



St James Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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

RECEPTION: What a fantastic week in Reception. We have completed some lovely writing with our toys in space topic. Next week we will be looking at Jack and Jill. In maths we have enjoyed money and liked making different amounts and sorting the coins. Next week we will be looking at subtraction. In RE we are continuing with the feeding of the 5000. Have a lovely weekend.

YEAR 1: This week we welcomed Miss Robinson into our class! She will be with us for the next nine weeks and we are looking forward to her teaching with us. This week we were visited by an Elf Reporter from the Fairy Tale News! We have had to write a news report and record an interview for them! Maybe next week we may have a few more visits. We will be carrying on with the Three Little Pigs in Literacy and in Maths we will be looking at Time. In RE we will be looking at the Feeding of the Five Thousand; the children have really enjoyed our new topic, thinking about the Year of Mercy! Have a lovely weekend!

YEAR 2: Next week we are going to plan and write our own stories about 'The Magic Brush' changing all the ideas in the original story but following the structure. Hopefully we are going to make a class book, so we can share our work with everyone too! In maths we are continuing with multiplication using different methods and problems. Our China topic is going well and we are researching facts to make a display this week. We are also starting our 'Year of Mercy' work in RE looking at some famous Art and creating our own. This week the children completed some more of our Science work looking at different materials and their uses. Have a great weekend everyone and see you all next week.

YEAR 3: Year 3 has had another busy week! Children really enjoyed the Roman workshop on Wednesday – hopefully some of you were able to come and see the Onega they built after school. If not, I'm sure the children have told you all about it! We have been looking at column subtraction this week and it has proved tricky at the start. We are persevering with the methods and getting better! In Literacy children have been thinking about planning their own version of a warning story based on 'The Canal' that we have read. Children have come up with some good ideas and their stories are beginning to take shape. We are particularly thinking about using paragraphs to show our story is moving on and again looking at punctuating speech in our stories. Have a lovely weekend!

YEAR 4: Y4 have had a great work this week. They have impressed me with their ability to find equivalent fractions and simplify fractions using the bar method. In Literacy, we have been learning the story of 'The Monster Over the Hill' and learning how to use adverbial phrases effectively in their writing. This coming week, We will be looking at the use of direct speech within stories and how to punctuate this accurately and in maths, we will be learning about adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominators. In RE, we have begun our work on the seven corporal works of mercy and how this links to Jesus' teaching in the parable of The Sheep and the Goats. We will focus particularly on how we are called to feed the hungry over the next couple of weeks. Please can I ask that children do make an effort to complete their homework by Wednesday, thank you for your help in this? Have a great weekend.

YEAR 5: Year 5 have been working very hard this week and have produced some fantastic work! We began reading our new class book, *Wolf Brother* by Michelle Paver. This not only links in with our current literacy unit on Conquering the Monster tales, but it also links to our new history topic: The Stone Age to the Iron Age. We will be going on a school trip which involves taking part in Stone Age and Iron Age activities later on this half term (more details will be given out about this nearer to the time). Also this week, we began learning about the Year of Mercy by looking at a painting which depicts the Corporal Acts of Mercy. We will be learning more about these acts next week and then begin focusing on each Act of Mercy in more detail. Please could I take this opportunity to request that you continue to listen to your children read at home and encourage them to talk about the books that they are reading with you along with practising their handwriting. I hope you all have a lovely weekend!

YEAR 6: It's been another busy week in year 6. On Tuesday, a team from Y6 competed in an athletics tournament at the sports hall. They behaved brilliantly and came second overall. Well done! In maths we have been learning to add and subtract fractions with different denominators. Next week, we will go on to multiply and divide with fractions, which is a requirement of the new National Curriculum. Extra practise at times tables will continue to help the children. In Literacy, we have been learning to research information and take notes, punctuating bullet points correctly. We have been given the opportunity to take part in the Cumbrian book awards again this year. There are ten new titles in class and the children are challenged to read at least six of them by the beginning of April. The children may bring the books home to read as long as they have recorded them and they are looked after. At the moment, it is a battle to get the children to put their books down! In our topic work, the children have learnt about different types of biomes around the world and next week will focus on the rainforest. In RE the children will be starting to learn about the Year of Mercy and the seven corporal acts of mercy with Mrs Marmion.

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

On Tuesday some of our year 5 & 6 children took part in the Sportshall Athletics competition at Millom Recreation Centre. Well done to both teams for finishing in 2nd and 3rd places! Year 3 really enjoyed their visit from Charlie Lupton who ran his Romans Workshop for them. We are sorry that swimming for years 5 and 6 had to be cancelled again on Wednesday; this was due to the pool having no lifeguard. We have been assured that swimming will be on next Wednesday.

