



St James Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Christmas to Tuesday 5 January 2015

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

RECEPTION

We have had a wonderful week in Reception! Our carol service was lovely and we hope you enjoyed it as much as the children and staff did. It was lovely to see so many children and parents supporting this event, thank you.

We had a fabulous trip on the Santa Express; it was lots of fun meeting Father Christmas and holding Rudolph's bells. Our classroom has been transformed into Santa's grotto we have had lots of fun designing and building toys, wrapping presents, weighing parcels, playing in the snow. We will be continuing with our Christmas theme activities next week. We will be making wrapping paper, paper chains and lots of other exciting things.

It is our Christmas party on Monday and letters have been sent home explaining what happens.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend and Christmas.

YEAR 1

We have had a great week in Year 1 this week! Our Christmas Carol Service was a great success and we hope that you enjoyed it as much as we did performing it. The children sang beautifully and did their best! We also had a magical trip on the Santa Express on Thursday. The children really enjoyed all parts of the day – especially meeting Father Christmas! Next week we have our Christmas Party on Monday, and we have sent home with the children the letters explaining the day and what food we will need sending in with your child. All contributions will be really appreciated! We hope that you have a lovely weekend!

YEAR 2

We came to the end of a very busy term. Everyone has worked hard and produced some fantastic work. We have completed all the work with 'The Papaya who Spoke' and linked to this some non-chronological reports. We have looked at the life of Florence Nightingale and changes she made to nursing. In RE next week we are completing our Nativity stories. May I wish everyone a peaceful, merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to seeing everyone after the holidays.

YEAR 3

Well, we have had a fun week in Year 3 performing our Christmas play to you all – we hope you enjoyed our Sheep Shimmy! Thank you for your support with providing the costumes for this – it really does help us massively! We have also started some Christmas crafts and are looking forward to the fun of next week. On Monday, don't forget - we are going to the Pantomime at the Forum in Barrow, we will leave in school time and return around 4:30 pm. Children area able to have a hot school dinner or packed lunch before we leave as usual. On Wednesday, we have the Year 3 and Year 4 Party. A separate letter has been sent home about this. On Thursday, we have our end of term mass before we break up for Christmas at 1:30pm. Have a lovely and peaceful Christmas.

YEAR 4

Its been a busy week in year 4 and we have all enjoyed performing our Christmas Play, we hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did! On Monday we will be going to watch 'Jack & The Beanstalk' at Barrow, we will be having our lunch before we leave school so school meals can still be ordered. Children need to wear their school uniforms on Monday, they do not need any money as they will all receive an Ice Pop during the interval. On Wednesday we have our Christmas Party, you will have a separate letter with details about this. On Thursday we have our end of term Mass in Church at 9.30am, parents, family and friends are very welcome to join us as we celebrate our successful term and look forward to Christmas. We break up at 1.30pm.

I hope you all have a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year and I look forward to seeing the children in 2016!

YEAR 5

I would like to begin by thanking everyone who contributed to our chocolate themed Christmas Hamper. A big effort was put into creating it and it really did pay off as we were the lucky winners of the best decorated hamper competition! On Wednesday and Thursday we performed our Christmas play, *Straw and Order* and all of the children acted and sang beautifully. I hope you enjoyed watching it as much as we enjoyed performing it! Thank you very much for putting together the children's wonderful costumes and to all those who helped with the face painting; the children looked fantastic! Next week, we are going to Barrow on Monday to see *Jack and the Beanstalk* at The Forum. We have arranged to have an early lunch at school before leaving and the children can have either a school meal or a packed lunch as usual. On Tuesday afternoon, it is our school Christmas party and the children have all been given letters asking for contributions of party food. Wednesday will see the children carol singing at Tesco to raise money for our residential trip next year; any support from family and friends would be very welcome on this day. Finally, school will break up for Christmas at 1:30pm on Thursday after mass in the morning. I hope you all have a lovely

weekend. Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

YEAR 6

The end of term is fast approaching and I think everyone is ready for a well-earned rest. I hope you enjoyed the Christmas play, 'Straw and Order'; the children acted and sang beautifully. Next week, we are off to Barrow on Monday to see Jack and the Beanstalk at The Forum. We have arranged to have lunch early at school before leaving for the theatre. The children can have either a school lunch or a packed lunch as usual. We anticipate being back at school for 4:30pm, but updates will appear on the school Facebook page. On Tuesday afternoon, it is our school Christmas party; the children have all brought letters home, asking for contributions of party food. On Wednesday, the children have been invited to sing carols at Tesco, to raise money for their residential trips next year. We hope to take groups of children to sing during the school day. On Thursday morning, we will finish the term with Mass in church. I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year.

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

What's been happening?

