



St James Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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

RECEPTION: Well what a lovely first week back. The children have settled well. We enjoyed hearing about everyone's Christmas and it sounds like everyone had lots of fun. This week we have had a winter themed week and been looking at snowmen and things they can and cannot do. We had some fantastic ideas. In Maths we have been looking at addition and making number sentences. This was lots of fun. We will be continuing with these topics next week. In RE our topic is getting to know Jesus. This we have been looking at promises. Have a lovely weekend.

YEAR 1: We have had a great start to our Spring Term in Year 1! This week we have been learning the story of The Little Red Hen. The children wanted to show you this story, so they have brought home with them the map of the story to help them retell it to you! In maths, we have been learning our number bonds to 20, and the children have really impressed me with how quickly they are picking them up. Please could you support your children at home by asking them about their number bonds to 10 and 20? Next week, we will be carrying on with The Little Red Hen and we will be looking at adding up numbers in maths. The children will be given a reading book on Monday, as we are still assessing their phonics to see how they are progressing. Have a lovely weekend!

YEAR 2: We have had a great start to our new term this week. In literacy we have been reading 'The Magic Paintbrush' and will start some work linked to this next week. In Maths we have completed our addition revision and some of the subtraction. Next week we will complete this. The children have worked hard with the slight changes to the methods and are enjoying the challenges. We will be starting our new science topic this term. RE is the Good News and we have started looking at the story of Jairus' Daughters and the miracle Jesus performed. PE this term is on Thursday afternoons. Please can you ensure that all earrings are removed before your child comes to school and that they have their PE kits.

YEAR 3: Happy new year! Can we start by thanking you all for the lovely cards, wishes and gifts we received when we broke up! We are very grateful and they are much appreciated. We've had a great week back at school this week. Children have been working hard. In Maths, we have been completing addition techniques, before moving onto subtraction next week. In Literacy this week, we have started a unit on adventure stories and have been thinking about 'warning stories' in particular. We have started a topic on Romans and this week we have been learning about the legend Romulus and Remus. We have also revisited 'nouns' and 'proper nouns' and children's homework this week is linked to this. Have a good weekend!

YEAR 4: The children have made an impressive start back after the Christmas holidays. As well as working hard, they have enjoyed telling me all about the lovely time they had during the break. We have started this week with some work on fractions; the children are now able to read, write and, importantly, represent fractions using bar diagrams. Some of the children have even been doing this at home and bringing their work in to show me! This coming week, in Literacy, we will begin a unit on story writing where the main character has to overcome fear. We will be looking especially at how we can vary the structure of our sentences and the use of adverbial phrases in our writing. Our topic work this half term is 'What's inside me' and we will be learning about our organs and how they work to keep our bodies healthy. In RE, our topic is Jesus, the Teacher. During this topic we will be exploring the messages that Jesus taught and how they are important for us as Christians. Over the next few weeks, I will be holding an information session about our residential trip to Myddleton Grange. Please keep your eye out for the date of this meeting. Have a great weekend!

YEAR 5: Hello and Happy New Year to you all! It has been a lovely week in Year 5 as we have all enjoyed being back at school and have had a brilliant start to the new term. The children have been learning all about the perimeter of composite rectilinear shapes in maths this week and have produced some great work. Next week we will be going on to look at units of measurement. Also this week, the children had an exciting lesson on earthquakes and went through the steps of what to do if they were ever to experience one. I hope you all have a lovely weekend!

YEAR 6: Happy New Year! It is lovely to see all the children back at school and hear about their Christmas holidays. Thank you to all the parents who sent gifts for Miss Fry, Miss Toman and me; it was very kind and the gifts were all very much appreciated. This term the children are going to be learning about the country of Brazil. As well as learning about the geography of the country, they will learn more about the animals that live in the rainforest and how they are adapted to their environment. In literacy, we have started learning more about how to write a non-chronological report and in maths we have been thinking more about prime numbers. This term the children will be swimming on Wednesday afternoons and Onside PE sessions will be on a Thursday morning. The children need appropriate kit on both days.

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

On behalf of the staff and governors, I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year and I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas break.

