



St James Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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

Reception: Welcome to Reception class at St James! Myself and Mrs Cloudsdale really enjoyed coming to see you all on your home visits and we are looking forward to getting to know you all over the next few weeks. As of Monday, children can bring their PE bags into school to place on their peg ready for PE sessions; these can stay in school and will be sent home for the holidays.

Over the next couple of weeks you will be receiving different letters, so please keep checking your child's reading bag for information as well as here in the newsletter and on our school Facebook site for up to date news. We hope that the children settle in quickly, and if there are any questions, please do not hesitate to come and ask! Thank you - Miss Haythorn.

Year 1: What a great start back to school! It has been a fun filled week with lots of things going on. We have started work on our new text – 'Little Red Riding Hood'. We have been working on describing the wolf and little red riding hood. We will continue with this next week. In maths we have been working on counting forwards and backwards, writing numerals and have been learning how to write some numbers as words.

In RE we are looking at Creation and the beautiful things in God's world. We enjoyed sharing some of the beautiful things we have found. Have a lovely weekend.

Year 2: Everyone has made a great start to the new school year and are beginning to learn all the new routines. Here are some messages, which I hope help you:

Our PE sessions this term are on Tuesdays and Thursdays so can you make sure PE kits are in school and any earrings have been removed, unless children can remove them independently. They may wear their trainers for Thursday PE but also need black pumps to wear in the classroom.

This term I am introducing weekly spelling words to practice daily at home which we will test in school. Homework will be sent in a book on Fridays, please return this by the next Wednesday and encourage the children to keep the work neat and tidy. Please use a pencil rather than pens or felt pens. Have a great weekend.

Year 3: Children have settled in nicely to Year 3 – hopefully this hasn't been too traumatic for them! Obviously there are changes to routines and expectations and the class have done well adjusting to these so far. We have sent a little homework home this weekend. Please read the article with your child and answer the questions together. Each week homework will come home on a Friday and should be returned to school by the following Wednesday.

On Tuesday next week (13.09.16) at 5:30pm in, we invite parents to attend a short meeting about Year 3. In this we hope to explain the day to day running of the class, as well as some of the curriculum expectations for Year 3. We hope to see as many as possible of you there. This will be in the Year 3 classroom.

We also say a big welcome to two new children that have joined Year 3 this year – McKenna Garrat and Lexie Sharples – we hope you settle into Year 3 and enjoy your time with us.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Year 4: It has been a lovely first week back at school getting to know the children! We have begun working on our topic about World War Two and the children have been really interested and enthusiastic about it. If you have any artefacts or information about the Second World War, please feel free to send them in as we would love to see them and all help is greatly appreciated. I will be holding an information meeting for parents on Thursday 15th September at 5:00pm. This meeting will be a chance to meet the Year 4 staff and go over expectations for the year. Please do come along and raise any questions or concerns that you may have. I hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Year 5: We have had a good start back in Y5 and the children are quickly getting used to the new expectations, rules and routines. In Maths, we have been thinking about Place Value and in particular reading, writing and understanding 6 digit numbers; I have sent a game home for the children to play which will help them in their understanding of this. Next week, we will be thinking about ordering and comparing 6 digit numbers. In Literacy, we will begin our class book 'Cosmic' which links to our science topic of Earth and Space. The children have made an enthusiastic start to this topic by doing some water marbling; next week we hope to make our own planets! In RE, our thoughts will turn towards the creation story and in particular the fall. The children have enjoyed their Friday with Mrs Marmion and I'm sure that this will be a routine which will work well for us all. Thank you for your help and have a good weekend.

There will be a short parents' information evening on Monday 19th September at 5pm in the Y5 classroom where I hope to provide you with information about the upcoming year including trips, expectations, the curriculum and what will be expected of your child and other useful information. Please do come along if you possibly can!

Year 6: The children have got off to a great start in year 6. We have begun our topic by finding out about how the police investigate a crime scene. The children really enjoyed taking their fingerprints and making a cast of their thumbs! We have also started our maths, where we have been learning more about how to read and write numbers up to 10 million. For homework, I would like the children to find examples of big numbers around them (house prices or car mileage would be a good starting point). In Literacy, the children have been learning about how to create suspense in their writing. Next week, I will be holding an information evening on Tuesday at 6pm, where I will be sharing information about the year ahead and there will be an opportunity to ask any questions you may have. I look forward to meeting you all. Have a great weekend!

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

Welcome back everyone for the start of our new school year and autumn term. It has been lovely to hear all about what the children have been doing during the holidays. I think, judging by the comments that a lot of the children were ready to come back to school a few weeks ago and they are very happy to be back! This week they have all been getting to know their new teachers and settling in to new classrooms.

We welcome two new children in to year 3, McKenna and Lexi have both joined us from Millom Infants and we hope they enjoy their new classes and make lots of new friends.

