



St James Catholic Primary School Newsletter

23 May 2016 & Half Term to 6 June 2016

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

Reception: Well we have had a fun week. The children really enjoyed the BeeBot Workshop on Thursday. They were all very well behaved and gained some new skills on movement and direction. In literacy we have enjoyed looking at instructions on how to make a witches stew the children have enjoyed sequencing the instructions and changing the instructions into new potions. Next week we will be making a fairy potion. In maths as we have been working hard with sharing and everyone appears to have grasped a solid understanding of the process. Next week we will be looking at shape and positional language. One afternoon next we are going to be looking at changes and differences. If possible could you send in a photograph of your child aged 1,2,3,4,5 clearly labelled with their name and what age. We are going to create a personal time line. Thank you have a lovely weekend.

Year 1: We have had an excellent week in Year 1! The children have worked so hard on their final stories for the topic, their handwriting is also really improving – so thank you for your support with that at home! In Maths we started looking at adding numbers up to 100. The children have really enjoyed being challenged. Next week we will be finishing our Science Topic about 'People and Animals' as well as looking at more calculating in Maths. When we come back from our half term holiday, the children have one week before the Phonics Screening Test (WB 13th June). As discussed at Parents Evening, all the children will be taking part in this. Please don't tell the children that they will be taking the screening, as they are used to doing these in class! To help your child with the screening, please read with your child, as well looking at the sounds sheet that we will be sending home in the reading bags. The Phonics Play website also has some fantastic resources to support your child too. We hope you have a lovely half term holiday!

Year 2: We have had an excellent week in Year 2 this week. We have been completing our work about Katie, Ben and the British Artists and the children have used some amazing ideas in their writing. In maths we have been looking at reflective symmetry and creating our own patterns. Next week we are going to go look at telling the time. Can you please practice this at home as it will really help? Next week we are also completing our topic work about Lowry. The children will have all completed their SATs by the end of May, they have been very sensible and this has been a wonderful experience for them which they have all enjoyed. Have a great weekend and half term.

Year 3: Children have enjoyed getting into our new book 'The Tunnel' this week and have been predicting what might have been at the end before we continued the story to find out. We have also been rehearsing the story and drawing story maps in preparation for changing the story next week. In Maths, we have focused of formal methods of division using predominantly our 8 times tables. Children are getting better at these and it really makes a difference when children practice these at home – we can really tell who has been! Children should now know 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables off by heart so please keep up regular practice and games with the children. This week we have also been thinking about Mary in RE, especially leading up to our May procession next week which you are all very welcome to attend. We hope to see you there – remember children can bring small posies of flowers to present to Mary. Have a great weekend.

Year 4: Year 4 have been busy this week learning about symmetry in Maths, they have done really well with this and have enjoyed making symmetrical figures using mirrors and by looking carefully at halves of shapes. In Literacy, the children have been writing their own stories based on 'Living on Ice' and they are coming on really nicely. We are having a bit of a refocus on times tables at the moment and it would be really helpful if the children were to have a go at learning these at home over the half term holidays. The focus being on the 6, 7, 8 and 9 times tables. Next week, we will be off on our residential trip to Myddelton Grange in Ilkley. It really is a great trip and I know that the children will have a great time. I will be happy to answer any last minute questions should you have anything that you need to ask. Please do come along to our May Procession on Tuesday if you possibly can. Children are invited to bring in a small bunch of flowers if they wish. Have great weekend and a relaxing half term!

Year 5: Year 5 are having a very busy week this week but next week we will be covering letter writing in Literacy and Decimals in Maths. We have had a fantastic time at Lockerbie this week and I am so proud of our Year 5 children. They have tried all of the activities on offer and had lots of fun and, I am happy to say, they have all done their very best and worked as a team every time. All of the children have been very well behaved and are a real credit to their families and their school. Have a fantastic weekend I am sure all of the children will be enjoying a very well deserved rest. We are having our May Procession on Tuesday 24 May 2016 and the children are invited to bring a small bunch of flowers if they wish to.

Year 6: It's been a busy week in year 6! With SATs out of the way, we have turned to our topic about Ancient Greece and we have been finding out how historians use surviving artefacts to piece together information about how the

