



St James Catholic Primary School Newsletter

9th November 2015

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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).

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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 there is a link to this on our school website.

Birthday's 2nd Nov. 2015 – 8th Nov. 2015: Megan Goodwin, Jansen Redhead, Callum High, Olivia Robinson

The VIP's: Maddox Gerrish, Hannah Turner, Maddie Hartley, Harley Heasley, Callum High, Usha Philip Jakubowski, Madison Bickerdike Freya Lupton, Annie Mitchell, Rylee Barker, George Rocca, Rowan McMeekin

PRAYER INTENTIONS: Please remember in your prayers this week all who tragically died in the Sharm El Sheik air disaster. We ask God to comfort their families at this sad time. (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: Please remember to order your child's school meals or cancel them by 9.30am - the website address is www.lunchshop.co.uk The menu for week beginning 9th November 2015 is Menu number 3.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING TRIP TO LIVERPOOL: Our Parents Guild have organised a shopping trip to Liverpool on **SATURDAY 14th NOVEMBER 7.30am from the Square - £15 PER PERSON Please pay for your seat immediately if you have not already done so. All seats have been booked.**

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 10th – Parents Guild Meeting 6pm
Friday 13th – Return Date deadline for Shoebox Appeal
Saturday 14th – Parents Guild Liverpool Xmas Shopping Trip
Saturday 21st – Parish Fair in School 2pm
Thursday 26th – School Nurse Drop In 1.30pm – 2.30pm
Thursday 26th – Tom Palmer, Author in school
Monday 30th – KS2 Advent Service 10.30am KS1 Advent Service 10.50am

DECEMBER

Monday 1st – Childline Workshops
Sunday 6th – School Christmas Fair
Monday 7th – Carol Service KS1 Led
Tuesday 8th – School Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 9th – KS2 Christmas Play 2pm
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MASS TIMES

FOR OUR LADY & ST JAMES RC CHURCH, MILLOM

Mass is celebrated on Sunday morning at 10.30am
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SACRED HEART RC CHURCH, CONISTON

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You can contact Fr Robert Halshaw on 01229 779673 For details and information please visit the website www.saintfrancescumbria.com

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Tuesday 10th November: Yr 3 Mass & Refreshments in school afterwards

Tuesday 17th November: Year 4 Mass

Tuesday 24th November: Year 5 Mass

Monday 30th November: Year 6 Mass

Tuesday 8th December: Year 3 Mass

Thursday 17th December: Whole School Mass

RESIDENTIAL TRIP DATES 2016

Year 4 Ilkley – Wednesday 25th – Friday 27th May

Year 5 Lockerbie – Wednesday 18th – Friday 20th May

Year 6 London – Monday 13th – Wednesday 15th June

TERM DATES 2015 – 2016

Autumn Term 2015: **Monday 7th September – Thursday 17th December**

Half term – Monday 26th – Friday 30th October

Spring Term 2016: **Tuesday 5th January – Thursday 24th**

March

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Summer Term 2016: **Monday 11th April – Thursday 21st July**

Bank Holiday – Monday 2nd May

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RECEPTION: Well we have had a fun week. We have started our new text 'Farmer Duck' and enjoyed retelling the story; Farmer Duck and the lazy farmer even paid a visit to the classroom. We will be continuing with this next week.

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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.

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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 there is a link to this on our school website.

Birthday's 2nd Nov. 2015 – 8th Nov. 2015: Megan Goodwin, Jansen Redhead, Callum High, Olivia Robinson

The VIP's: Maddox Gerrish, Hannah Turner, Maddie Hartley, Harley Heasley, Callum High, Usha Philip Jakubowski, Madison Bickerdike Freya Lupton, Annie Mitchell, Rylee Barker, George Rocca, Rowan McMeekin

PRAYER INTENTIONS: Please remember in your prayers this week all who tragically died in the Sharm El Sheik air disaster. We ask God to comfort their families at this sad time. (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: Please remember to order your child's school meals or cancel them by 9.30am - the website address is www.lunchshop.co.uk The menu for week beginning 9th November 2015 is Menu number 3.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING TRIP TO LIVERPOOL: Our Parents Guild have organised a shopping trip to Liverpool on **SATURDAY 14th NOVEMBER 7.30am from the Square - £15 PER PERSON Please pay for your seat immediately if you have not already done so. All seats have been booked.**

