



# St James Catholic Primary School Newsletter

## 5<sup>th</sup> October 2015

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**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 once again enjoy the nice weather which is forecast once again!

#### **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.

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

The bus will leave the square at 1.30pm on Saturday 10 October 2015

There may still be tickets left for the game. Tickets cost £36.00

(£20.00 for the ticket £16.00 for the seat on the bus)

If you are interested please contact Martin.

#### **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.

Mathletics Thursday Group starts on Thursday 24 September: 3.15pm to 4.00pm.

Mathletics Friday Group starts on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September: 3.15 to 4.00pm.

### **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**

Charlie Garnett, Imogen Brown, Evie Moore, Leah Farren, Jansen Redhead

### **Birthday's 28 Sept 2015 – 4 Oct 2015**

Jack Nuttall, Olivia Shaw

### **The VIP's**

Lewis Oliver, Niamh Kershaw, Charlie Farren, Aimee Redhead, Gabriel Gill, Leon Bingham, Oscar Rawsthorne, Marni Thompson

## **PRAYER INTENTIONS**

We ask you to remember in your prayers this week, Kai and Harrison's mum, Carla Aston, who is in hospital at the moment. We ask God to take care of Carla and to help her recover quickly from her operation. We pray especially to Our Blessed Lady to comfort Carla and her family during her recovery.

(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 5<sup>th</sup> October 2015 is Menu number 2.

## **CHRISTMAS SHOPPING TRIP**

### **TO LIVERPOOL**

**SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

**£15 PER PERSON**

***Please let us know by 9<sup>th</sup> October if you would like to book seats on the coach***

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

#### **OCTOBER**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> – Year 5 trip to Liverpool  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> – Open Afternoon for Children  
starting in Sept 2016

#### **NOVEMBER**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> & all week - Cyclewise Training –  
Year 5  
Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> – Parents Guild Liverpool Xmas  
Shopping Trip  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> – School Nurse Drop In  
1.30pm – 2.30pm  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> – Tom Palmer, Author in school

#### **DECEMBER**

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> – School Christmas Fair  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> – Carol Service KS1 Led  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> – KS1 Santa Express Trip  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> – Choir singing at the Blind  
Society Xmas Party  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – KS2 Barrow Pantomime Trip  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> – Break up at 1.30pm ☺

### **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.**

### **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)

#### **SCHOOL MASS TIMES**

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

#### **TERM DATES 2015 – 2016**

Autumn Term 2015: **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September** –  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December  
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Spring Term 2016: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January –  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March  
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Sumer Term 2016: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July

*Bank Holiday – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May*

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

Name: .....

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

Our home email address is: .....

*Please write e-mail address as it should be written i.e. School123@school.com*

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**RECEPTION:** What a fantastic week we have had. The children have settled well and we are coping well with the full days. We really enjoyed our Humpty Dumpty week and our egg drop investigation was lots of fun. The children sat really well for the Magic Carpet show on Thursday and all thoroughly enjoyed it. We have enjoyed wearing our own clothes on Friday and finding out about CAFOD. We also enjoyed finding out who our buddies are and spending some time with them. Next week we will be using the nursery rhyme 'Baa Baa Black Sheep' for our focus. Have a lovely weekend!

**YEAR 1:** This week the children have produced some fantastic work about Neil Armstrong and how he travelled to and from the moon. On Thursday we enjoyed a fantastic show by the Magic Carpet Theatre Company who helped us go on a space adventure, the children enjoyed creating some work about the show. Next week we will be thinking about numbers that add up to 10 in maths, and the children have made a great start in learning these. Thank you all for your cooperation regards the reading books. The children will be getting their reading books in their own reading session from Monday. Have a lovely weekend!

**YEAR 2:** Next week we are continuing with our diary writing in literacy as different characters. In maths, we are adding 3 digit numbers and 1 digit to 2 digit numbers. In RE we are looking at how Moses was saved as a baby – we are going to act out the story and then write it. We are looking at Autumn and going to do some art work linked to this. If you have any leaves or acorns you could send in, it would really help. Can you please check you have the correct blue T Shirts as one has got mixed up during last weeks PE lessons. Have a good weekend!

**YEAR 3:** Well we have had another busy week in Year 3. We have been learning our 3 times tables and practising the associated division facts. For homework, children have a set of timetables cards to help them learn their 3 times tables. They need to know these off by heart and in any random order. Next week we will also be learning the 4 times tables so it is important that children try their hardest with these. In Literacy we have started to learn about the features of instruction writing and children have been thinking about writing instructions of 'How to clean their teeth'. Next week we will be putting our learning into action as children write their own set of instructions. We also enjoyed a great walk to Hodbarrow on Wednesday – the weather was beautiful and the children did well remembering some of the things we had learned over the past two weeks. We all enjoyed the Magic Carpet show, thank you to those of you who contributed towards the cost and we finished off the week with our CAFOD Harvest Fast Day! Hope you all have a lovely weekend!

