



# St James Catholic Primary School Newsletter

## 18 July – Summer Holiday – 5 September 2016

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

**Reception:** Well I cannot believe it is the end of the school year! What a great school year full of lovely exciting things. We have been for a visit into the Year One classroom and are looking forward to moving in there in September. In September the children will begin lining up outside the Year 1 classroom and I will come out to greet them, just like year two and the juniors. We have been very busy preparing for our school play next week and cannot wait for you all to come and see us perform. Have a lovely summer! Miss Carter

**Year 1:** We have had such a busy week with our Sports Day and play practice for 'Pirates vs Mermaids'. The children are very excited to perform it to you all next week, and we hope that you enjoy it as they have worked so hard! Next week, Year 1 will have PE, so please could you make sure that your child's kit is in school for Wednesday and we will send them home that night. This school year seems to have flown past, and I have been very proud of all of the children as they have grown and progressed throughout the year, it has been a pleasure to teach them all and I wish them well for Year 2! I hope that you all have a lovely summer holiday and that the children rest up and stay safe! Thank you also for all of your support throughout this year for different matters, myself and Miss Cook really appreciate it!

**Year 2:** We have had another very busy week in Year 2. We have been working on our Seaside topic books but progress is slow at the moment there are too many exciting things going on. Everyone enjoyed taking part in sports day even the children who are not keen on running said how much they enjoyed it the next day. Our play is nearly ready for our performances. Everyone has worked hard and has enjoyed this experience. Spare tickets will be in the office on Monday but there are limited numbers. We will be having a raffle if anyone would like to contribute a prize, proceeds towards school books. Reports will be sent home tonight if anyone has any concerns especially as your children are the first class to take part in the new KS1 assessments, you are very welcome to make an appointment to come and see me. I have really enjoyed teaching all your children and they have made some super progress this year. Good luck in KS2 and I hope you all have a great Summer holiday.

**Year 3:** Well we have made it! Thank you to all year 3 – we have enjoyed getting to know you and wish you every success as you move into Year 4 with Miss Mullan. In our final week – we begin with our school trip to Grizedale! We would like to leave school at 9am prompt so would appreciate it if you could have children in school by 8:40am that would be great! Send them into the classroom for this time. We will return for the end of the school day. Children will need to be in sensible clothing suitable for the weather – however if it is warm and sunny, no dresses or short shorts due to the nature of the activity. Sensible shoes will be needed - trainers or equivalent. They need to bring a packed lunch with drinks and are allowed £3 to spend on an ice cream. Thanks again for support all year and we hope you have a lovely summer break. Mrs High & Mrs Jardine.

**Year 4:** We have had a great, but very busy, week in Y4. We have been revising our work on addition and subtraction in maths, and this coming week will have a quick recap on multiplication, division and finding fractions of numbers. In literacy we will write a short piece of persuasive writing about Zero Gravity; the children seemed to really enjoy our visit and were much quieter than usual on Friday! Your child will have come home with their report this weekend. Please complete and return the slip to say that you have received a copy of your child's report. I have really enjoyed teaching all of your children this year and look forward to familiar faces in Y5! Have a safe, peaceful and refreshing summer. See you in September!

**Year 5:** It has been a lovely week in Year 5! We have been exploring the Islamic faith in RE and the similarities and differences it has with the Christian faith; the children really enjoyed having a go at the positions that Muslims pray in. As part of our work on *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, the children made collages of images which represent the themes of love and dreams that are present in the Shakespearian play. Next week, Year 5 have been invited to attend the St. Bernard's end of year mass at Furness Abbey. Family and friends are welcome to join us there as well; the mass starts at 1pm. It has been lovely to meet you all this year and I hope you have a great summer!

**Year 6:** What a busy year we have had! After a year of topics, test and trips, the children are getting ready to move on to their new schools. It's been a real pleasure to teach the class, they have been a super year 6 class and we look forward to celebrating their achievements next week. We are practising for our leaver's play on Wednesday, and frantically finishing year books! The children have brought home their end of year reports and SATs results today. The children have all worked incredibly hard this year, trying to reach the much higher expectation of the new National Curriculum. Results can't be compared with previous years, as the demand is so much greater. Today, Sam from United Utilities has visited the class, and many of the children have brought home a 'Save a flush'. This can only be used in a toilet with a flush handle; it is designed to help save water. Instructions are all printed on the pack.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer break, and that the children settle quickly into their new schools.

