



St James Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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

Reception: A lovely week in reception this week. It was very exciting coming in on Tuesday to find the classroom full of giant footsteps. We have enjoyed learning the Jack and the Beanstalk story. We will continue with this next week. In maths we have looked at doubling. We enjoyed making double butterflies and learning to solve big doubles. Next week we will be looking at number, ordering numbers, finding one more one less. In RE we are looking at the story of Jesus and the fishermen. Have a lovely weekend.

Year 1: The children have been having great fun in maths this week, looking at capacity and how full a container is. Next week we will be looking at mass and how heavy or light objects are. In RE we will be looking at stories about Jesus after Easter; the children are really enjoying listening to new stories from the bible. Our main focus for topic next week is 'Our Bodies' as the Life Bus is coming to school. As mentioned on the newsletter last week, the Life Bus visit now needs donations from each child, so could we ask that each child tries to bring in £2 to pay for this cost. Thank you! Have a lovely weekend!

Year 2: We are looking at different instructions next week to create toolkits for our writing. This is being done in a creative way using the children's ideas. We are also looking at different sentences and revising spelling patterns. Our Science topic this term is about plants and growing we are hoping to try growing some different plants during this work.

In RE we are completing our Year of Mercy work 'giving drink to the thirsty.'

Next week we have a visit from the life education bus which the children always enjoy. This now needs a donation of £2 for each child to pay for the costs please.

Thank you and have a great weekend!

Year 3: Year 3 have had a good week this week! Firstly, well done to the four girls who helped Year 4 in the Hockey tournament at Millom School on Tuesday. We were very proud of you all. In class we have been continuing work on fractions, finding equivalent fractions and comparing fractions using the greater and less than symbols. Homework reflects this. In Literacy, we have started writing our own version of 'Rainbow Bird'. We have been having a really big push on writing in complete sentences again and if your children do any writing at home, it would be great if you can encourage this. Children have been thinking about using adjectives and starting their sentences in different ways. Next week, on Monday we have a visit from the Life Education Bus. A donation of £2 towards this has been requested. Also on Wednesday, Charlie Lupton will be in school building a Viking Longship with us! There will therefore be no swimming on Wednesday for Year 3. Many Thanks.

Year 4: We have had a really good week in school this week; the children have been working hard in all lessons. This coming week, our focus in Maths will shift towards shape and space. In particular, we will be looking at coordinates and plotting points on a grid. Towards the end of the week, we will be thinking about translations and how we can describe movements on a grid. In Literacy, we will continue with the story of 'The Balaclava Boys.' We will be looking closely at the text and thinking about how we can create tension and excitement within stories. As the date of our residential trip fast approaches, I will be holding two sessions where I will be available for you to come and talk to me regarding any queries or concerns that you may have about the trip. These will be held on Tuesday and Thursday next week. I will be available in my classroom from 3.15 until 4pm on both of these evenings. I hope to see some of you there.

Year 5: We have had another busy week in Year 5! The children have been measuring angles on a straight line and around a point along with drawing angles in maths. They have managed really well with these tasks and next week we will be going on to explore rectangles. In literacy, the children have been looking at rhythm and rhyme in poetry. They also finished off the week by performing part one of *The Highwayman*; everyone did a fantastic job! Thank you to everyone who came along to support us with our bag pack at Tesco. We managed to raise £305 to go towards our residential trip to Lockerbie. We will let you know in due course how much the final cost for Lockerbie is with the fund raising amounts taken off. I hope you have a lovely weekend!

Year 6: It's been another busy week in year 6! In literacy, we have been reading texts with a similar theme and recognising the way in which the reader can infer information from the information given. We have also been checking up on the vocabulary that the children will need to know for their SATs in May. In maths, we have been learning about how to find the area of a triangle. Next week, we will be learning how to calculate the volume of a cube and cuboid. In RE, the children have been learning about The Passover with Mrs Marmion. It has been brought to my attention that a number of the children are becoming stressed about the SATs. Sadly, as a school, we have no control over the curriculum or the tests; they are statutory and the content must be taught in all

state maintained schools. This year, the tests have been revised to reflect the new content and as a result, they are much harder than they have been previously. We have no idea what the expected standard is, nor will we know until after the children have sat the papers. All we ask is for the children to do their best. If you are concerned about your child, please come and talk to us; if there is anything we can put in place to help them, we will. At home, you can help your child by reading with them regularly, practising tables and making sure they get plenty of rest.

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

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING: Three teams from years 3 & 4 went to the hockey tournament at Millom School on Tuesday morning, they all played exceptionally well and team 1 made it through to the semi-finals. Well done to all of the children who took part and represented our school so well. Our Parents Guild had their meeting on Tuesday evening, thank you to any parents who came to the meeting. They finalised arrangements for the disco and gave some donations to school from the requests they had received. Unfortunately the Beebot workshop which was arranged for Thursday was postponed yet again, this will hopefully be held on 19th May. Year 5 had their fund raising BAG PACK in TESCO on Thursday, thank you to the children, Miss Poole, Miss Wilson and Miss Gibson for taking them. They raised an amazing £305 towards their residential trip! Thank you to Maxine and the staff at Tesco Millom and a great big THANK YOU to everyone who made donations in our collecting buckets, we are so very grateful to you all.