**YEAR 4:** This week the children have worked hard to develop their understanding of Roman Numerals in Maths and have written their final letters in our unit of work on letter writing. In the coming week, we will be beginning some work on addition; in particular using the column method to add numbers with up to 4 digits. In English, we will be beginning a unit of work on story writing starting with the rags to riches tale of 'Lazy Jack.' Our topic work will lead us to think about ways in which people tried to stay safe during the Blitz especially going to shelters and the blackout. In RE, we will be thinking about Moses and his call from God. Can I please ask you all to check that your child has pumps in school and that they have their school PE kits on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Have a great weekend everyone!

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**A NOTE FROM MRS NICHOLAS**  
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**What's been happening?:** Thank you to those who joined us at year 4's Mass on Tuesday. Our Parents Guild had their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, they were able to appoint officials to the positions of Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. Sadly there were hardly any parents at the meeting and I would ask that parents please try to come along to their next meeting on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm. The Parents Guild are trying to organise some discos and a Christmas Fair but without the help of others coming forward it will be difficult to put these on. Please remember that these events, especially the discos are for the children to enjoy and any money raised at any events benefits the children directly. Once again, please do try to come on Tuesday.

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**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.

**VERY 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 had their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September when they were looking to form a new committee and also have some new people to come and join them as helpers. Sadly, there were very few parents that came and although committee official positions were filled it will be impossible for the Parents Guild to continue with their good fund raising work without the help of more parents. Please could **all parents** make an effort to come to the meeting they are having on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October and see if you can help out in any way – the work the Parents Guild does directly benefits your children. Thank you.

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**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 once again enjoy the nice weather which is forecast once again!

#### **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.

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

The bus will leave the square at 1.30pm on Saturday 10 October 2015

There may still be tickets left for the game. Tickets cost £36.00

(£20.00 for the ticket £16.00 for the seat on the bus)

If you are interested please contact Martin.

#### **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.

Mathletics Thursday Group starts on Thursday 24 September: 3.15pm to 4.00pm.

Mathletics Friday Group starts on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September: 3.15 to 4.00pm.

### **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;

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**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**

Charlie Garnett, Imogen Brown, Evie Moore, Leah Farren, Jansen Redhead

### **Birthday's 28 Sept 2015 – 4 Oct 2015**

Jack Nuttall, Olivia Shaw

### **The VIP's**

Lewis Oliver, Niamh Kershaw, Charlie Farren, Aimee Redhead, Gabriel Gill, Leon Bingham, Oscar Rawsthorne, Marni Thompson

## **PRAYER INTENTIONS**

We ask you to remember in your prayers this week, Kai and Harrison's mum, Carla Aston, who is in hospital at the moment. We ask God to take care of Carla and to help her recover quickly from her operation. We pray especially to Our Blessed Lady to comfort Carla and her family during her recovery.

(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)

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### **TO LIVERPOOL**

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**£15 PER PERSON**

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#### **NOVEMBER**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> & all week - Cyclewise Training –  
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Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> – Parents Guild Liverpool Xmas  
Shopping Trip  
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#### **DECEMBER**

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

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

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#### **SACRED HEART RC CHURCH, CONISTON**

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

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**Cost is £3 per week.**

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6 October: Yr 6 Mass

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Name: .....

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

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*Please write e-mail address as it should be written i.e. School123@school.com*

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*"I have loved you with an everlasting love"*  
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**RECEPTION:** What a fantastic week we have had. The children have settled well and we are coping well with the full days. We really enjoyed our Humpty Dumpty week and our egg drop investigation was lots of fun. The children sat really well for the Magic Carpet show on Thursday and all thoroughly enjoyed it. We have enjoyed wearing our own clothes on Friday and finding out about CAFOD. We also enjoyed finding out who our buddies are and spending some time with them. Next week we will be using the nursery rhyme 'Baa Baa Black Sheep' for our focus. Have a lovely weekend!

**YEAR 1:** This week the children have produced some fantastic work about Neil Armstrong and how he travelled to and from the moon. On Thursday we enjoyed a fantastic show by the Magic Carpet Theatre Company who helped us go on a space adventure, the children enjoyed creating some work about the show. Next week we will be thinking about numbers that add up to 10 in maths, and the children have made a great start in learning these. Thank you all for your cooperation regards the reading books. The children will be getting their reading books in their own reading session from Monday. Have a lovely weekend!

