic work. In science the children have been learning about Earth and Space with Mr McQuire; this week they were making their very own sundials. We are looking forward to the BAE Roadshow which is coming to school next Wednesday. It should be lots of fun and very interesting for the children. I hope you all have a lovely weekend!

**YEAR 6:** It's been a busy week in year 6 and the children are settling well into their new routines. In maths they have been learning about the properties of different triangles and quadrilaterals. Next week, they will be learning to translate and reflect the shapes on a co-ordinate plane. In Literacy, they have been writing news reports linked to the story, 'The Giant's Necklace' by Michael Morpurgo. We have continued with our work on crime and punishment, ready for our visit to Lancaster Castle on Tuesday. On Wednesday, the BAE roadshow will be visiting school; I'm sure it will another exciting science show! I hope you have a lovely weekend!

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

**Whats been happening?:** We celebrated the beginning of our new school year with a special Mass for the whole school on Tuesday. Thank you to all who came and joined us. On Wednesday year 5 and 6 met Mrs Drage and Mr Savidge from Millom School, for an insight into life at their secondary school. The children were given a prospectus and information about their open evening. On Thursday, year 4 had an exciting time making Anderson shelters with Charlie Lupton. This workshop was to support their topic on WW2. Mr Develin from St Bernard's Catholic High School came and spoke to year 5 and 6 on Friday.

**This week:** Year 6 have their trip to Lancaster Castle on Tuesday, the trip leaves and returns within the normal school day. Children need to wear their school uniform and bring a packed lunch. The cost of the trip is £12.50, please send this in on Monday if you have not already done so. Children will not need any spending money. Year 3 have their Mass on Wednesday morning at 9.30am. BAE Systems are holding a science roadshow for KS2 children on Wednesday afternoon. On Thursday afternoon from 1.30pm – 2.30pm there is a drop in session for parents with Karen Hirst our school nurse. Please come into school via the office if you would like to see her.

**Advance information for this Half Term:** Year 4 have their class Mass at 9.30am on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>, parents, family and friends are welcome to come and join us. On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October, The Magic Carpet Theatre Company are coming to perform 'Moon Magic' a space adventure for the whole school. We would like to ask for a donation of £1 per child towards the cost of this brilliant production please. On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October we have our Harvest Fast Day, details of this will be sent out shortly. Year 5 and 6 will be visiting Millom School for the REACT Science show. On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October, year 5 will be going on a trip to Liverpool Maritime Museum, further details will be sent home shortly. Year 6 will have their class Mass at 9.30am in Church. There will be no Assembly on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October as we will be having

our Open Afternoon for parents who are thinking of sending their children to our school in September 2017. Year 5 have their class Mass on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30am. We break up for half term on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 3.15pm.

**Future Newsletters:** We are now producing our 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> Orian changed to an online system for ordering and paying for school meals. The new system has been received very well by both parents and children. Parents have found the site easy to use and children think the system in the hall is brilliant! 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, any meals owed for the first week have now been placed as arrears on the accounts.

**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! Please check the page regularly in case our posts don't show up on your newsfeed.

**IMPORTANT! Parents Guild:** We have been very lucky these last few years in having a very pro-active Parents Guild, who have worked hard to put on discos, fun days and other events to raise much needed funds for our school. The Guild have paid for school trips and equipment for our Breakfast Club, ICT and for the classrooms. Without their efforts we would be without so many lovely things that the children use on a daily basis. Our Parents Guild are having their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm in school, they are looking to form a new committee and would also like some new people to come and join them as helpers even if they don't want to take up positions on the committee. Please could all parents make an effort to come to the meeting and see if they can help out in any way – the work they do does directly benefit your children. Thank you.

**Open Afternoon for Prospective Parents:** We are having an OPEN AFTERNOON on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm for parents who are thinking of sending their children to St James' in September 2017. If you have or know of anyone who has a child who will be 4 years old before 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016, please tell them about our afternoon. I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

**Cycling to School:** If children come to school on their bikes, please can you make sure they wear a helmet for their safety. Thank you.

**Important! - SCHOOL TIMES:** Just to remind you that children are not to be sent into school before 8.45am, after which there will be a member of staff in the playground and the teachers from Reception and year 1 will be in class ready to supervise them.

**Our school day ends at 3.15pm unless your child is staying to an afterschool club. Please arrange to collect children from school promptly at the end of the day. Staff often have to attend meetings and training after school and it does cause problems if children are not picked up on time. Many thanks for your co-operation with this.** I hope you all have a lovely weekend and enjoy the nice weather that is forecast!

#### **UNIFORM LABELLING**

Can parents please make sure that all uniforms, pumps and coats have your child's name on it. We have already had items of uniform lost this term. We do have a lost property box but cannot identify any lost uniform if it does not have a name in it! Labels can be obtained from Fergusons in Millom and also online.

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

Choir starts on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2015.  
 George Spry Tennis Club starts on Tuesday 15 September 2015.  
 KS2 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.  
 KS1 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 Toddler Group is a friendly group who meet in our school hall on Fridays from 9.30am to 11.00am. We always welcome new parents and toddlers/babies and it is a nice way to make new friends. Everyone welcome ☺

#### **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.

**LABELS:** All uniform should have your child's name on it.  
 Please also label coats and pumps.

#### **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.

#### **Certificates this week**

Cerys Rowe, Callum High, Ella McKendrie, Ryley Sim, Macy McMeekin, Carl Peck, Rhys Sheldon

#### **Birthday's 14 September 2015 – 20 September 2015**

Daniel Crowther, Freya Lupton, Braith Lupton, Reuben Lupton, Martha Allington, Imogen Jackson, Jack Patton

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

Joe Mullender, Jimmy Mossop, Reuben Lupton, Harry Dawson, Kallie Wright, Joel Eland

#### **PRAYER INTENTIONS**

We ask you to remember in your prayers this week, Mrs Nicholas' Dad, John Date who has been in hospital this week. We ask God to take care of him and to help him to be well again soon. We ask Our Blessed Lady to be with him and his family during this time.

We also ask you to pray for Mrs Knowles who taught here last year in year 5. Mrs Knowles is poorly at the moment and we ask Our Blessed Lady to take care of her and help her to get better soon.

(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 21<sup>st</sup> September 2015 is Menu number 3.

#### **TENNIS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

**Have fun learning the game. Lots of fun games, matches etc to suit all playing and fitness levels.**

**Tuesdays 3pm to 4pm at Millom Recreation Centre.**

**Children will be escorted to the centre, to be picked up from there at 4pm.**

**Cost is £3 per week.**

**Please contact school office for a form and to organise escort to centre.**

#### **PARENTS GUILD AGM**

**Please join our Parents Guild for their**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**On Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm in school**

**We really do need new parents to come and help us continue the good work we do!**

**Everyone welcome ☺**

#### **BEGGAR'S 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!**

#### **THE BEGGAR'S THEATRE**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 8pm**

**COLIN CLOUD – FORENSIC MIND READER**

**Tickets £12 or £10 concessions**

**To book call the box office on 01229 775677 or visit**

**[www.beggarstheatre.co.uk](http://www.beggarstheatre.co.uk)**

**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*

Sumer 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**

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**

29 September: Yr 4 Mass  
6 October: Yr 6 Mass  
13 October: Yr 5 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**

We are no longer 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.