



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 lovely first week in Reception this week! The children have really enjoyed themselves and have made lots of new friends! Next week, the children will be swapping over their sessions (mornings or afternoons); morning sessions will be 8:45-11:45 and afternoon sessions will be 1:15-3:15. Thank you to all the parents who have sent in PE kits for their child, the children who have been in for the afternoons have had a go at PE this week and had a great time! We hope you have a lovely weekend!

Year 1: What a busy week in year 1! We enjoyed watching the live streaming of Roald Dahl Show on Tuesday afternoon. In literacy we have been working hard with the story of Little Red Riding Hood. Next week we will be boxing up and changing the story.

In maths we are moving onto number bonds to 5. If you could help your child learn these it would be a great help to their progress. We have started reading books this week, please try and read every day even it's the same book as this will help them progress with their reading and writing. In RE we are looking at ways we can help keep God's world beautiful.

Our parents information evening is going to be on Tuesday 20th September at 5.30pm. I hope to see everyone there. Have a good weekend.

Year 2: We have had a good start with all our work this week in Year 2. In maths we have been partitioning numbers into tens and ones in different ways. We have also been practicing counting backwards from different two digit numbers. In Literacy we have been looking at sentence structure nouns and adjectives ready to start our new text next week. Our RE is the Chosen People and the first person we have learnt about is Abraham. Everyone enjoyed watching the video clips about The Great Fire of London. I look forward to seeing you all at the Year 2 meeting on Tuesday at 6 o'clock.

Year 3: Firstly, we would like to say a huge thank you to all who attended the parent's information evening this week – it was lovely to see you and we hope you found it helpful. Any feedback is always useful and if there is anything you think we should have included, feel free to let us know and we can put it in for next year! We will meet you formally again in the last week of half term for Parents evenings, but as always, we are available to speak to you whenever you need to; catch us on the door or make an appointment if needed. For homework this week, children have some spellings in their books. We would like them to try to learn these for next Wednesday. Children should also write each word in a sentence in their books. We are planning to visit Hodbarrow as part of our topic on the week beginning 26th September – a separate letter will come home as we will watch the weather for the week. Have a lovely weekend.

Year 4: We have been working hard in Year 4 this week. In maths we have been looking at place value and will be moving on to rounding next week. In literacy we have begun to alter the story of Little Red Riding Hood to make our own versions; the children have come up with lots of fantastic ideas. Next week we will begin thinking about what makes a good setting description. The children chose their brass instruments on Monday and they will start bringing them home next week. Please ensure that they practice regularly and remember to bring them back into school for their lesson on Monday mornings. Thank you to all those parents who came along to the information meeting on Thursday, I hope you found it useful. If anyone who couldn't make it would like the information that was given out, please let me know. I would just like to remind you that homework is due in on Wednesday in Year 4. Please encourage your children to complete it and hand it in on time. I hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Year 5: Y5 have worked hard this week to secure their understanding of Place Value in numbers with up to 6 digits. This coming week, we will be thinking about ordering and rounding numbers. In Literacy, we will be continuing to think about stories with a space setting. Can I please remind parents that children need their pumps in school and that swimming is on Wednesday. PE kits will be needed in school on Thursdays. **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: It's been a busy week; it seems like we've been back at school forever! It was lovely to see so many parents on Tuesday for the information evening; I hope you found it useful. If you weren't able to attend, I have sent home copies of the slides, along with information about our residential trip to London. I have set up a closed group on Facebook, 'St James Y6 Class of 2017' where I will share important information, reminders and photographs of work the children have been doing. Membership is restricted to parents of children in the current year 6 class, and any photographs posted should not be shared without permission. If you would prefer for your child's photograph not

to be shown, please let me know. In class, we have continued our work on place value and rounding in maths and have been writing to create suspense in Literacy. In RE, we have started learning about the Kingdom of God, which is our topic for this half-term. I hope you all have a great weekend!

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

We welcomed our new Reception Class on Monday and it has been lovely getting to know them all, they have settled in very well this week. 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. Things in school have been getting back to normal with our music with Mrs Cullen, Brass tuition with Mr Stoneham and French with Madam Faulkner all starting on Monday. Our PE sessions with Andrew and Harry from Onside Sports and Tennis lessons with George Spry have also started this week as have their after school clubs. Mrs High & Mrs Jardine, Mrs Orchard and Miss Mullan have all held their start of year meetings for parents. Thank you to those parents who took the time to come along and hear about what the expectations are in class this year, it was good to meet you all. The year 5 & 6 choir members were honoured to be asked to sing at the funeral Mass of Pauline McCarthy on Wednesday. Pauline was always a great supporter of our school and was one of our lovely parishioners at Church. We would like to say thank you to Pauline's family for asking us to be a part of the lovely tribute to her.

On Friday a new club being run in conjunction with STEM Cumbria started from 3.15pm – 4.15pm. Martin Cairns will work with the ambassadors from Sellafield to run the science, technology and engineering club every Friday during this term.