**YEAR 2:** Next week we are continuing with our diary writing in literacy as different characters. In maths, we are adding 3 digit numbers and 1 digit to 2 digit numbers. In RE we are looking at how Moses was saved as a baby – we are going to act out the story and then write it. We are looking at Autumn and going to do some art work linked to this. If you have any leaves or acorns you could send in, it would really help. Can you please check you have the correct blue T Shirts as one has got mixed up during last weeks PE lessons. Have a good weekend!

**YEAR 3:** Well we have had another busy week in Year 3. We have been learning our 3 times tables and practising the associated division facts. For homework, children have a set of timetables cards to help them learn their 3 times tables. They need to know these off by heart and in any random order. Next week we will also be learning the 4 times tables so it is important that children try their hardest with these. In Literacy we have started to learn about the features of instruction writing and children have been thinking about writing instructions of 'How to clean their teeth'. Next week we will be putting our learning into action as children write their own set of instructions. We also enjoyed a great walk to Hodbarrow on Wednesday – the weather was beautiful and the children did well remembering some of the things we had learned over the past two weeks. We all enjoyed the Magic Carpet show, thank you to those of you who contributed towards the cost and we finished off the week with our CAFOD Harvest Fast Day! Hope you all have a lovely weekend!

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**A NOTE FROM MRS NICHOLAS**  
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**What's been happening?:** Thank you to those who joined us at year 4's Mass on Tuesday. Our Parents Guild had their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, they were able to appoint officials to the positions of Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. Sadly there were hardly any parents at the meeting and I would ask that parents please try to come along to their next meeting on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm. The Parents Guild are trying to organise some discos and a Christmas Fair but without the help of others coming forward it will be difficult to put these on. Please remember that these events, especially the discos are for the children to enjoy and any money raised at any events benefits the children directly. Once again, please do try to come on Tuesday.

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**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.

**VERY 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 had their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September when they were looking to form a new committee and also have some new people to come and join them as helpers. Sadly, there were very few parents that came and although committee official positions were filled it will be impossible for the Parents Guild to continue with their good fund raising work without the help of more parents. Please could **all parents** make an effort to come to the meeting they are having on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October and see if you can help out in any way – the work the Parents Guild does directly benefits your children. Thank you.

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I hope you all have a lovely weekend and once again enjoy the nice weather which is forecast once again!

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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.

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

The bus will leave the square at 1.30pm on Saturday 10 October 2015

There may still be tickets left for the game. Tickets cost £36.00

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Charlie Garnett, Imogen Brown, Evie Moore, Leah Farren, Jansen Redhead

### **Birthday's 28 Sept 2015 – 4 Oct 2015**

Jack Nuttall, Olivia Shaw

### **The VIP's**

Lewis Oliver, Niamh Kershaw, Charlie Farren, Aimee Redhead, Gabriel Gill, Leon Bingham, Oscar Rawsthorne, Marni Thompson

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**YEAR 5:** What an exciting week it has been in Year 5. The children have enjoyed a visit from the Magic Carpet theatre company and a trip to Millom Secondary School for a science show. We have also had a lot of fun performing news reports based on the Titanic and we are very much looking forward to our trip to Liverpool next week which coincides with this work. Please ensure that you send the permission slip in with your child by Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October as we leave school at 8:30am the next day. The lunchtime homework club for Year 5 proved very helpful for the children that came. Please encourage your child to come along

if they find that they are struggling with their homework. The club is held on Tuesday lunchtimes. I hope you have a lovely weekend!

**YEAR 6:** It's been another busy week in Year 6! The children thoroughly enjoyed the visit from The Magic Carpet Theatre Company on Thursday, and Friday's visit to watch the REACT science show, 'Feel the Force' was excellent. On Friday, the children were able to spend time sharing a book with their buddies; we will make time regularly for them to support their buddies. In maths, the children have been working hard to use a protractor to both measure and draw angles. This is trick; and extra practise at home would be greatly appreciated. In Literacy, the children have written news reports based on a short animation. Next week, we will be looking more closely at diary writing. In RE, the children have been reflecting on the importance of responding to the invitation to the Kingdom of God. Next week, we will be going to Mass on Tuesday morning. I hope you all have a great weekend.