Well done to KS1 who led the Carol Service in Church on Monday. Everyone sang beautifully and the acting of the Nativity by Year 2 children was wonderful. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Thank you to the staff who organised and helped the children. We had a lovely Christmas Dinner on Tuesday and it was lovely to see all of the children in their Christmas Jumpers too! Thank you for the jumper day donations, these will go towards the Christmas Dinner for the elderly parishioners. Thank you to Karen Pugh, our cook and her team – Angela, Nicola and Sarah, for all of their hard work in preparing such a beautiful meal for us all. Well done to KS2 for doing so well during the three performances of their play on Wednesday and Thursday. Thank you to all of the KS2 staff who worked so hard to produce such a brilliant Christmas play, Straw and Order. The acting from year 6 was amazing and the singing animals from years 3, 4 and 5 were lovely. KS1 had a great visit to the Santa Express on Thursday; they loved seeing Father Christmas and receiving their presents. Our Little Jimmy's Toddler Group enjoyed their Christmas party on Friday morning. Thank you to group leader, Wendy Wallace for organising it and for all of her hard work this year.

This week

On Monday 14th KS2 will be going to Forum 28 to watch the Pantomime, Jack and the Beanstalk. We will be having our lunch early before we set off so children can have a hot school dinner if they wish. This can be ordered online on lunchshop as usual. Please do send any remaining trip payments in as soon as possible. We should be back between 4 – 4.30pm, but will text you and update our facebook page to give you a more accurate time. KS1 have their Christmas Party on Monday afternoon, a letter has been sent home with details of what you are to send in. 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 and helping at this event. Please could children be in school by 6.15pm ready to receive guests at 6.30pm. Children need to wear school or choir uniforms. 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. Finally on Thursday 17th December we have our end of term school Mass at 9.30am and we **break up at 1.30pm.**

Next Term

We start back to school on Tuesday 5th January 2016. Please remember to order your child's school meals online by visiting www.lunchshop.co.uk

Christmas Fair

Thank you to our Parents Guild for organising and running last Sunday's Christmas Fair. Thank you for the many donations of prizes and cakes, we really appreciate your kindness. The total raised was just short of £2000, which was a brilliant achievement! Thanks to the Parents and Staff who gave up their time to run the stalls and help out. Well done everyone!

This is the last newsletter before we break up, on behalf of the pupils, staff and governors, I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Peaceful New Year.

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

Mon: Choir - 3.15pm – 4.00pm

Tues: Tennis Club - 3.00pm – 4.00pm - Sports Hall

Wed: KS2 Multi Skills - 3.15pm to 4.15pm.

Wed: Mrs Marmion's Art Club - 3.15pm – 4.15pm

Thurs: KS1 Multi Skills - 3.15pm to 4.15pm.

Thurs: Athletics - 3.15pm to 4.00pm.

Fri: Athletics - 3.15 to 4.00pm.

SWIMMING – WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Swimming will start for years 5 & 6 on Wednesday 6 January 2016. The lessons will be in the afternoons and will be as follows:- **Spring Term (starts 6th January) 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 ☺

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.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We have had some awful weather in Cumbria during the last couple of weeks and many places have been flooded with property destroyed. Please do remember in your prayers, all of our fellow Cumbrians and those from Lancashire who have suffered and are still disrupted. We pray that they will receive the help they need both now and in the long term. We ask you to pray for all of our family and friends who are ill at the moment. Please pray especially for Lisa Cloudsdale, Dave Bridges, Fr Bob and Brendan McCrae as they continue with their treatments or their recoveries. Please pray for John Date and Cosh Fallows who aren't too well at the moment and also for Norma Date as she waits for her operation. We remember those who have lost family members recently and we ask Our Blessed Lady to comfort them at this very difficult time. We also pray for all of us as we go into our Christmas break, we ask God to take care of us all and keep us safe and well during the festive period.

(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 MONDAY 14 DECEMBER 2015 is menu 2. The menu for week beginning MONDAY 4 JANUARY 2016 is Menu 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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DECEMBER

Monday 14th – KS2 Barrow Pantomime Trip
Monday 14th – KS1 Christmas Party
Tuesday 15th – Years 5 & 6 Christmas Party
Wednesday 16th – Years 3 & 4 Christmas Party
Wednesday 16th – Elderly Parishioners Christmas Dinner hosted by yr 6 @6.30pm
Thursday 17th – Break up at 1.30pm ☺

JANUARY 2016

Tuesday 5th – Start back at school

SCHOOL MASS TIMES

Thursday 17th December: Whole School Mass

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 5.30 – 5.55pm
You can contact Fr Robert Halshaw on 01229 779673 For details and information please visit the website

www.saintfrancescumbria.com

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Thursday 24th December (Christmas Eve) – 7pm Carols followed by Mass at 7.30pm at Our Lady & St James' Millom
Friday 25th December (Christmas Day) – 10.30am Mass at Sacred Heart RC Church in Coniston

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

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**

Half term – Monday 15th – Friday 19th February

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

Bank Holiday – Monday 2nd May

Half term – Monday 30th – Friday 3rd 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, 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

CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN IN THE MILLOM AREA

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 ☺

THE BEGGARS' THEATRE

CHRISTMAS CHARITY EVENT

In aid of the Cumbria Flood Appeal

SATURDAY 12th DECEMBER

**Santa's Grotto – 6.30pm - £3 to visit Santa
Variety Performance**

7.30pm £5 adults £1 children Under 5's free

Millom's Got Talent Performances

Local Entertainment

Live Music (including our very own Mr Chris McQuire!!!!)

Raffle with many prizes

Please do come and join us at The Beggars' Theatre!