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

It's been really busy this week! KS1 and Year 6 have both been practising hard for their end of term plays – which sound really great! Mrs High took our tennis team to represent Copeland in the Cumbria School Games in Carlisle on Tuesday. I'm very pleased to report that they came third out of the 12 teams that competed! Well done Callum, Jack, Hannah and Madison, we are all really proud of you. Special thanks must go to George Spry for all of his hard work in coaching our tennis team and for coaching year 3 and year 4 throughout the year. We are so lucky to have George and hope we will be successful again next year. The weather was kind to us on Wednesday and we managed to get both KS1 and KS2 sports days done without a hitch. Well done to everyone who took part and thank you to all of the parents and grandparents who came down to the field to support us. On Thursday we had our 'Move Up' afternoon when all of the classes moved up to their September classes. I hope all of the children enjoyed meeting their new teachers and hearing all about what they will be doing next term. Mrs McKendrie is moving up with year 4 to year 5 so they took the opportunity to have their end of term trip to Barrow where they visited The Dock Museum and Zero Gravity. Our Little Jimmy's Toddler Group enjoyed their end of term party on Friday morning. We look forward to welcoming them and any new toddlers with their parents on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September for the new term.

Next Week: Our final week at school will be jam packed as there is still so much left to fit in! On Monday Year 3 will be going on their trip to 'Go Ape' at Grizedale Forest. They will be leaving school at 9am and returning by 3.15pm – have a great time everyone! KS1 will be performing their play on Monday at 2pm and 6pm, they are also doing another performance on Tuesday at 5pm. Tickets have been allocated already but there are a limited number of spares which will be available from our school office **from 9am** on Monday. On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Year 5 will be going to Barrow to join with the Furness Catholic Schools at a special Mass being held at Furness Abbey. This bus leaves school at 11.45am and returns by 3.15pm. Year 6 Leavers Celebration will be held at The Ski Bar on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> from 6pm until 9pm. A letter has been sent home giving full details. On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>, year 6 perform their Infamous Leavers Play at 2.30pm, this is for parents of year 6 children. We are all looking forward to watching this – there are some very nervous staff about just now ☺ Our Parents Guild will have their last Disco of this school year on Wednesday evening; flyers will be sent home the week before. Finally we break up for our summer holiday at 1.30pm on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July!

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS: All after school clubs have finished. They will begin again in September. Parents will be advised of club days and times when the new term begins.**

I would like to take the opportunity of saying Goodbye and Good Luck to our year 6 pupils as they move up to Millom School and Dowdales School. It has been a pleasure to have had you in our school and to watch you grow into the lovely young people you are today. Thank you for being a special part of our school and our lives. Please remember we are always here for you and you will always be a part of St James' family. Our love and prayers are with you all.

We would like to say a big THANK YOU to Mr Fallows who is retiring from his position of Caretaker at the end of the summer holidays. We have thankfully persuaded Cosh to stay on as our groundsman, I'm sure you'll agree he does such a brilliant job of keeping the gardens looking lovely. A lot of the children were upset last week when we gave him a present during the Awards Mass; please reassure them that they will still see Cosh in the mornings from September as he will be here to open up. Ms Dawn Driver will be joining our cleaning staff from mid-August; she will be responsible for KS2. We welcome Dawn to our team and look forward to working with her. I'm sure many children know Dawn already but those who don't will meet her in September.

Thank you to our Parents Guild for all of their fund raising efforts. The money raised this year has paid towards class trips, Year 5 & 6 residential trips, Year 6 Leavers Celebration, the swimming bus, new books and resources for the classrooms and the various workshops that come into school that the children take part in. I really do hope that parents support you in September as it would be so very sad to lose the great work you do. Please if you are reading this - consider coming to support our Parents Guild when they have their AGM in the autumn term. We really do need your help and support.

