



# St James Catholic Primary School Newsletter

## 14 March 2016

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

**Reception:** Thank you for coming to parents evening we have enjoyed chatting with you all. On Wednesday we enjoyed using our senses to explore the gingerbread man it was lots of fun especially when we got to eat them. Next week we are going to start looking at The Magic Porridge Pot. In maths we are going to look at weight and capacity. Have a look at the Tapestry and feel free to upload anything the children do at home. Have a lovely weekend.

**Year 1** The children have had an exciting week in school, we discovered that Goldilocks had run away after destroying the bears' house and that the police were after her. Next week, we will be recording this story as a newspaper report. In Maths, we will be carrying on with subtracting larger numbers. The children have been coping really well with the new strategies we have been learning. In RE we will be beginning to look at the events that led up to the Easter story and how this affects us today. It was lovely to see you all again at parent's evening, and sharing your child's progress with you. Have a lovely weekend!

**Year 2:** We have had a great week writing lots of our own build ups to the Jack and then Beanstalk story. Next week we are going to continue with this and have a try writing new complete stories. In maths we have completed our money work and have moved on to fractions. We are looking at features of Castles and are designing our own to build. In RE we are looking at Cafod linked to 'give drink to the thirsty.' This is part of our Year of Mercy work. It was nice to meet everyone at parents evening and thank you for your support. I have sent home some examples of the maths as I discussed, these are not to return but are to help you practice at home. Thank you and have a great weekend.

**Year 3:** Year 3 have had a good week and have completed some assessments in Maths before starting a new unit on fractions – we have been looking at tenths this week and children have made a good start. In writing, we have also started a new unit looking at 'The Nightmare Man' which focuses on being afraid of the dark. It was lovely to see you all at parents evening and discuss your children's work. If you ever have any questions, queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Homework this week is to spend time reading with your child and 30 minutes on Mathematics! Have a nice weekend.

**Year 4:** It was great to speak to you all at Parent's evening to discuss the progress that your child has made. This coming week, we will be exploring decimals further. We will be comparing and ordering decimals and towards the end of the week, we will be thinking about rounding decimals to the nearest whole number. In English, we will be looking at The Saga of Bjorn and retelling the story. In RE, we will be thinking about 'Giving drink to the thirsty' as part of your work on the year of mercy. Have a great weekend!

**Year 5:** It has been a busy week in Year 5! The children have produced some lovely pieces of writing for our unit on non-chronological reports. Next week we will begin writing our own reports. In maths we completed our unit on time and graphs which the children have really enjoyed. We will be moving on to shape and angles next week. On Monday it will be our class mass at 9:30am in St. James' church. Please feel welcome to come along and celebrate mass with us; it would be lovely to see you there. I hope you have a great weekend!

**Year 6:** It was lovely to see so many parents at parents evening and talk about your child's progress with you. I can always be contacted through school if you have concerns or queries. This week we have been learning about how to calculate a percentage of an amount in maths and in Literacy, the children have been thinking about sentence structure and vocabulary choices in preparation for writing a story next week. Alongside this work, we have been looking at past papers in arithmetic and SP&G in preparation for SATs in May. Unfortunately, the children weren't able to swim on Wednesday: when we arrived, there was no lifeguard available. Things should be back to normal next week. Next week, the police will visit the children to present a workshop about identity and prejudice. On Friday, 10 children will be representing the school in a tag rugby tournament. Have a great weekend.

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

**WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING:** Year 4 went over to Mass on Monday, thank you to those parents and parishioners who joined us. It was lovely to see you all at our parents evenings on Wednesday and Thursday, I hope you all benefitted from speaking to your child's teachers. If anybody does wish to speak to teachers further or would like to speak to me, please contact our school office and an appointment will be made for you. Unfortunately our swimming lessons were cancelled again this week due to there being no lifeguard available at the swimming pool. We were unaware of the problem until we actually got to the pool!