WEEK COMMENCING 25TH APRIL: The Life Education Bus will be with us on Monday 25th & Tuesday 26th April. Years 3, 6 and 4 will have a lesson in the bus on Monday and years 1, 5, 2 and Reception will have theirs on Tuesday. There is a session for parents on Monday from 2.45pm – 3.15pm if you would like to come. The bus will be in the forecourt at the main Lonsdale Road entrance. The cost of the bus visit has increased over the years and we will no longer receive any funding donation towards it as in previous years. The donation was given by Diane Tyson and her team who fund raised for many years to help schools benefit from the bus. Unfortunately this group has disbanded and we need to pay for it ourselves. Could we please ask for a donation of £2 per child which will greatly help towards the cost of the visit. Year 6 will be going over to Mass in Church on Tuesday. Mass is now at the earlier time of 9.00am and we would ask that children please be in school promptly, ready to go over at 8.55am. Year 3 will have an exciting day on Wednesday when Charlie Lupton brings his Viking Longship workshop to school. Parents of year 3 children are invited to come into the hall at the end of the day to see what the children have built during the day. On Thursday our Parents Guild will be holding their Summer Term Disco. As always KS1 will be from 5.30pm – 6.30pm and KS2 from 7pm – 8.15pm. Admission is £1, a tuck shop and hot dogs will be available. Glo Bands will be on sale throughout the evening. Please could we ask that children **DO NOT** bring mobile phones to the disco.

School will be closed on Thursday 5th May as our building is being used as a Polling Station for the elections.

Year 4 Residential Trip: Just a reminder to Year 4 parents – final payment for the residential trip to Ilkley is due on Friday 6th May, please could ALL outstanding balances be paid by this date. The cost of the trip is £120, if your child is in receipt of or has ever been in receipt of free school meals, please contact our school office if you are unsure of the cost to you. If anyone is unsure of the amount still owing, please contact our school office. Thank you.

Year 5 Residential Trip: We have finalised the cost of our Year 5 residential trip now our fund raising efforts have been completed. The cost of the trip is £215 which means that most people only owe £15. There are some parents who have paid more than this amount and we will be sending refund cheques home to you early next week. We will send out letters to parents on Monday regarding the trip but would ask that the **trip be paid for in full by Friday 29th April.** Thank you.

IMPORTANT: Please can we ask you to check your children's heads thoroughly. We have had some instances of head lice in school 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 and enjoy the lovely weather we have forecast!

SCHOOL MEALS: The menu for week beginning 25 April 2016 is number 1.

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

The website address is: - www.lunchshop.co.uk

<p>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.</p>	
<p>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.</p>	<p>SWIMMING – WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON Swimming will start for years 3 & 4 on Wednesday 13th April and continue throughout the spring term. The lessons will be in the afternoons: Spring Term – Years 5 & 6 Summer Term Years 3 & 4</p>
<p>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 ☺</p>	
<p>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 ☺</p>	
<p>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.</p>	
<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>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.</p>	
<p>VIPS: Charlie Wilson, Lauren Thompson, Myla Ball, Luka Allington, Tyler Young, Reece Acott, Harley Young</p>	
<p>Birthdays 18 April to 24 April 2016: Rueben Hornby, Jayden Woodburn</p>	
<p>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.</p>	
<p>PRAYER INTENTIONS: Please remember in your prayers this week, Ray Dixon, who is not too well at the moment. We ask God to take care of him as he begins his treatment this week. We ask Our Blessed Lady to comfort and support Ray and his family during the weeks ahead. Please could we ask you to remember Glyn Robinson in your prayers too this week. We ask God to take care of him during his treatment and to support him and his family at this difficult time. (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>	

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April 2016

Monday 25th – Life Education Bus Visit
Tuesday 26th – Life Education Bus Visit
Wednesday 27th – Viking Longship Workshop – Year 3
Thursday 28th – School Discos

May 2016

Thursday 5th – School Closed – Elections

Monday 16th – Parents Guild Meeting 6.30pm
Wednesday 18th – Y5&Y6 – Hi Five Netball Tournament
Wednesday 18th – Friday 20th – Y5 residential trip to Lockerbie
Monday 23rd – Tempest Photography Individual and family group photos
Tuesday 24th – Mini Tennis Competition y3 & y4 teams
Wednesday 25th – Friday 27th – Year 4 residential trip to Ilkley
Wednesday 25th & Thursday 26th – Year 6 Bag Pack at Tesco 10-12 & 1-3pm both days
Friday 27th – Break up for half term at 3.15pm

June 2016

Saturday 4th – Our Lady & St James RC Church Parish Fair
Monday 6th – Start back at school
Monday 13th – Wednesday 15th – Year 6 residential trip to London
Tuesday 14th – Parents guild meeting at 6.30pm
Wednesday 22nd – Year 5 taster day at John Ruskin
Thursday 23rd – School Closed – EU Referendum
Tuesday 28th – Y6 induction day John Ruskin
Tuesday 28th – Y5 taster day at Millom School
Wednesday 29th – Rounders festival

July 2016

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

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

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

Children start back to school for the Autumn Term 2016 on Tuesday 6th September

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

Tuesday 26th April – Yr6 - 9.00am
Tuesday 24th May – May Procession - 10.00am
Tuesday 7th May – Yr5 – 9.00am
Tuesday 21st May – Yr4 – 9.00am
Tuesday 28th May – Yr3 – 9.00am
Friday 8th July – End of Year Mass & Awards – 10.00am

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



Millom Mini R.L.F.C Training
U7/8s (School years 1,2 & 3) 5.00 - 6.00
U10s (Years 4 and 5) 5.30 - 6.30
U12s (Years 6 & 7) 5.30 - 7.00
All at Millom RLFC on Friday evenings.
For more info contact Andrew James on 770066
All players welcome, new or old!



Parents Guild Meetings

Year 4 classroom at 6.30pm

Tuesday 16th May

Tuesday 14th June

Tuesday 12th 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: 16 May, 14 June, 12 July.

SCHOOL DISCO

THURSDAY 28th APRIL

KS1 – 5.30 -6.30pm

KS2 – 7.00 -8.15pm

ADMISSION £1

Hot Dogs Tuck Shop

Glo Bands

No mobile phones to be brought to the disco please