Thank you to all of the children in school for all of their hard work this year and I hope you all have a lovely holiday. Thank you to all of our teaching and support staff who have all worked tirelessly throughout the year. School staff give so much of their own time, without their love, care and support so many opportunities for the children just wouldn't happen. I hope you have the fantastic holidays that you all deserve.

Finally I hope you all have a lovely, happy and peaceful summer break, please stay safe and well. We look forward to seeing the children back at school on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September.**

**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.

**Thursday:** KS1 Multi Skills - 3.15pm to 4.15pm.

**Thursday:** Athletics - 3.15pm to 4.00pm.

**Friday:** Athletics - 3.15 to 4.00pm.

**DON'T FORGET TO ORDER - SCHOOL MEALS:**

Monday 18 July 2016 is Menu No.3.

Tuesday 6 September 2016 is Menu No.1.

**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)

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

**VIPS:** Oliver Thompson (Y2).

**Birthdays 11 July to 4 September 2016:** Ella McKendrie, Libby Carpenter, Bradley James, Harley Young, Bethany McKnight, Ella Bradley, Katherine Mossop, Usha Philip Jakubowski, Layla Brown, Erin Jakubowski, Rhys Nicholas, Alana Hartley, Sol Jackson, Harry Dawson, Thomas Woodend, Roisin Ruddy, Reien Weightman, Ben Oliver, Harrison Aston, Lily Darby, Gabriel Gill, Seamus Peck, Tilly Clark, Ollie Carpenter, Aaron Redhead, Maya Clarke, Leon Giles, Samuel Atkinson, Khiya Weightman, Aleecia Richards

**PRAYER INTENTIONS:** We say a special prayer of grateful thanks for all of our answered prayers for those people we have been praying for recently. Over the holidays, please do still keep all of these people and their families in your prayers. We ask you to remember especially our Year 6 pupils as they leave our school and prepare to start their secondary schools in September. We ask Our Blessed Lady to look after them all and be with them in whatever they do. We ask God to look down on us and bless us all as we start our summer break. We ask Him to keep us and our families all safe and well during the weeks ahead.

(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**

**July 2016**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – KS1 Play 2pm & 6pm  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Y3 Grizedale Go Ape Trip  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> – Furness Abbey Mass Y5  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> – KS1 Play 5pm  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> – Y6 Leavers Celebration  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> – Y6 Play 2.30pm  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> – School Discos  
**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> – 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.saintfranciscumbria.com](http://www.saintfranciscumbria.com)

### **RESIDENTIAL TRIP DATES 2017**

Year 5 Lockerbie – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May  
Year 6 London – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June

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

### **Parents Guild Annual General Meeting**

**Year 4 classroom at 6.30pm**  
Tuesday 28 September 2016

### **TERM DATES 2016-2017**

Autumn Term 2016: **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Sept. 16 - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec. 16**

*Half Term: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday 28 October 2016*

Spring Term 2017: **Thursday 5 Jan. 2017 – Friday 7 April 2017**

*Half Term: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February.*

Summer Term 2017: **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July.**

*Bank Holiday: Monday 1 May 2017*

*Half Term: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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

Millom RLFC. Friday evenings.

*For more info contact Andrew James on 770066*

**All players welcome, new or old!**



### **TENNIS IN MILLOM PARK**

To celebrate the re-opening of the tennis courts in the park, **5 days of free coaching will be provided in the school holidays.**

Tuesday 26/7, Saturday 30/7, Tuesday 9/8, Wednesday 10/8, Saturday 13/8

10-11am all children up to and including year 3. 11am – 12noon for children from year 4 to 6 inclusive.

12noon -1pm for Year 7 to aged 18.

Equipment will be provided. It is simply turn up and play, but we would appreciate ideas of numbers.

To pre-register or for further information contact: George Spry on 07855136301 or [gwspry@hotmail.com](mailto:gwspry@hotmail.com)  
or Dave Billing on 01229 773728 or [davidbilling121@btinternet.com](mailto:davidbilling121@btinternet.com)