This Monday we welcome our new Reception Class and we are all looking forward to them joining our school. The children will be either mornings or afternoons for the first two weeks (parents will have been informed which) then mornings and lunch before starting full time on 3rd October.

CLASS PARENTS MEETINGS:

Each teacher will be holding meetings for parents over the next couple of weeks to tell you about what the expectations are for the coming year, the routines and curriculum. Mrs High & Mrs Jardine will be having their meeting for year 3 Parents on Tuesday 13th September and Mrs Orchard will have her meeting for year 6 Parents at 6pm also on Tuesday. Miss Mullan will have her meeting for Year 4 Parents on Thursday 15th September at 5pm. Mrs McKendrie has arranged her meeting for Monday 19th September at 5pm. We will let you know when the other class meetings will be held and this information will also be posted on to our school Facebook site. Please do try to come along to these meetings as they are really helpful and useful for you.

BREAKFAST CLUB:

Our Breakfast Club started back on Tuesday, this runs every week day when we are at school from 8am and costs £1 per child per day, which is payable daily or weekly / termly in advance please. Children are able to choose from a wide range of cereals, drinks and toast. They can play games, read and socialise with the other 'breakfast clubbers' before going in to class or they can take the opportunity to do their homework. Breakfast club is open to children from any class. (If your child does not usually come to breakfast club, please let our school office know that they will be coming - just so that our staff have an idea of how many children to expect. Thank you.)

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS:

Tennis: George Spry will be starting the after school Tennis on Tuesday 13th September, this will be held at Millom Recreation Centre from 3pm – 4pm. Our staff will take the children up to the Recreation Centre, please can you arrange to collect your child from there at 4pm. The cost of this club is £3 per week and is payable to George Spry please. Please fill in and return the form at the bottom of this newsletter if your child would like to attend the tennis after school club on Tuesdays.

Multi Skills will begin again on Wednesday 14th September for KS2 and on Thursday 15th September for Years 1 and 2. These clubs will be run by Andrew Marshall and Harry Cowley from Onside Sports, they will start at 3.15pm and end at 4.15pm, when children can be collected from the main office entrance. The cost of the club for the 6 weeks of the first half term is £18 per child which we would like paying at the start of the term please. There is a form attached to this newsletter which we would be grateful if you could fill in and return by Wednesday 14th September so we know how many children will be attending each club. Many thanks for your help.

Choir will begin on Monday 19th September for children from KS2 and Year 2. The Infant choir practice will be during school time. This will be from 3.15pm until 4pm. Our choirs will be taking part in the Ulverston Musical Festival next year as well as taking part in a concert in Ulverston in November.

Mathletics: Mrs High will be sending out forms to register for Mathletics next week. These clubs will run on Thursday and Friday after school from 3.15pm until 4pm. Places for the club are limited and will be allocated on a first come basis so please do fill in and return your form to school as soon as possible.

We will be starting to get back to normal this week - Our KS2 music lessons with Cyril Stoneham start on Monday morning. Miss Faulkner will be starting French lessons for KS1 on Monday and KS2 on Tuesday. Year 4 will be having Tennis with George Spry on Tuesday afternoons this half term, so please year 4 remember to bring your tennis kits in! On Wednesday Year 5 and 6 have swimming – please can children remember to bring in their swimming kits! Onside Sports Multiskills will be on Wednesday for Reception class and Year 1 and on Thursday for years 2, 3, 5 and 6. Please could you remember to send in PE kits on these days. We will have VIPs and an Assembly on Friday afternoon at 2.30pm this week.

LITTLE JIMMY'S TODDLER GROUP: Will begin again on Friday 16 September 2016 starting at 9.15am until 11am. This costs £1 for the first child and 50p for any other children. This includes tea, toast and biscuits for children and adults. All are welcome to come along and join our friendly group which is run by Wendy Wallace.

We hope everyone has enjoyed their first week back, have a good rest this weekend and we will see you all on Monday. Have a great weekend!

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:

12 September 2016 is Menu No.2.
Please remember to order your child's school meals or cancel them by 9.30am

The website address is

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. 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 a link to this is on our school website.

Birthdays 1st to 11th September 2016:

Ella Bradley, Katherine Mossop, Oliver Thompson, Maya Hughes, Bella Pedley, Jessica Burch, Heidi Evans, Evan Jackson, Sebastian Keough, Zoe Thompson, Tommy Gill

PRAYER INTENTIONS:

Last weekend our Church lost two of its most devoted parishioners when Anne O'Brien and Pauline McCarthy both passed away. Anne is Madison from year 4's and Maya from year 2's nanna and Pauline was a great friend of many of us at school. Could we ask you to remember Anne and Pauline in your prayers this week and ask God to welcome them into His Kingdom. Please pray especially for Anne's husband and her family and for Pauline's family and friends during this very sad time for them all. We ask Our Blessed Lady to comfort them during the difficult times ahead. It is always sad when we have been on holiday to learn of the people who have passed away while we have been off and we ask you to remember all who have sadly died during this time. Last term we asked you to pray for Glyn Robinson who was poorly; sadly Glyn passed away at the beginning of the holidays and we would like to ask you to pray for Glyn's wife Pauline, children Noah and Charlotte and all of his family and friends at this sad time for them all.

