



St James Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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

RECEPTION: It's getting very exciting in Reception! We have been finding out about Advent and making some promises as we get nearer to Christmas. Our Carol Service takes place on Monday evening and I'm sure you've heard a line or two at home from our carols. The Stay and Play session cancelled this week will be rearranged as soon as possible. We look forward to our trip on the Santa Express on Thursday and Christmas Lunch on Tuesday. Our work over the next couple of weeks will be around the Christmas theme. See you at the Christmas Fair on Sunday!

YEAR 1: We have had a great week in Year 1! We have been finding out about the Advent wreath and what it means, along with writing the Christmas story. In Maths, we have been using our number bonds to 10 to help us add numbers up to 20. Next week, we will be doing our Carol Concert on Monday at 6pm in Church, please come along and listen to the fantastic singing. On Tuesday it will be our Christmas Jumper and Dinner day, please make sure that you have ordered your child a Christmas dinner if they want one. Finally, on Thursday it is our trip to the Santa Express! Thank you to everyone who has returned their forms and money – it will be an excellent day! Have a lovely weekend!

YEAR 2: We have completed our work with 'the Papaya who spoke' this week and created our own stories. The children have enjoyed this work and produced some fantastic ideas. This week we are looking at non chronological reports. In maths we have completed our number work and are going to look at lots of addition facts. It is our Carol Service on Monday in Church. We are having a dress rehearsal in the afternoon at 2pm and then the performance at 6pm in the evening. We look forward to seeing you then. Thank you to everyone who donated to our class hamper, it is really appreciated. Have a great weekend!

YEAR 3: Well it certainly feels like Christmas is coming – this week has been a rehearsal week and the little sheep are looking forward to seeing you at one of the performances next week! As already stated children are required to wear to black bottoms and a white top. We have sent the children's PE kits home in case you wanted to use their t-shirts as they might need a quick wash! As well as our rehearsals, we have been thinking about Advent promises and had a lovely advent service on Monday. We have also been looking at column addition in maths and non-chronological reports in our writing lessons. We also look forward to seeing you all at our annual Christmas fair on Sunday. Have a lovely weekend.

YEAR 4: Things are really starting to get busy in school and rehearsals for the Christmas play are in full swing! In between rehearsals, we have been continuing our work on time and working out how long things last. Time seems to be something which a number of the children are still struggling with so any extra practice on this important skill will be really beneficial to them. In Literacy, we have been looking at writing our own diaries based on a model called "The Crisp Day." This coming week, we will be beginning to plan our own diary as a wartime evacuee. In Maths, I will be looking to revisit the calculation methods that that children have been using for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Our RE work is based on Mary and Joseph and their trust in God. We will also be looking in detail at the Advent Wreath and what it symbolises. This Sunday is our school Christmas Fair. I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your generous donations towards the class hamper; it really does look great. See you on Sunday!

YEAR 5: It has been a busy week in Year 5! We began our work on discussion texts in literacy and we have had many interesting and lively debates. We are currently looking at the question 'Should the wolf's name be cleared?' which is based around the books *Little Red Riding Hood* and *The Wolf's Story*. So far some great work has been produced! On Tuesday we were very fortunate to take part in a workshop with Childline who came in to discuss some very serious issues. The children were incredibly mature and were all really engaged with the activities. I would like to remind you that our Christmas play is next week, so we need to have all of the children's costumes in school on Monday. Please put them in a bag with your child's name on so that they don't get mixed up with anybody else's. Just a reminder that Year 5 are cows and our costume will be black/brown trousers with a white top which can be cut or painted. I hope you have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas play next week!

YEAR 6: We've been really busy rehearsing for our play, 'Straw and Order' this week; I hope you are able to attend one of our performances. Thank you to all parents who have sat and helped their children to learn their lines! Thank you also to all those who contributed towards our Bathroom themed hamper for the Christmas Fair- it was fabulous when packaged ready for Sunday. This week we have been learning how to deal with remainders when dividing. I have copied methods on the homework sheet that will help children who have forgotten! In RE we have been thinking about Advent and getting ourselves ready for Christmas. Have a great weekend.

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

What's been happening?:

We had a lovely start to Advent this week. Year 6 joined the parishioners at Mass on Monday and afterwards Fr Bob held special Advent Services for KS1 and KS2. On Tuesday we had a visit from a lady from Childline, who held an assembly for Year 5 & 6 before joining them for workshops and activities linked to Childline.