Ancient Greeks lived. We have begun to read 'The Adventures of Odysseus' and we're using this as a stimulus for our writing. On Thursday, we made our own clay pots using coils of clay. In maths, we have been solving problems using bar diagrams. The children have found this challenging, but are beginning to see how such diagrams can help them to see a way of finding a solution. On Wednesday, some of the children represented the school in a netball tournament at Black Combe School; although they didn't win, they all had a great afternoon. Next week, we will continue with our work on the Ancient Greeks and 'The Adventures of Odysseus'. Groups of children will be bag packing at Tesco on Wednesday and Thursday to raise money towards our trip to London. Once this money is counted, we will be able to give you a final total cost for the trip. On Tuesday, please could children bring a small bunch of flowers to lay at the statue of Our Blessed Lady in church. We also desperately need shoe boxes, or boxes of a similar size so that we can make models of homes in Ancient Greece. If you have suitable boxes, I would be grateful if you would send them into school at the beginning of next week. 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 5 have had a busy week they took part in a Young Enterprise Workshop in school on Tuesday, before going on their residential trip to Lockerbie. They all had a fantastic time at Lockerbie and really enjoyed themselves taking part in all of the activities on offer. They behaved really well and we are very proud of them all for their effort and their enthusiasm. Also a very big thank you Sheelagh Wilson, Ellen Poole, Martin Cairns and Chris McQuire who went with the children on their trip. Some Year 6 children took part in the Hi-5 netball tournament on Wednesday at Black Combe School they tried really hard and played well, but unfortunately they were not amongst the winners this time. Reception and Year 1 will had their BeeBot Workshop on Thursday and had a lovely time with the little robots, they really enjoyed their day!

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 have been sent home and need to be filled in and returned to school by **Wednesday 18th May**. We will be taking each child's individual photo but do need to know if you would like a family group taking. As always we will give you a set time if you are bringing secondary school or pre-school children to join in the photo. 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. Please could children bring in a small bunch of flowers to lay before the statue of Our Blessed Lady in Church. If any younger pre-school brothers or sisters are coming to the Procession and would like to bring some flowers they would be very welcome to lay their flowers in Church too. Year 4 go off on their residential trip to Ilkley 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 are having a new telephone system installed in school on Thursday 26th May although we aren't expecting any interruption to our service I would like you to be aware of this if you are contacting us on this day just in case. We break up for half term on Friday 27th May at 3.30pm. First Communion is on Sunday 29th May during the 10.30am Mass.

WEEK COMMENCING 6TH JUNE: On Monday 6th June we will be having a visit from the Ten Ten Theatre Company. Year 5 will have their Mass at church on Tuesday 7th at 9.00am. Year 5 and Year 6 will be taking part in a Water Workshop on Tuesday 7th. On Wednesday 8th the whole school will be going to the Beggars Theatre to enjoy a performance of 'Little Frankenstein'. On Friday Year 6 will be having a visit from Mrs Drage and Mr Savage from Millom School, they are going to be giving the children a presentation about Millom School.

MATHLETICS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB: There will be NO Mathletics on Thursday 26 May 2016 and Friday 27 May 2016.

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 have a lovely weekend!

DON'T FORGET TO ORDER - SCHOOL MEALS: The menu for week beginning Monday 23 May 2016 is number 2 and the menu for week beginning Monday 1 June 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

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: Alfie Waters, Ollie Carpenter, Martha Allington, Madison Gooding, Sienna Jackson, Carl Peck

Birthdays 16 May 2016 to 5 June 2016: Nikki Teeley, Faith Brunskill, Callum Harrison, Charlie Garnett, Thomas Farren, Eliot Jakubowski, Elissa-Lea McKnight

Certificates: Ben Oliver, Isabelle Thompson, Jack Bagshaw, Harrison Aston, Keira Mason, Braith Lupton, Reien Weightman

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: We would like you to pray for yourself and your families as we go into our half term holiday. We ask God to keep us safe in all we do and to watch over us all. We ask Our Blessed Lady to pray for our families, especially those family members who have been ill, had operations or are recovering from treatments and illness. We pray that she will give them Her special love and care during the coming weeks. (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 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 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

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 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

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

Parents Guild Meetings Year 4 classroom at 6.30pm

Tuesday 17th May

Tuesday 14th June

Tuesday 12th July

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!



GOLF: Friendship, fresh air and exercise; golf has it all. Learn or improve or play more. From 14 May 2016 at Silecroft Golf Club. Coaching is available. Adults: 9.00-10.00am. Juniors 10.00-10.45am. Saturdays. Equipment provided. Call: Maureen on 772831 or Keith on 770467.

STAFF VACANCY AT ST JAMES' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

APPLICATION PACKS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN SCHOOL FROM MONDAY

CLEANER - PERMANENT

OP1 Grade 1 plus Living Wage Supplement (£15,917 PER ANNUM PRO RATA) £8.25 per hour

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Required to start Monday 15th August 2016

16 hours per week

The Governing Body of St James' Catholic Primary School wish to appoint a cleaner to join our happy, hardworking school team. The successful candidate must be punctual, enthusiastic, willing, committed, have a pride in their work and have relevant skills or experience.

Full details and an application form are available by calling in at the school office or contacting us by e-mail or telephone:

e-mail: sheelaghwilson@stjamesrc.cumbria.sch.uk or head@stjamesrc.cumbria.sch.uk

Telephone: 01229 772731

Appointment to this post will be subject to a satisfactory enhanced check being sought from the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS). St James' Catholic Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.

Closing date for applications: 12 noon on Thursday 26th May 2016

Interviews will be held on: Tuesday 7th June 2016