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

**What's been happening?:** Thank you to those who joined us at year 4's Mass on Tuesday. Our Parents Guild had their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, they were able to appoint officials to the positions of Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. Sadly there were hardly any parents at the meeting and I would ask that parents please try to come along to their next meeting on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm. The Parents Guild are trying to organise some discos and a Christmas Fair but without the help of others coming forward it will be difficult to put these on. Please remember that these events, especially the discos are for the children to enjoy and any money raised at any events benefits the children directly. Once again, please do try to come on Tuesday.

Year 3 had a lovely visit to Hodbarrow on Wednesday; it was such beautiful weather for the walk. Everyone enjoyed The Magic Carpet Theatre on Thursday, thank you for your donations towards the cost of this event. Year 5 and 6 enjoyed visiting Millom School on Friday, taking part in the REACT Science Show. Mr McQuire really enjoyed it too! We had a good day raising funds for CAFOD on Friday. Thank you to those parents who sent in cakes for our cake stall! We raised over £400 for this worthwhile charity.

**This week:** Year 5 is going to Liverpool on Tuesday to visit the Maritime Museum to support their topic on The Titanic. The coach leaves at 8.30am and returns to school at 5pm. Children will need a packed lunch and a waterproof coat please. Our Parents Guild have their meeting at 6pm in year 4 classroom. Our school governors meet at 6pm on Wednesday. Reception Class have their photograph taken for the North West Evening Mail's First Class edition on Thursday. This was rearranged from last Friday.

On Friday afternoon at 2pm we have our Open Afternoon for Prospective Parents.

**Advance information for this Half Term:** Year 5 have their class Mass on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30am. Our Parents Evenings are being held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October from 3.30pm until 6pm, a letter will be sent home next week about this. We break up for half term on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 3.15pm.

**Martin's After School Clubs:** Martin has returned to work so the football clubs on Tuesday and Friday will be running this week as planned.

**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.

**VERY 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 had their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September when they were looking to form a new committee and also have some new people to come and join them as helpers. Sadly, there were very few parents that came and although committee official positions were filled it will be impossible for the Parents Guild to continue with their good fund raising work without the help of more parents. Please could **all parents** make an effort to come to the meeting they are having on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October and see if you can help out in any way – the work the Parents Guild does directly benefits 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 2016. 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.

Parents of children who will be 7 years old before 31<sup>st</sup> August, who do not currently attend our school but would like their child to transfer into year 3 in September 2016, would also be very welcome.

**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 once again enjoy the nice weather which is forecast once again!

#### **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.

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

The bus will leave the square at 1.30pm on Saturday 10 October 2015

There may still be tickets left for the game. Tickets cost £36.00

(£20.00 for the ticket £16.00 for the seat on the bus)

If you are interested please contact Martin.

#### **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.

Mathletics Thursday Group starts on Thursday 24 September: 3.15pm to 4.00pm.

Mathletics Friday Group starts on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September: 3.15 to 4.00pm.

### **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**

Charlie Garnett, Imogen Brown, Evie Moore, Leah Farren, Jansen Redhead

### **Birthday's 28 Sept 2015 – 4 Oct 2015**

Jack Nuttall, Olivia Shaw

### **The VIP's**

Lewis Oliver, Niamh Kershaw, Charlie Farren, Aimee Redhead, Gabriel Gill, Leon Bingham, Oscar Rawsthorne, Marni Thompson

## **PRAYER INTENTIONS**

We ask you to remember in your prayers this week, Kai and Harrison's mum, Carla Aston, who is in hospital at the moment. We ask God to take care of Carla and to help her recover quickly from her operation. We pray especially to Our Blessed Lady to comfort Carla and her family during her recovery.

(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 5<sup>th</sup> October 2015 is Menu number 2.

## **CHRISTMAS SHOPPING TRIP**

### **TO LIVERPOOL**

**SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

**£15 PER PERSON**

***Please let us know by 9<sup>th</sup> October if you would like to book seats on the coach***

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

#### **OCTOBER**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> – Year 5 trip to Liverpool  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> – Open Afternoon for Children starting in Sept 2016

#### **NOVEMBER**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> & all week - Cyclewise Training – Year 5  
Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> – Parents Guild Liverpool Xmas Shopping Trip  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> – School Nurse Drop In 1.30pm – 2.30pm  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> – Tom Palmer, Author in school

#### **DECEMBER**

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> – School Christmas Fair  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> – Carol Service KS1 Led  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> – KS1 Santa Express Trip  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> – Choir singing at the Blind Society Xmas Party  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – KS2 Barrow Pantomime Trip  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> – Break up at 1.30pm ☺

### **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.**

### **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)

#### **SCHOOL MASS TIMES**

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

#### **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*

**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: .....

*Please write e-mail address as it should be written i.e. School123@school.com*

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.

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