THIS WEEK: The Stay and Play session for parents in reception class, which was cancelled last term, will be on Thursday 28th January. Please come to school via the Market Street gate for 1.45pm. We have sent a reminder text to parents who were due to come last time but if you are unsure whether this involves you; please do ask our reception class staff at the door in the morning.

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.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend

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 25th January 2016 is menu number 3.

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.

Wednesday: Art Club with Mrs Marmion 3.15pm to 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 ☺

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.

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.

<p>All shoes worn to school should be sensible and appropriate for the weather.</p> <p><u>LABELS:</u> All uniform should have your child's name on it. Please also label coats and pumps.</p>	<p><u>EARRINGS:</u> 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><u>SAFEGUARDING & CHILD PROTECTION</u></p> <p>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.</p>	
<p><u>Birthdays 18th to 24th January 2016:</u> Annie Mitchell, Declan Tyson, Jackson Evans, Rio Walker, Diamond Lambillion.</p>	
<p><u>The VIPs:</u> Harry Nugent, Rhys Graham, Aoife Crocker, Aria Allington, Eva Chapples, Leyla Pattinson, Bella Pedley, Jayden Woodburn</p>	
<p><u>Certificates:</u> Aiden Wright, Harvey Burch, Callum High, Cade Heavyside, Callum Harrison, Caitlin Crowther, Charlie Wilson, Alfie Waters, Naya Goodwin, Finley Wilson, Reece Acott, Kai Aston, Lyla Shaw, Evie Moore, Ella McKendrie, Leah Farren, Tegan Trevaskis</p>	
<p><u>PRAYER INTENTIONS:</u> We ask you to remember in your prayers this week one of our mums who is not too well at the moment. We ask Our Blessed Lady to pray for her and hope that she is well again soon. We ask God to take care of her and also the other parents and grandparents of children in our school who are having tests, undergoing treatments or in recovery. We pray that they will all feel better soon.</p> <p>(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><u>TENNIS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB:</u> 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.</p>	
<p><u>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY</u></p> <p><u>January 2016</u> Tues 19th: Yr5 & Yr6 Sportshall Athletics (Rec. Centre –pm) Wed 20th: Yr 3 Romans Workshop with Charlie Lupton</p> <p><u>February 2016</u> Wed 10th Ash Wednesday Service – KS2 & Parents Fri 12th Cafod Lent Fast Day Fri 12th Break up for Half Term Holiday Tues 23rd Chinese New Year – Dragon Dance Workshop Wed 24th KS1 Gymnastics @ Millom School – Yr2</p>	<p><u>MASS TIMES</u></p> <p><u>FOR OUR LADY & ST JAMES RC CHURCH, MILLOM</u> Mass is celebrated on Sunday morning at 10.30am Confessions are held on Sunday morning from 10am – 10.25am</p> <p><u>SACRED HEART RC CHURCH, CONISTON</u> Mass is celebrated on Saturday evening at 6pm Confessions are held on Saturday evening from 5.30pm – 5.55pm</p> <p>You can contact Fr Robert Halshaw on 01229 779673 For details and information please visit the website www.saintfrancescumbria.com</p>
<p><u>RESIDENTIAL TRIP DATES 2016</u> Year 4 Ilkley – Wednesday 25th – Friday 27th May Year 5 Lockerbie – Wednesday 18th – Friday 20th May Year 6 London – Monday 13th – Wednesday 15th June</p> <p><u>RESIDENTIAL TRIP DATES 2017</u> Year 4 Ilkley – Wednesday 24th – Friday 26th May Year 5 Lockerbie – Wednesday 17th – Friday 19th May</p>	<p><u>TERM DATES 2015 – 2016</u></p> <p>Autumn Term 2015: Monday 7th September – Thursday 17th December <i>Half term – Monday 26th – Friday 30th October</i></p> <p>Spring Term 2016: Tuesday 5th January – Thursday 24th March <i>Half term – Monday 15th – Friday 19th February</i></p> <p>Sumer 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></p> <p>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</p>	

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



PARENTS GUILD MEETINGS:

Our Parents Guild will be meeting on the following dates in year 4 classroom at 6.30pm;

Tuesday 23rd February

Tuesday 22nd March

Tuesday 19th April

Tuesday 16th May

Tuesday 14th June

Tuesday 12th 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 12th 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 3rd, Thurs 4th and Friday 5th February 2016

At 7.30pm

Ticket Prices – Adults £7.50 Juniors and Concessions £5.50

Tickets available from Spoilt for Choice, Millom from 18th January.