Please join us as we pray especially for Anne, Pauline and Glyn, and all of those who are no longer with us: *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

September

Tuesday 13th – Live Screening of 'Matilda' for the whole school during the afternoon
Tuesday 13th – Year 3 Parents Meeting at 5.30pm
Tuesday 13th – Year 6 Parents Meeting at 6pm
Thursday 15th – Year 4 Parents Meeting at 5pm
Monday 19th – Year 5 Parents Meeting at 5pm
Thursday 22nd – Osiligi Masai Warriors
Tuesday 27th – Parents Guild AGM 6.30pm
Friday 30th – Year 4 WW2 workshop with Charlie

October

Monday 3rd – Year 6 Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to Lancaster
Tuesday 4th – Year 6 Lancaster Castle Trip
Friday 7th – CAFOD Harvest Fast Day
Friday 7th – Year 6 REACT Science Show at Millom School
Wednesday 19th – Parents Evening
Thursday 20th – Parents Evening
Friday 21st – Choir Workshop pm
Friday 21st – Break up for Half Term
Monday 31st – Start back at School

November

Thursday 10th – Choir Concert at Ulverston

December

Wednesday 7th – KS1 Xmas Play 1.30pm & 6pm
Thursday 8th – KS1 Xmas Play 6pm
Monday 12th – School Christmas Dinner
Monday 12th – Possible date KS2 Carol Service
Tuesday 13th – KS1 Xmas Party
Wednesday 14th – Y3&4 Xmas Party
Thursday 15th – Y5&6 Xmas Party
Friday 16th – 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

TERM DATES 2016-2017

Autumn Term 2016: **Tuesday 6th Sept. 16 - Friday 16th Dec. 16**
Half Term: Monday 24th – Friday 28 October 2016

Spring Term 2017: **Thursday 5 Jan. 2017 – Friday 7 April 2017**
Half Term: Monday 20th – Friday 24th February.

Summer Term 2017: **Monday 24th April – Thursday 20th July.**
Bank Holiday: Monday 1 May 2017
Half Term: Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June

RESIDENTIAL TRIP DATES 2017

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!

Parents Guild Annual General Meeting

Year 4 classroom at 6.30pm

Tuesday 27 September 2016

We desperately need more people to come along and help our Parents Guild to organise and run fund raising events such as disco's and Christmas Fairs which give our school & children many opportunities and equipment etc that they would otherwise not have. Please do come along and see what our Parent Guild does and how you can help. You are not committed to do anything but please do come to the meeting as it would be such a shame if we no longer had a Parents Guild.

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

Millom RLFC. Friday evenings.

For more info contact Andrew James on 770066

All players welcome, new or old!

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MILLOM RUGBY LEAGUE VETERANS

On Sunday 11th September at 1pm

Various stalls, refreshments & raffle.

This is being held in memory of Glyn Robinson and all proceeds from the day will be going towards Glyn's chosen charities.

Everybody welcome – hope to see you there!

WHAT'S ON AT THE BEGGAR'S THEATRE

Saturday 17th September at 8pm - Jason Cook

Saturday 24th September at 2pm – Comedy Club for Kids

Sunday 9th October at 8pm – Sam Simmons

Saturday 15th October at 8pm – The Houghton Weavers

Friday 21st October at 8pm – Nish Kumar

Thursday 27th October at 7.30pm – Jonathan Pie Live

Thursday 20th November at 7.30pm – The Underground Man

Tuesday 22nd November – Genesis

Friday 25th November at 8pm – Croft & Pearce

Saturday 26th November at 8pm – The Sherry Babys – Oh What a Night

Sunday 4th December at 2pm – Cinderella Pantomime

Friday 16th December at 8pm – Shappi Khorsandi 'Oh My Country'

www.beggars theatre.co.uk or 775677 or call in at the theatre to book

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

MULTISKILLS

KS2 MULTISKILLS – WEDNESDAYS

My child Would like to attend the KS2 Multiskills Club.

I enclose £18 for the first half term / I do not enclose £18 at the moment
Please delete as applicable

Signed: Parent

KS1 MULTISKILLS – THURSDAYS

My child Would like to attend the KS1 Multiskills Club.

I enclose £18 for the first half term / I do not enclose £18 at the moment
Please delete as applicable

Signed: Parent

TENNIS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB – TUESDAYS