All of the children have been busy practising for the KS1 Carol Service and KS2 Christmas Play. Things are sounding beautiful and we know you are really going to enjoy next week's performances!

Friday was the last assembly of this term and 2015! How quickly the term seems to have gone!
Please remember that it is our school CHRISTMAS FAIR on SUNDAY 6th DECEMBER. The fun starts at 11.30am and goes on until 2.30pm. There will be lots of stalls, including tombolas, raffles and cake stall. Hot and cold food will be available to buy together with the usual refreshments. Father Christmas will be in his Grotto! Entertainment will be provided by Holborn Hill Junior Band and Millom Amateur Dramatics Society (MADS). Admission is £1 for adults and children free. Come and join us for a great afternoon of fun and entertainment!

This week:

On Monday 7th, KS1 will take the lead in this year's Carol Service, which will be in Church at 6pm. There will, as always be a raffle at the back of Church. Children from Year 2 will need to be at school at 5.30pm to get changed into their costumes. Please could parents of children from Reception and Year 1 drop children off in Church at 5.45pm, where their class teachers will be waiting. No tickets are needed for the Carol Service but it does get rather busy. There will be a dress rehearsal in Church at 2pm, you can, if you wish come to this. On Tuesday, we have our School Christmas Dinner, hopefully parents will have already booked this online. This will also be our 'Wear A Christmas Jumper To School' Day! We ask children to come to school in uniform but to wear a Christmas Jumper instead of their usual burgundy school jumpers or cardigans. Could we please ask for donations of £1 as we are raising money for the Annual Christmas Meal for Elderly Parishioners, many thanks for your kindness and generosity in helping us with this.

On Wednesday afternoon at 2pm in school, we have the first performance of the KS2 Christmas Play, Straw and Order. There are a further two performances on Thursday at 2pm and 6pm. Tickets have been sent home with children as per your request sheets. There are some spare tickets for the afternoon performances, which Mrs High will give out on from the office at 9am Monday morning. This will be on a first come, first served basis. A raffle will be held at all performances. Also on Thursday, KS1 will be going up to Ravenglass for a ride on the Santa Express, where they will be able to meet Father Christmas! The coaches will leave school at 9.30am and will return by the end of the school day. Children are to wear their school uniform with coat, hat and gloves please. Packed lunches will be needed for this trip. Could any outstanding payments of £11 for this trip be sent in to our school office on Monday please. On Friday, our Little Jimmy's Toddler Group will be having their last session of this year. This will be their Christmas Party and if they are all good then I'm sure Father Christmas might just come and visit them! Our School Choir will be singing at the Blind Society Christmas Party on Friday afternoon, this will be held in The Salvation Army Citadel.

Advance information for This Half Term:

On Monday 14th KS2 will be going to Forum 28 to watch the Pantomime, Jack and the Beanstalk. Children need to wear their school uniform. Children will have their lunches before setting off so school dinners can be ordered as normal. The coaches leave at 11.45am and should return to school at 4.30pm. Please do send any remaining slips and money (£13) in to school on Monday 7th December.

KS1 have their Christmas Party on Monday afternoon.

Year 6 play host to the elderly parishioners of St Francis of Assisi on Tuesday 15th for their annual Christmas Meal at 6.30pm. Our school choir will also be singing at this event and will need to wear their choir uniforms please.

Year 5 & 6 party is on Tuesday 15th with year 3 & 4 having theirs on Wednesday 16th.

Year 5 & 6 will be singing carols in Tesco throughout the day Wednesday to raise funds to subsidise their residential trips to Lockerbie and London next year. Please do go in and support them if you possibly can.

Finally we have our end of term Mass at 9.30am on Thursday 17th December and we break up at 1.30pm ☺

IMPORTANT: Please can we ask you to check your children's heads thoroughly this weekend. We have had some instances of head lice in school this week so please do be vigilant. Lotion is no longer available from the Children's Centre. We have been advised to direct people to the Community Pharmacy Minor Ailment Scheme which is at either of the Chemists in Millom. If you do NOT normally pay a prescription charge, pharmacists will be able to provide you with advice and/or medicines for minor conditions free of charge.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS: Wednesday & Thursday Multi Skills, Tuesday & Friday Football, Tuesday Tennis and Thursday & Friday Athletics after school clubs have now finished and will not be on again until January.