**WEEK COMMENCING 14<sup>th</sup> MARCH:** Year 5 will be attending Mass at 9.30am on Monday, as always you are very welcome to come and join us. Cumbria Police will be coming in to school to work with year 5 and year 6 children on Monday, the sessions will be about prejudice and identity. We are sure the children will enjoy the sessions that are planned. The first group of parents for the Reception Stay & Play session will be on Thursday afternoon. On Friday, Miss Fry will be taking our Rugby team to the Tag Rugby Festival which is being held at St Bees. Children who are in the team have been informed. We wish them all good luck and hope they enjoy the experience. Tennis is cancelled on Tuesday this week but it will be on as usual on 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

**CANCELLED AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS:**

**CHOIR – Choir will not be on until after the Easter holidays.**

**TENNIS – Tennis will not be on this week but it will resume on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.**

**KS1 ARTS & CRAFTS – The KS1 Arts and Crafts club which was held on Tuesdays has now finished and will not be running any longer.**

**WEEK COMMENCING 21<sup>st</sup> MARCH:** Year 6 will be attending Mass at 9.30am on Monday, you are all welcome to join us.

**IMPORTANT E-SAFETY:** We have arranged for Jeff Haslam to come into school on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March to work with the children on the subject of E-Safety. He will also hold a parents meeting at 6pm that evening to give safeguarding advice to parents. We have had several instances of children coming into school having accessed unsuitable material at home without their parent's knowledge, this has caused upset and distress to the children, staff and parents. It is very important that parents do understand how they can prevent children from viewing sites that are unsuitable for children and Jeff will give you all the help and advice you need to help. The meeting won't be a long one but it will be full of very useful information and advice. Jeff will also answer any questions you may have about e-safety. We have run these sessions in the past but despite the importance of the subject and the effect it can have on children, we have not had a very good turnout. There are many, many new sites including social media sites that children do regularly access and these are full of hidden dangers that you should be aware of. I would urge you to please do come along to this meeting as I'm sure it will help you to safeguard your children. Thank you. On 22<sup>nd</sup> March, our parents guild will be having their meeting after the e-safety meeting at about 6.30pm, please do come or stay on after the e-safety if you possibly can. On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March we welcome the second group of parents for the stay and play in Reception class. There will be a Songs from the Shows Flower Demonstration in our school hall at 7pm. This is in aid of Our Lady & St James' RC Church Restoration Fund. Everyone welcome, tickets can be purchased from school and are priced at £5.

**We break up for our Easter holidays at 1.30pm on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March.**

***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.

**RESIDENTIAL TRIPS:** Please could you make sure that payments are made promptly for your child's residential trips please. School does need to pay upfront for accommodation so it is vitally important that we do get all of the money in for the trips please.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend!

**SCHOOL MEALS:** The menu for week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> March is number 3.

**Please remember to order your child's school meals or cancel them by 9.30am**

**The website address is: - [www.lunchshop.co.uk](http://www.lunchshop.co.uk)**

**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 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 **9.15am 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 ☺**

**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](http://www.cumbrialscb.com) there is a link to this on our school website.

**VIPS:** year 6 – Emelia Dack Year 5 – Faith Brunskill Year 4 – Jay Date Year 3 – Imogen Brown  
Year 2 – Isabelle Thompson Year 1 – Rome Lambillion Reception – Kiera Mason

**Certificates:** Ellis Fagan, India Jackson, Rylee Barker

**Birthdays 7<sup>th</sup> March to 13<sup>th</sup> March 2016:** Charlotte Griffin, Lauryn Date, Samuel Hoccom, Finley Wilson, Billie Park, Maddox Dawson

#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

##### **March 2016**

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Cumbria Police workshops Y5 & Y6

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> – Reception Stay & Play session 1

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> – Tag Rugby Festival

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> – E Safety Workshop for children in school / E Safety Parents Meetings in School at 6pm

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Parents Guild Meeting 6.30pm

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Reception Stay & Play session 2

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> – Break up for Easter at 1.30pm

##### **April 2016**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Start back at school

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> – Cricket coaching y5 & Y6

#### **MASS TIMES**

##### **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](http://www.saintfrancescumbria.com)

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> – Tempest Photography Class Groups  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> – Y3&Y4 – Quicksticks Hockey @ Millom School  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> – Parents Guild meeting 6.30pm  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> – Beebot Workshop Reception & Year 1  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Life Education Bus Visit  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> – Life Education Bus Visit  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> – Viking Longship Workshop  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> – School Discos

### **May 2016**

#### **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> – School Closed – Elections**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Parents Guild Meeting 6.30pm  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> – Y5&Y6 – Hi Five Netball Tournament  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> – Y5 residential trip to Lockerbie  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Tempest Photography Individual and family group photos  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> – Mini Tennis Competition y3 & y4 teams  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> – Year 4 residential trip to Ilkley  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> – Break up for half term at 3.15pm

