



St James Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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

Reception: We have had a really busy week again in Reception. We really enjoyed our time on the life bus and enjoyed learning all about our body and how to stay healthy. In Literacy we have been changing the story of Jack and the Beanstalk and have produced some creative ideas. Next week we will begin retelling these and recording our new versions on tapestry so please keep your eyes open. In Maths we have been looking at number, ordering numbers and finding one more one less. Next week we will be continuing with number and looking at counting on. In RE we will be looking at what we would say to Jesus if we met him. Please remember to log in to tapestry and upload any videos or photographs of the children completing any activities this weekend. I have sent home a small challenge sheet to try and complete this weekend. Have a lovely long weekend.

Year 1: We have written a fantastic story called, Monkey See, Monkey Do, this week. The children remembered all of their amazing sentence openers, as well as their capital letters and full stops. The children have loved retelling the story out loud, so maybe they could perform it for you at home. In Maths we have been looking at weight and the children did some fantastic predicting. In RE we heard about the story of Doubting Thomas and the children are really enjoying listening to the stories that follow on from Easter. We hope you have a nice long weekend!

Year 2: This week we have written instructions explaining how to capture our imaginary creatures. We have started our new topic about the famous artist Lowry creating questions and then reading facts to find the answers. Next we are going to create reports to share with another class. Lowry has lots of famous paintings which we are going to look at. Following his style we are going to create lots of different art work. Our RE linked to the Year of Mercy is 'visiting the sick' although we are not actually visiting anyone we are praying every day for lots of people we know are not very well at the moment. Have a great weekend.

Year 3: Year 3 has had a great week in school. We have completed our unit on fractions in maths and have started looking at the 8 times tables. Children have brought home 8 times tables cards to learn for their homework. In Literacy we have continued looking at 'Rainbow Bird', changing the story and writing our own versions. We had a great day on Wednesday with Charlie Lupton, building our Viking Longship! Thank you to those who came in to look at the children's work after school. Next week is a short week! Please remember we are not in school Monday and Thursday! Have a lovely extended weekend.

Year 4: We have had another really productive week in school and the children have again worked really hard. In Maths, we have been learning about how to describe positions on a grid using co-ordinates – our homework will reinforce this. This coming week, we will be learning about angles and how to order and name them as acute, obtuse or right angles. In Literacy, we have been continuing to read stories where the characters face a particular issue or dilemma, with a particular focus on writing effective and engaging openings which hook the reader and make them want to continue reading. Please remember that we are not in school on Monday and Thursday this week. Letters have been sent home about the Ilkley trip; **please could you fill in and return the Form C on Tuesday**. Thank you. Have a great weekend!

Year 5: We have had another great week in Year 5. The children really enjoyed their Life Bus session on Tuesday; everyone came away having learnt a great deal. In literacy we have been developing lots of descriptive language for writing poetry. As well as this we have been editing verses from *The Highwayman* so that they are written from a different character's point of view. Next week we will begin to write our own poetry which the children are very excited about. As you will be aware, our residential trip to Lockerbie is fast approaching. If you have any worries or questions about the trip, please do not hesitate to come and see me. I am happy to meet with you any night after school between 3:15pm and 4pm. Letters about the trip have been sent home; **please could you fill in and return the Form C on Tuesday**. I hope you all enjoy the bank holiday weekend!

Year 6: The children have been working really hard this week. In Literacy we have been reading and been learning how to write a letter of complaint and in maths we have learnt how to find the volume of a cube and cuboid. We have also spent time preparing for the SATs, which begin on May 9th. We have continued to look over all the different terms that the children need to be familiar with, ready for their grammar and punctuation paper. Earlier this week, I sent home a reference sheet that the children can use to learn any terms that they are unsure of. I have sent a SP&G paper home for homework this weekend, and the children should use the reference sheet to help them. The children have tackled two maths papers this week and I have also sent these home. The children have been asked to spend time on Athletics practising areas where they are making mistakes. The year 6 children may come into school from 8:30 next week to use the computers for extra practise if they would like to. **Yesterday, Form C for our upcoming trip to London was sent home. I would be grateful if they could be completed and returned on**

Tuesday please. Thank you. Have a great bank holiday weekend!

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

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING: The children all enjoyed their visit to the Life Education Bus on Monday and Tuesday, thank you for your donations towards the cost of the visit, it is greatly appreciated. Year 6 went to Mass on Tuesday morning. Year 3 had a great time on Wednesday with Charlie Lupton and his Viking Longship workshop, the children had a fun packed day and learnt all about what it was like to be a viking. I'm sure that those of you who came and saw the long boat at the end of the day were very impressed! Thank you to our Parents Guild for organising and running the school discos on Thursday. Thank you to the parents and staff who gave up their time to come and help. The children were excited all day and thoroughly enjoyed themselves at the discos!

WEEK COMMENCING 2nd MAY: Please remember that we are only at school for three days this week! **We will be off on Monday as it is Bank Holiday and again on Thursday 5th when School will be closed as our building is being used as a Polling Station for the elections.**

IMPORTANT - Form C's have been sent out to children in years 4, 5 and 6 for their residential trips. Please could we ask parents to fill these in and return them by Tuesday 5th May so that we are able to complete the necessary paperwork.

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. Letters have been sent home to advise you of the outstanding balances. 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 enjoy the bank holiday weekend!

SCHOOL MEALS: The menu for week beginning Monday 2 May 2016 is number 2.

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

The website address is: - 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 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

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 ☺**

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. Summer Uniform is pink school dress with white socks, white sandals may be worn.

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.

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.

VIPS: Isabelle Walker, Indy Gardner, Rio Gerrish, Libby Evans, Alana Hartley, Ellis Fagan, Ryley Sim,

Birthdays 25 April 2016 to 1 May 2016: Carl Peck, Gwyneth Peck, Ellie Young, Madison Gooding, Jacob Waugh, Rylee Pattinson, Isabelle Thompson, Callan Woodburn

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.

PRAYER INTENTIONS: Please could we ask you to pray for Miss Toman's dad as he recovers from his operation. We ask God to take care of him and help him and his family during his recovery.

Please could you also remember in your prayers, Miss Mullan's grandma, Evelyn Mullan and Aoife's Auntie, Margaret Dodd who have both very sadly died this week. We ask God to welcome them into His Kingdom and to take care of them. We ask Our Blessed Lady to pray for their families and friends and be a comfort to them at this sad and difficult time. Please join us as we pray especially for Evelyn and Margaret – *Eternal rest give unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they 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)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May 2016

Monday 2nd – School Closed – May Bank Holiday

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

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

SCHOOL MASS TIMES

Tuesday 26th April – Yr6 - 9.00am

Tuesday 24th May – May Procession - 10.00am

Tuesday 7th June – Yr5 – 9.00am

Tuesday 21st June – Yr4 – 9.00am

Tuesday 28th June – Yr3 – 9.00am

Friday 8th July – End of Year Mass & Awards – 10.00am

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 Y4 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

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
 Sumer 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
 Year 6 London – Monday 12th June – Wednesday 14th 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



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

APRIL 100 CLUB WINNERS
1st £100 – No 45 Lucy Thompson
2nd £50 – No 31 Sam Fry
3rd £20 – No 77 Laura Mossop
4th £10 – No 59 Rita Dixon

Parents Guild Disco's: 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.