Our Choir starts again on Monday, KS1 will be during the school day and KS1 with year 2 will be after school from 3.15pm – 4pm. The choir will be taking part in a workshop on 21st October in preparation for a concert at The Coronation Hall in Ulverston on the evening of 10th November. Our choirs will be taking part in the South Cumbria Musical Festival next year.

Mrs McKendrie will be having her Year 5 Parents Meeting on Monday 19th at 5pm. On Tuesday 20th Miss Carter will be having her meeting for Year 1 parents at 5.30pm and at 6pm Mrs Carter will have her meeting for Year 2 parents. On Thursday the whole school will be watching a performance by the Osiligi Masai Warriors. Mrs High will be starting the Athletics After School clubs on Thursdays and Fridays, she will let you know early in the week if your child has a place. These clubs run from 3.15pm until 4pm on both nights.

On Monday 26th September there will be a Football Festival at Millom School, Year 2 will be in the morning and in the afternoon teams of children from year 3 & 4 and year 5 & 6 will take part. Our Parents Guild have their start of year Annual General Meeting at 6.30pm on Tuesday 27th, please do come to this if you possibly can. We really do need some new people to join the guild to help raise much needed funds for our school. It isn't too much work, just helping out with events such as discos, fun days etc but without your support our guild will not be able to continue. Some of the things our parents guild have paid for are: - the Wednesday swimming bus to Millom School, donation towards the coach for year 5 and 6 residential trips, year 5 Liverpool trip bus, a wide range of books and educational equipment for school, workshops and theatre visits in school. Each class received a donation of £200 last term to spend however they wished, some of this was used towards school trips which reduced the overall costs to parents, others used this for equipment for class. We have been very lucky to have had such a proactive group of parents but unfortunately as their children left our school some are no longer part of our guild so we really do need some new parents to join the remaining group. Please, please do come to the meeting and see if you can help in any way. Many thanks.

On Thursday 29th year 5 and 6 will take part in a workshop from BAE Systems and on Friday 30th Year 4 have a world war 2 workshop with Charlie Lupton. There will be no assembly on 30th September.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend!

BREAKFAST CLUB:

Our Breakfast Club 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:

Monday: Choir – 3.15pm – 4.00pm
Tuesday: Tennis Club – 3.00pm – 4.00pm at the Sports Hall
Tuesday: KS2 Drama – 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Wednesday: KS2 Multi Skills - 3.15pm to 4.15pm.
Wednesday: Board Games for Year 4 – 3.15pm – 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.
Friday: STEM Club Project Year 6 – 3.15pm – 4.15pm

VIP'S WEEK COMMENCING 12th SEPTEMBER

**Year 6 – Ellis Fagan
Year 5 – Jay Date
Year 4 – Cobey French
Year 3 – Eva Chapples
Year 2 – Leah Kelly
Year 1 – Aleecia Richards**

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 ☺

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.

DON'T FORGET TO ORDER - SCHOOL MEALS:

19 September 2016 is Menu No.3.

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

The website address is www.lunchshop.co.uk

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 12th to 18th September 2016:

Freya Lupton, Braith Lupton, Reuben Lupton

PRAYER INTENTIONS: We ask you to pray for our new reception class children as they join our school for the first time this week. Please also remember all of the children and staff of our school as we begin our new school year. (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

Monday 19th – Year 5 Parents Meeting at 5pm
Thursday 22nd – Osiligi Masai Warriors
Monday 26th – Football Festival at Millom School
Morning – Y2 Afternoon Y3/4, Y5/6
Tuesday 27th – Parents Guild AGM 6.30pm
Thursday 29th – BAE Systems workshop Y5/6 pm
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
Tuesday 4th – Cross Country Competition Y3,4,5
Wednesday 5th – Governors Meeting
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
Monday 31st – Cyclewise Training Y5 all week

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!

November

Tuesday 1st – Y4 trip to Tullie House, Carlisle
Thursday 10th – Choir Concert at Ulverston
Monday 14th – Drama & Musical Workshop for
KS1, Y3/4, Y5/6 also after school

December

Wednesday 7th – KS1 Xmas Play 2pm & 6pm
Thursday 8th – KS1 Xmas Play 2pm
Monday 12th – School Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 13th – KS1 Xmas Party
Wednesday 14th – Y3&4 Xmas Party
Thursday 15th – Y5&6 Xmas Party
Friday 16th – Break up at 1.30pm

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 orgainse 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

MOORE ARTS:MILLOM @ The Beggar's Theatre

Youth Theatre Programme

Wednesdays:

12noon – 1pm Little Tots - Age 2 – 4 Years

4pm – 6pm Beggar's Youth Theatre – School Year 4 +
(Tuck shop is open)

Thursdays:

3.30pm – 5pm Reception – School Year 3

We will take children up to the theatre from school and you can collect them there at 5pm.

5.30pm – 7.30pm Project Shadow – Young people with additional learning needs – Age 10 – Adults

All clubs start week commencing 19th September – week of 17th

October then week commencing 7th November – week of 5th

December . Cost £40 per 10 week term

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.beggarstheatre.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

My child Would like to attend the Tennis Club.

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

Signed: Parent