



# St James Catholic Primary School Newsletter

## 18<sup>th</sup> January 2016

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

**RECEPTION:** Well it has been an exciting week in reception. An alien spaceship landed in The cloakroom on Tuesday morning. We have enjoyed examining it and taking our own photographs. We have been busy writing letters and lists and making spaceships with construction equipment to help the alien and to find out what's going on. The alien left us a book which we will be using next week. The children are really enjoying the beginning of this unit of work. Next week we will be building junk spaceships and toys. Therefore I would appreciate any boxes, cartons etc brought in for the children to use! In maths we have been looking at 10 and finding hidden numbers in the numicon ten frame. This has been great fun and the children have worked hard with this tricky topic. We have also been concentrating on good careful counting. In RE we have been talking about why we are special and the families we belong too. Next week we will begin our new unit on the year of mercy. The first corporal works of mercy we will be looking at is feeding the 5000. If you had put your name down for the stay and play session that got cancelled please could you let myself or Mrs Cloudsdale know as we are trying to rearrange for a date this half term. Thanks have a lovely weekend!

**YEAR 1:** This week we have been very busy being scientists and looking at different materials around our class and describing them! The children loved exploring and working in groups! In maths, our number bonds to 20 have really come along, thank you to everyone who has supported us and helped their child at home, it has really made a difference. Next week we will be looking at a new traditional tale, and we will be learning it to perform in groups before writing it into our books. Have a lovely weekend!

**YEAR 2:** Next week we are starting multiplication work linked to the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Thank you everyone who has been practicing extra at home every day this has really helped. In literacy we are changing 'The Magic Paintbrush' story to create our own. We are practicing speech between two characters and endings linked to the story. We are beginning to look at 'The Year of Mercy' in RE. Our topic this half term is China and in science we are identifying the different uses of various materials. Please keep up the daily reading, all the children are benefitting from the practice. Have a great weekend!

**YEAR 3:** This week we have continued with our Roman topic, learning about why the Romans invaded Britain. Children are enjoying this topic and asking me interesting questions! Next week, on Wednesday, we will have a visit from Charlie Lupton who will spend the day making Roman siege weapons with the children as well as other activities. This always proves to be a great day which the children thoroughly enjoy! In Maths children have been subtracting hundreds, tens and units using a number line in preparation for moving onto column subtraction next week. In Literacy, children have been reading and learning the warning story 'The Canal' and thinking about the story from the characters point of view. Next week, we will look at changing the story to complete our own version of a warning story. This week's homework is to have a 30 min go on the Athletics website – focusing on addition and to read at least 3 times. Please record entry into your child's reading diary. Many thanks. Have a lovely weekend!

**YEAR 4:** Year 4 has had a great week this week rounded off with an 'Awesome' Lego workshop and programming day. The children have also worked really hard in maths on their fraction work. This week we will be looking at simplifying fractions and adding fractions. In Literacy we will begin with a fear tale. In RE we will be beginning our work linked to the year of mercy. This will start with exploring how we are all called to be merciful. The children will need their PE kits for Tennis on Tuesday afternoon. **Please could you all have a look at home for Rio's glasses and sports clothes which have been missing before Christmas. The glasses are black Quiksilver glasses and the sports kit contains trainers and a red hooded jumper. Thanks for your help. Have a great weekend!**

**YEAR 5:** In our RE work we will be looking at a painting and learning about the Year of Mercy. In mathematics we will be learning about equivalent fractions and in English work we will be starting a new unit of work based around the story of 'Wolf Brother' by Michelle Paver. Have a good weekend.

**YEAR 6:** It's been a busy week in year 6. In maths we have been learning more about fractions in readiness for being able to calculate with fractions, which is a requirement of the new National Curriculum. The children need to be confident with their tables in order to be find equivalent fractions, so extra practise at home would be beneficial. In Literacy, we have been learning about different language structures that are found when writing a non-chronological report. The children have researched an animal that lives in the Amazon, ready to write a non-chronological report next week. Next week the children will find out more about the different types of vegetation in Brazil, focussing on the rainforest. I hope you all have a great weekend!

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

It's been a busy week as we start to get back into our work routine. Year 3 attended Mass on Tuesday morning. On Wednesday Father Bob came to school and held assemblies for KS1 and KS2 to celebrate the Year of Mercy. Year 4 really enjoyed the Junior Stem Lego Robotics Workshop on Friday, which was followed up by a one off after school club for the first 20 children who returned their forms from years 4 and 5. Sorry to those children who didn't get a place this time but numbers were limited.

We are sorry that swimming for years 5 and 6 had to be cancelled last Wednesday, this was due to the pool having no lifeguard. Swimming should, we hope, be on this Wednesday as usual.

**THIS WEEK:** On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January some of our year 5 & 6 children will be taking part in the Sportshall Athletics competition at Millom Recreation Centre. We hope all of the children enjoy the afternoon. On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>, year 4 have a visit from Charlie Lupton who will be bringing the Romans Workshop for them. We know they are really going to enjoy this day.

**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:**

Mathletics has started on Thursdays and Fridays from 3.15pm – 4.15pm. Multiskills has started for children from KS2 on Wednesdays, 3.15pm – 4.15pm and on Thursdays for KS1, the cost of this is £3 per week. There are still places available for multi skills, please contact our school office if your child would like to join. If children are in reception class we would ask that parents come to school at 3.15pm to change their children into their kits please. Tennis will start on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> and will be in school for the first session but will be at the sports hall for the other weeks. This club runs from 3pm-4pm, our staff takes children to the sports hall where parents collect them at 4pm. There are places available for Tennis Club and the cost is £3 per week, which is payable to George Spry.