The last choir will be on Monday 7th December and the last Art Club will be on Wednesday 9th December.

I hope to see you all at our Christmas Fair on Sunday!

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:

- Monday:** Choir – 3.15pm – 4.00pm
- Tuesday:** Tennis Club – 3.00pm – 4.00pm at the Sports Hall
- Wednesday:** KS2 Multi Skills - 3.15pm to 4.15pm.
- Wednesday:** Mrs Marmion's Art Club 3.15pm – 4.15pm
- Thursday:** KS1 Multi Skills - 3.15pm to 4.15pm.
- Thursday:** Athletics - 3.15pm to 4.00pm.
- Friday:** Athletics - 3.15 to 4.00pm.

SWIMMING – WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

**Swimming will start for years 5 & 6 on Wednesday 6th January and continue throughout the spring term. The lessons will be in the afternoons:
 Spring Term – Years 5 & 6
 Summer Term Years 3 & 4**

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 ☺ Names are needed for the Little Jimmy's Christmas Party by Friday 26th November please put your child's name on the list or contact Wendy Wallace. Many thanks.

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 there is a link to this on our school website.

Birthdays 30th Nov 2015 – 6th Dec 2015: Brooke Betteridge, Molly Cairns

Birthdays 7th Dec 2015 – 3rd January 2016: Aria Allington, Lyla Shaw, Holly Clunie, Aoife Crocker, Sharona Hornby, Connor Jackson, Evie Turner, Erin Nugent, Klayden Wright, Thomas Garnett

The VIP's: Samuel Atkinson, Tom Garnett, Erin Nugent, Roisin Ruddy, Harvey Waistell, Drew Heasley, Jack Mossop

Certificates: Luka Allington, Ellen Armitage, Freya Lupton, Emma Ivison, Blaze Lambillion,

PRAYER INTENTIONS: Please remember in your prayers this week Aoife's Grandad who is poorly and having treatment at the moment. We ask God to take care of him and help him to get better soon.

Can we please ask you to pray for Emelia's Nanna, Pauline Cairns, who has very sadly died last week and also for Rhys' Godmother, Alex Kellet who has also very sadly died last week. We ask God to welcome Pauline and Alex into His Kingdom. We pray especially for their families and friends at this very sad time and ask Our Blessed Lady to comfort and take care of them all. We give our love and heartfelt sympathy to Donna Cairns, her sisters & brother and their family and also to Joan & Mick Kellet and their family, and all of Alex's friends at this very difficult time. Please join us as we pray especially for Pauline and Alex – *Eternal rest give unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen*

(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 7th DECEMBER 2015 IS MENU NUMBER 1. WE WILL BE HAVING OUR WHOLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS DINNER ON TUESDAY 8th DECEMBER 2015.

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

DECEMBER

Monday 7th – Carol Service KS1 Led
Tuesday 8th – School Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day
Wednesday 9th – KS2 Christmas Play 2pm
Thursday 10th – KS1 Santa Express Trip
Thursday 10th – KS2 Christmas Play 2pm & 6pm
Friday 11th – Little Jimmy's Christmas Party am
Friday 11th – Choir singing at the Blind Society Xmas Party
Monday 14th – KS2 Barrow Pantomime Trip
Monday 14th – KS1 Christmas Party
Tuesday 15th – Years 5 & 6 Christmas Party
Tuesday 15th – Elderly Parishioners Christmas Dinner hosted by yr 6 @ 6.30pm
Wednesday 16th – Years 3 & 4 Christmas Party
Wednesday 16th – Yr 5 & 6 Singing at Tesco during the school day

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

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

RESIDENTIAL TRIP DATES 2017

Year 4 Ilkley – Wednesday 24th – Friday 26th May
Year 5 Lockerbie – Wednesday 17th – Friday 19th May