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 10th – Parents Guild Meeting 6pm
Friday 13th – Return Date deadline for Shoebox Appeal
Saturday 14th – Parents Guild Liverpool Xmas Shopping Trip
Saturday 21st – Parish Fair in School 2pm
Thursday 26th – School Nurse Drop In 1.30pm – 2.30pm
Thursday 26th – Tom Palmer, Author in school
Monday 30th – KS2 Advent Service 10.30am KS1 Advent Service 10.50am

DECEMBER

Monday 1st – Childline Workshops
Sunday 6th – School Christmas Fair
Monday 7th – Carol Service KS1 Led
Tuesday 8th – School Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 9th – KS2 Christmas Play 2pm
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MASS TIMES

FOR OUR LADY & ST JAMES RC CHURCH, MILLOM

Mass is celebrated on Sunday morning at 10.30am
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You can contact Fr Robert Halshaw on 01229 779673 For details and information please visit the website www.saintfrancescumbria.com

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Tuesday 10th November: Yr 3 Mass & Refreshments in school afterwards
Tuesday 17th November: Year 4 Mass
Tuesday 24th November: Year 5 Mass
Monday 30th November: Year 6 Mass
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RESIDENTIAL TRIP DATES 2016

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

TERM DATES 2015 – 2016

Autumn Term 2015: **Monday 7th September – Thursday 17th December**

Half term – Monday 26th – Friday 30th October

Spring Term 2016: **Tuesday 5th January – Thursday 24th March**

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RECEPTION: Well we have had a fun week. We have started our new text 'Farmer Duck' and enjoyed retelling the story; Farmer Duck and the lazy farmer even paid a visit to the classroom. We will be continuing with this next week.

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St James Catholic Primary School Newsletter

9th November 2015

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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 there is a link to this on our school website.

Birthday's 2nd Nov. 2015 – 8th Nov. 2015: Megan Goodwin, Jansen Redhead, Callum High, Olivia Robinson

The VIP's: Maddox Gerrish, Hannah Turner, Maddie Hartley, Harley Heasley, Callum High, Usha Philip Jakubowski, Madison Bickerdike Freya Lupton, Annie Mitchell, Rylee Barker, George Rocca, Rowan McMeekin

PRAYER INTENTIONS: Please remember in your prayers this week all who tragically died in the Sharm El Sheik air disaster. We ask God to comfort their families at this sad time. (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: Please remember to order your child's school meals or cancel them by 9.30am - the website address is www.lunchshop.co.uk The menu for week beginning 9th November 2015 is Menu number 3.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING TRIP TO LIVERPOOL: Our Parents Guild have organised a shopping trip to Liverpool on **SATURDAY 14th NOVEMBER 7.30am from the Square - £15 PER PERSON Please pay for your seat immediately if you have not already done so. All seats have been booked.**

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 10th – Parents Guild Meeting 6pm
Friday 13th – Return Date deadline for Shoebox Appeal
Saturday 14th – Parents Guild Liverpool Xmas Shopping Trip
Saturday 21st – Parish Fair in School 2pm
Thursday 26th – School Nurse Drop In 1.30pm – 2.30pm
Thursday 26th – Tom Palmer, Author in school
Monday 30th – KS2 Advent Service 10.30am KS1 Advent Service 10.50am

DECEMBER

Monday 1st – Childline Workshops
Sunday 6th – School Christmas Fair
Monday 7th – Carol Service KS1 Led
Tuesday 8th – School Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 9th – KS2 Christmas Play 2pm
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MASS TIMES

FOR OUR LADY & ST JAMES RC CHURCH, MILLOM

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You can contact Fr Robert Halshaw on 01229 779673 For details and information please visit the website www.saintfrancescumbria.com

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Tuesday 10th November: Yr 3 Mass & Refreshments in school afterwards

Tuesday 17th November: Year 4 Mass

Tuesday 24th November: Year 5 Mass

Monday 30th November: Year 6 Mass

Tuesday 8th December: Year 3 Mass

Thursday 17th December: Whole School Mass

RESIDENTIAL TRIP DATES 2016

Year 4 Ilkley – Wednesday 25th – Friday 27th May

Year 5 Lockerbie – Wednesday 18th – Friday 20th May

Year 6 London – Monday 13th – Wednesday 15th June

TERM DATES 2015 – 2016

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Half term – Monday 26th – Friday 30th October

Spring Term 2016: **Tuesday 5th January – Thursday 24th March**

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RECEPTION: Well we have had a fun week. We have started our new text 'Farmer Duck' and enjoyed retelling the story; Farmer Duck and the lazy farmer even paid a visit to the classroom. We will be continuing with this next week.

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