



St James Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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

Reception: Well we have had a funny week in reception. The children have enjoyed changing the story of Jack and the beanstalk and they have produced some fantastic new versions which they have enjoyed recording. Please log on to tapestry to see the finished products.

In writing next week we will be working on instructions and will be making sandwiches, brushing our teeth, making a drink etc. In Maths we are going to be looking at sharing. In RE we are looking at the story of doubting Thomas. Have a lovely weekend.

Year 1: This week the children have been working very hard learning about the five senses in our Science topic. From this, they produced some fantastic writing that they shared and edited with others –they enjoyed being mini-teachers! In Maths, we are now starting to look at numbers to 100 and beyond. This is a very big jump from our previous unit, which looked at number to 40, so as always, any help with counting and recognising numbers up to 100 would be very much appreciated. Next week, we will be looking to change our story in Literacy 'Monkey See, Monkey Do' into our own version – hopefully we will have great results with this! Thank you also for continuing to read at home with your children. Miss Cook and I are seeing a big change in the children when it comes to reading and accessing books in the classroom, especially with the children who are reading at home too with your support. Thank you! Have a lovely weekend!

Year 2: Next week we are going to create scenes in a story using speech between two characters. We are also writing extended sentences using subordinating and coordinating conjunctions linked to our spelling work. In maths we are continuing with different word problems using the bar method to find 'difference' between numbers. The children are enjoying our topic work about Lowry and the industrial mills in his pictures. Have a great weekend.

Year 3: Well what a strange week! With only being in school for 3 days, children have had an interrupted week. We have been continuing with our 8 times tables and division facts in Maths and in Literacy completing our unit on myths. Year 3 enjoyed swimming on Wednesday – can I please ask that if your child is unable to complete swimming or PE for any reason that a note is sent in with your child. Many thanks. Next week, in Literacy, we will look again at adventure stories and how to create excitement with our writing – we will be using the text 'The Tunnel' by Anthony Browne. Have a great weekend.

Year 4: This week, the children have worked really well. We have been looking at writing effective story openings in Literacy and in Maths, we have been looking at angles; deciding whether they are acute, obtuse or right angles. This coming week, we will be looking at a story with a dilemma – Living on Ice. The children will be thinking about making up and writing their own ending to go with their story. In Maths, we will be thinking about triangles and how to classify them as scalene, equilateral, isosceles and right angled triangles. We will also think about quadrilaterals, in particular how to identify a rhombus, parallelogram, trapezium and rectangle. In RE, we will be thinking about the conversion of St Paul. Homework this week will be on Mathletics – have a look at the section on angles. Have a great weekend everybody!

Year 5: It has been a short but sweet week in school! We have finished looking at angles in maths and will be moving on to transformations next week. In literacy we have begun to write our own narrative poems based around the work of L. S. Lowry. We will complete these poems next week before moving on to writing letters. Our residential trip to Lockerbie is fast approaching so please do come and see me if you have any questions or concerns. I hope you have a lovely weekend!

Year 6: The children have been working really hard this week, preparing for their SATs. We all know that this year is particularly difficult for them, as the expectations for y6 children have changed. The only homework for this weekend is for the children to enjoy the sun and get plenty of sleep! Next week they should be at school no later than 8:50am. All tests will take place in the mornings from Monday to Thursday. PE will be on Wednesday and Thursday as usual. If, for any reason your child is unable to come to school, please call the office as soon as possible. As soon as the tests are over, we will be starting our topic, 'The Ancient Greeks'. Could you please save any shoe boxes (or boxes of a similar size) ready for building models. Have a great weekend!

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

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING: It's been a short week with being in for only three days, I think we are all a little disorientated and not sure what day it is! The three days we have been in have been full of hard work though. Thank you to those parents who have sent in their form C's for the residential trips, please could we ask that the remaining ones are sent in on Monday as the paperwork is now overdue.

WEEK COMMENCING 9th MAY: Year 6 will be taking their SATs tests this week from Monday to Thursday, please see Mrs Orchard's section overleaf. Children can if they wish come to breakfast club which starts at 8am and costs £1 per day. Having a good breakfast does help with concentration so they are all welcome to come along. We wish all of the children good luck for the tests, we know you will all do your best as always.

WEEK COMMENCING 16th MAY: Our Parent's Guild will be having their meeting on Monday 16th May at 6.30pm in school, please do come along if you possibly can. Year 5 will be taking part in a Young Enterprise Workshop in school on Tuesday 17th. Year 5 will be going on their residential trip to Lockerbie on Wednesday 18th returning on Friday 20th. Some of Year 6 will be taking part in the Hi-5 netball tournament on Wednesday 18th. Reception and Year 1 will have the twice rearranged Beebot Workshop on Thursday 19th – hopefully it will go ahead without any change this time!

WEEK COMMENCING 23rd MAY: Alison from Tempest Photography will be coming in to school on Monday 23rd to take children's individual photos and family groups. Letters will be sent home about this next week. On Tuesday 25th we have our May Procession at 10am. You are all welcome to attend, please come to school if you wish to walk over to Church with the children or you can wait in Church. Year 4 go off on their residential trip to Lockerbie on Wednesday 25th and return on Friday 27th May. Year 6 will be having a bag pack / collection in Tesco Millom on Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th to help with their residential trip funds. Please do support them if you possibly can. We break up for half term on Friday 27th May at 3.30pm. First Communion is on Sunday 28th May during the 10.30am Mass.

ADVANCE INFORMATION – PLEASE READ! School will be closed on **THURSDAY 23rd JUNE** as our building is being used as a Polling Station for the EU Referendum. Please do pass this around to everyone as we are aware by the telephone calls we had last Wednesday, that not all parents are reading the information we send in newsletters, texts, emails or facebook messages. We do try very hard to keep you informed, if you can, please do check our school facebook site regularly for any updates.

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 lovely weather forecast this weekend!

SCHOOL MEALS: The menu for week beginning Monday 9 May 2016 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.

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: No VIP's this week.

Birthdays 2 May 2016 to 8 May 2016: Tegan Trevaskis, Madison Bickerdike, Kai Nicholas

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 remember in your prayers this week, Ray Dixon, who has started his treatment this week. We ask God to take care of Ray and help him through the weeks ahead. We ask Our Blessed Lady to comfort and support Ray 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)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May 2016

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

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

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 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

SCHOOL MASS TIMES

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

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

You can start to pay for the 2017 trips now – please call in to our school office for details!

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: 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.

We are having a collection for:- MARY'S MEALS/BACKPACK APPEAL

WANTED ITEMS: Backpack/school bag, Exercise Books/Notepads, Pencils, Pens, Crayons, Erasers, Rulers, Sharpeners, Pencil Case, Towel, Shorts, Skirt/Dress, T shirt, Flip Flops, Sandals, Plimsolls, Tennis Ball, Soap, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Spoon. Blankets are always needed.

PLEASE SEND ANY DONATED ITEMS TO SCHOOL – WEEK BEGINNING 9 MAY 2016. THANK YOU.