<p>Thursday 17th – End of Term Mass at 9.30am Thursday 17th – Break up at 1.30pm ☺ <u>JANUARY 2016</u> Tuesday 5th – Start back at school</p>	<p><u>TERM DATES 2015 – 2016</u> Autumn Term 2015: Monday 7th September – Thursday 17th December <i>Half term – Monday 26th – Friday 30th October</i> Spring Term 2016: Tuesday 5th January – Thursday 24th March <i>Half term – Monday 15th – Friday 19th February</i> Summer Term 2016: Monday 11th April – Thursday 21st July <i>Bank Holiday – Monday 2nd May</i> <i>Half term – Monday 30th – Friday 3rd June</i></p>
<p><u>SCHOOL MASS TIMES</u> Tuesday 8th December: Year 3 Mass Thursday 17th December: Whole School Mass</p>	
<p><u>IMPORTANT - SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS & INFORMATION:</u> 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, they will also be put on our school website and a link to this will be put on our school Facebook page. The address for our School Website is: www.stjamesrc.cumbria.sch.uk</p>	
<p><u>2016 RUGBY LEAGUE TRIPS</u> There are a few places left for the Flag Waving at the World Club Game between Wigan Warriors and Brisbane Broncos. This will be at Wigan on Saturday 20th February at 8pm. There are also some places left for the Leeds Rhinos v North Queensland Cowboys, which is at Leeds on Sunday 21st February at 8pm. Tickets are £23 per adult, £14 per child and £18 for the bus. Please contact Martin Cairns or our school office if you would like to book places. Many thanks.</p>	
<p><u>CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN IN THE MILLOM AREA</u> We are hoping to repeat the success of last year's appeal which made Christmas a happier time for some children in need in our area. Please can you help with donations of new toys however large or small. They can be wrapped or unwrapped. If wrapped please label with boy / girl and age. Unwrapped presents are fine too. Shelagh Cloudsdale in Reception Class will be a collection point for any presents or Kay Tyson. Collections can be arranged by ringing 770041. Thank you for your support ☺</p>	
<p><u>EXTRA TICKETS FOR KS2 PLAY</u> Hopefully you will have received the tickets you requested for the play. There are some extra tickets for the Afternoon Performances of the KS2 Play. If you would like any more tickets for these performances, please come to the office at 9am on Monday morning and Mrs High will give them out.</p>	<p>ST JAMES' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR SUNDAY 6th DECEMBER Starts at 11.30am until 2.30pm <i>Father Christmas will be in his Grotto</i> <i>Raffle, Tombolas, cake & many other stalls</i> <i>Hot & Cold food available</i> Admission £1 – children free</p>
<p><u>CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY:</u> Children come to school in their school uniforms but wear a CHRISTMAS jumper instead of their usual burgundy jumper or cardigan. <i>We are asking for donations of £1; which will go towards the Christmas meal for senior parishioners.</i></p>	
<p><u>KS1 CAROL SERVICE INFORMATION</u> <u>MONDAY 7th DECEMBER 6pm</u> Children from Year 2 are to be dropped off at school at 5.30pm. Children from Reception and Year 1 – please could parents take children to Church at 5.45pm where their teachers will be waiting for them. Please could children from KS1 wear their school uniforms. Choir children are to go to Church for 5.45pm in their choir uniforms please. The Carol Service starts at 6pm. Tickets are not given out for the Carol Service and you can sit where you want in Church apart from the front seats which are reserved for the children. *There will be a dress rehearsal at 2pm if parents would like to come to this. Please could we ask parents to be quiet and respectful when in Church before and after the service. <u>Unfortunately video and photography is not allowed at the performance as some parents have not given their consent. Thank you.</u></p>	<p>The Beggars' Theatre present A Christmas Carol On Thursday 10th December 7.30pm – 9.30pm £12 adult £7 concessions <i>(yes - you will have time to go to this after KS2 play!)</i></p> <p><u>KS2 PLAY INFORMATION</u> <u>WEDNESDAY 9th & THURSDAY 10th DECEMBER</u> <u>2pm (both days) & 6pm (Thursday only)</u> Children from Year 6 are to be in school by 5.30pm. Children from Years 3, 4 & 5 are to be in school for 5.40pm. All costumes are to be brought into school on Monday 7th December, please could these be in a bag with your child's name on it to avoid mix ups. Tickets which you ordered, have been sent home and you should have received them. There are no tickets left for Thursday evening but we do have some for Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. If you would like any of these, please come to the school office on Monday morning at 9am, where Mrs High will give them out on a first come – first served basis. <u>Unfortunately video and photography is not allowed at the performance as some parents have not given their consent. Thank you.</u></p>