### **June 2016**

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> – Our Lady & St James RC Church Parish Fair  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> – Start back at school  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 residential trip to London  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> – Parents guild meeting at 6.30pm  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Year 5 taster day at John Ruskin  
**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> – School Closed – EU Reforendum**  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> – Y6 induction day John Ruskin  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> – Rounders festival

### **July 2016**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> – KS1 & KS2 Athletics at Millom School  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> – Egyptian Workshop Y3 with Charlie Lupton  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> – Y6 induction day John Ruskin  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> – End of Year Awards Mass at 10am  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> – Parents Guild meeting 6.30pm  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> – School Discos  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> – Break up at 1.30pm

### **TERM DATES 2015 – 2016**

Autumn Term 2015: **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

Half term – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October

Spring Term 2016: **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

Half term – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February

Sumer Term 2016: **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

Bank Holiday – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

Half term – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

**Children start back to school for the Autumn Term 2016 on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September**

### **RESIDENTIAL TRIP DATES 2016**

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

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Year 4 Ilkley – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May  
Year 5 Lockerbie – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May

### **SCHOOL MASS TIMES**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb – Yr5 - 9.30am  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb – Yr6 - 9.30am  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> Feb – Yr3 – 9.30am  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Mar – Yr4 – 9.30am  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Mar – Yr5 – 9.30am  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Mar – Yr6 – 9.30am

**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.

### **Parish of St Francis of Assisi**

#### **Songs from the Shows**

**A Presentation by Millom Flower Club  
On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 7.30pm  
At St James' Catholic Primary School  
Admission £5**

**PRAYER INTENTIONS:** We ask you to remember in your prayers this week, Evie's Grandad, Michael Moore who has very sadly died this week. We ask God to take care of and welcome Michael into His Kingdom. We pray especially to Our Blessed Lady that she will comfort and bless Maureen, Jakki, David, Caroline and all of Michael's family and friends at this very sad and difficult time. Please join us as we pray especially for Michael –*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)

**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)



### MILLOM MINI R.L.F.C TRAINING

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

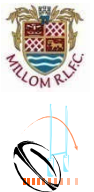
*For more information contact Lewis Lupton on 776963*

U10s (Years 4 and 5) begin Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January – 5pm

U12s & U14s (Year 6-9) begin Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January - 6pm

Both on Millom School Astro turf

*For more information contact Andrew James on 770066*



#### **Parents Guild Meetings**

Year 4 classroom at 6.30pm

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

#### **Parents Guild Disco's**

will be held on Thursday 28 April 2016 and Wednesday 20 July 2016.

**Liverpool Shopping Trip:** Saturday 12 November 2016. £79.00 per seat. Staying 1 night at Jurys Inn, Liverpool Albert Dock to include breakfast and bus travel. £10 deposit (non-refundable) asap to reserve a place. We have 50 seats and 25 rooms. Seats are selling fast, book now to avoid disappointment. Payment can be made to Claire Young or Karen Hughes. Please do not leave money at school. Claire Young can be contacted via Facebook for any further information. Please pay the £69.00 balance by Friday 30 September 2016. Payments can be made when we hold our Parents Guild meetings. You are welcome to come to the meeting or just to come to school reception on those days. Meetings are at 6.30pm. Dates are: 22 March, 19 April, 16 May, 14 June, 12 July.

### **Quiz Night & Raffle**

**At the Cons Club**

**Thursday 24 March 2016 at 7.30 (Teams of Four)**

**In aid of Rosemere Cancer Foundation**

**Please phone: Lisa Cloudsdale to enter your team: 771556**

### **Coffee Morning with Tombola & Raffle**

**10.00am to 12.00pm**

**At the Haverigg Prison Visitor Centre**

**Friday 1 April 2016**

**In aid of Rosemere Cancer Foundation**

### **The Beggars Theatre**

**Proudly present**

## **THE DRAGON WHO HATES POETRY**

**Written and performed by Dommy B**

**As seen on BBC's Rhyme Rocket**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm – 4pm**

**Tickets: £7 / £8**

## **REMINDER ABOUT AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

- **No Choir until after Easter**
- **KS1 Arts & Crafts has finished**
- **Tennis is not on this Tuesday**