We welcome the children back to begin our Spring Term, ready for all of the hard work ahead.

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.

LEGO ROBOTICS WORKSHOP: There will be a one off Lego Robotics after school club for **year 4 and year 5** children on Friday 15th January provided by Junior Stem Primary Robotics. Children from years 4 and 5 were given forms to take home on Thursday, giving details about the club. The maximum number they can take is 20 and we do still have a few places left, these will be allocated on a first come basis. If your child would like to take part in this exciting workshop, please do return the form to school as soon as possible. The cost of the club is £3.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS:

Choir: There will be Choir on Monday 11th January 2016. There will be **no Choir on Monday 18th January 2016.** After this it will continue every Monday as usual.

Tennis: Will begin again on Tuesday 12 January 2016.

Mathletics & Multi Skills Will begin next week at the usual times.

Football Clubs: There are **NO** after school football clubs until further notice.

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.

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

Thursday: Mathletics - 3.15pm to 4.00pm.

Friday: Mathletics - 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.

EARRINGS: Please remove your child's earrings on their PE days. And also on Swimming days. They will not be allowed to take part in PE lessons if they are wearing their earrings. Thank you.

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 4th – 10th January 2016: Erin Ferguson, Ellen Armitage, Evan Pugh, Kiera Mason

PRAYER INTENTIONS: We ask you to remember in your prayers this week, a very special friend of our school, Darren Batey who has very suddenly and sadly died just before Christmas. Darren volunteered at our school as a classroom assistant several years ago and brought such a lot of love and fun with him. He did a lot of good work for Vides UK, a youth organisation run by the Salesian Sisters, running summer camps here in the UK and in their school in Kenya. Darren was a lovely, selfless young man who gave so much of himself to benefit others. He will be very sadly missed by all who knew him. We ask God to welcome Darren into His Kingdom of Heaven. We ask our Blessed Lady to comfort Darren's parents, Karen and John and his sisters, Louise and Debra together with all of his family and friends at this sad and difficult time.

Please join us as we pray especially for Darren – *Eternal rest give unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he 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 11th JANUARY MENU NUMBER 1.

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
JANUARY 2016

Friday 15th: Yr6 Health Week (am)
Tues 19th: Yr5 & Yr6 Sportshall Athletics (Rec. Centre – pm)
Wed 20th: Yr 3 Romans Workshop with Charlie Lupton

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

SCHOOL MASS TIMES

Monday 11th Jan – Yr3 - 9.30am
Monday 1st Feb – Yr 4 - 9.30am
Monday 8th Feb – Yr5 - 9.30am
Monday 22nd Feb – Yr6 - 9.30am
Monday 29th Feb – Yr3 – 9.30am
Monday 7th Mar – Yr4 – 9.30am
Monday 14th Mar – Yr5 – 9.30am
Monday 21st Mar – Yr6 – 9.30am

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**

March

Half term – Monday 15th – Friday 19th February

Sumer 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

2016 RUGBY LEAGUE TRIPS

Rugby League Wigan v Broncos 20th February: Can all money for this trip be paid by the end of January please put it in an envelope clearly marked for martin with number of adults and children. Please can you indicate how many children would like to do the flag walk on at the moment we have around 70 children on the list martin will talk to Wigan to see if we can increase the numbers? There are still a few seats left if anybody else wants to go.

Rugby League Rocks: Rugby League have sent an email asking if we would like to go to the official launch of 2016 new season this will be at Leeds on Saturday 30th January tickets are £10 adult and children bus will be around £20 you can go on YouTube type in rugby league rocks and it shows last year's event also it's on the rugby league web site. There are limited tickets so we would have to book them in as soon as possible.



MILLOM MINI R.L.F.C TRAINING

U7/8s (School Years 1,2 & 3) begin Sunday 24th January – 10am at Millom Recreation Centre

For more information contact Lewis Lupton on 776963

U10s (Years 4 and 5) begin Friday 15th January – 5pm

U12s & U14s (Year 6-9) begin Friday 15th January - 6pm

Both on Millom School Astroturf

For more information contact Andrew James on 770066

All players welcome, new or old!