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

**MultiSkills:** There will be **no Multi Skills after school on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016.** After this it will continue on Wednesdays as usual.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend

**UNIFORM LABELLING:** Can parents please make sure that all uniforms, pumps and coats have your child's name on them. 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 ☺

**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

**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.**

<p>logo. Black flat-heeled shoes (not trainers) or White socks or grey tights.</p> <p><b>BOYS UNIFORM:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>LABELS:</b> All uniform should have your child's name on it. Please also label coats and pumps.</p>	<p><b>PE KIT:</b> White top (with or without school logo). Black shorts. Black pumps (not trainers).</p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>EARRINGS:</b> 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.</p>
<p><b>SAFEGUARDING &amp; CHILD PROTECTION</b> 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: <a href="http://www.cumbrialscb.com">www.cumbrialscb.com</a> there is a link to this on our school website.</p>	
<p><b>Birthdays 4<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> January 2016:</b> Erin Ferguson, Ellen Armitage, Evan Pugh, Kiera Mason</p>	
<p><b>Birthdays 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> January 2016:</b> Cerys Rowe, Carys Gill, Isaac Dreghorn, Arwen Hawdon, Leo Waugh, Keanna Bradshaw</p>	
<p><b>The VIPS:</b> Deacon Wilkinson, Maya Clarke, Emily Dawson, Thomas Farren, Jayden Woodburn, India Jackson, Kai Aston, Rhys Sheldon.</p>	
<p><b>Certificates:</b> Sharona Hornby, Braith Lupton</p>	
<p><b>PRAYER INTENTIONS:</b> We ask you to remember all of our parents and carers in your prayers this week. We all have so much to thank our parents for and often don't appreciate all they do for us. It would be really nice if we could all make a special effort to be nice to them this weekend and say some special prayers to ask God to take care of them. For those of us who have lost their parents we can still say some special prayers and thank God for having been blessed with their love, guidance and support throughout our lives. (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)</p>	
<p><b>SCHOOL MEALS:</b> <u>Please remember to order your child's school meals or cancel them by 9.30am - the website address is:- <a href="http://www.lunchshop.co.uk">www.lunchshop.co.uk</a>.</u> The menu for week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> January 2016 is menu number 2.</p>	
<p><b>TENNIS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB:</b> <b>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.</b></p>	
<p><b>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY</b> <b>January 2016</b> Tues 19<sup>th</sup>: Yr5 &amp; Yr6 Sportshall Athletics (Rec. Centre –pm) Wed 20<sup>th</sup>: Yr 3 Romans Workshop with Charlie Lupton <b>February 2016</b> Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday Service – KS2 &amp; Parents Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Cafod Lent Fast Day Fri 12<sup>th</sup> <b>Break up for Half Term Holiday</b> Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> Chinese New Year – Dragon Dance Workshop Wed 24<sup>th</sup> KS1 Gymnastics @ Millom School – Yr2</p>	<p><b>MASS TIMES</b> <b>FOR OUR LADY &amp; ST JAMES RC CHURCH, MILLOM</b> Mass is celebrated on Sunday morning at 10.30am Confessions are held on Sunday morning from 10am – 10.25am <b>SACRED HEART RC CHURCH, CONISTON</b> 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 <a href="http://www.saintfrancescumbria.com">www.saintfrancescumbria.com</a></p>
<p><b>RESIDENTIAL TRIP DATES 2016</b> 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 <b>RESIDENTIAL TRIP DATES 2017</b> Year 4 Ilkley – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May</p>	<p><b>TERM DATES 2015 – 2016</b> Autumn Term 2015: <b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b> <i>Half term – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October</i> Spring Term 2016: <b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup></b></p>

Year 5 Lockerbie – Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>March</b> Half term – Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February Sumer Term 2016: <b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b> <b>July</b> Bank Holiday – Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May Half term – Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June
<b>SCHOOL MASS TIMES</b> <b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Jan – Yr3 - 9.30am</b> <b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb – Yr 4 - 9.30am</b> <b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb – Yr5 - 9.90am</b> <b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb – Yr6 - 9.30am</b> <b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> Feb – Yr3 – 9.30am</b> <b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Mar – Yr4 – 9.30am</b> <b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Mar – Yr5 – 9.30am</b> <b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Mar – Yr6 – 9.30am</b>	

**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](http://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 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

 	<p><b>MILLOM MINI R.L.F.C TRAINING</b></p> <p>U7/8s (School Years 1,2 &amp; 3) begin Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January – 10am at Millom Recreation Centre  <i>For more information contact Lewis Lupton on 776963</i></p> <p>U10s (Years 4 and 5) begin Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January – 5pm  U12s &amp; U14s (Year 6-9) begin Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January - 6pm  Both on Millom School Astroturf  <i>For more information contact Andrew James on 770066</i></p>	 
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**PARENTS GUILD MEETINGS:**  
Our Parents Guild will be meeting on the following dates in year 4 classroom at 6pm;  
**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January**  
**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**  
**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**  
**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May** **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June**  
**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July**

**CHRISTMAS SHOPPING TRIP TO LIVERPOOL 2016**

Following the very successful Christmas Shopping Trip to Liverpool last year, our Parents Guild have arranged a trip for this year, which will include an overnight stay. The trip will leave weekend of 12<sup>th</sup> November. The guild will discuss the trip at their next meeting and finalise details. If you are interested, please let us know as soon as possible please.

**Millom Amateur Dramatic Society**

***MADs***

**Presents**

***Oliver!***

**To be staged at**

**MILLOM SCHOOL**

**Wed 3<sup>rd</sup>, Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

**At 7.30pm**

**Ticket Prices – Adults £7.50 Juniors and Concessions £5.50**

**Tickets available from Spoilt for Choice, Millom from 18<sup>th</sup> January.**