



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 such a busy week in Reception watching two shows! The first was a surprise performance of Beauty and the Beast on Tuesday afternoon, and on Wednesday morning we enjoyed our annual visit from the Magic Carpet Theatre! Thank you so much for all of your cake and money donations sent in on Friday for our 'Brighten Up for Harvest' day – we are very grateful. The children were sent home with their phonics homework book and their reading book on Friday. Unfortunately, we are unable to send home reading books if your child does not bring in a reading bag. Please can you make sure that your child's reading book is in their book bag every day so that they can take part in daily reading activities, and also so we can change their books when necessary. We hope you have a lovely weekend!

(Sounds taught in phonics so far: s,a,t,p,i,n).

Year 1: It has been a really busy and exciting week in year 1. On Tuesday we had a lovely surprise visit from the M and M theatre company, watching their production of Beauty and the Beast; we all thoroughly enjoyed this. On Wednesday we had a visit from the Magic Carpet company and their production of 'The Magic Circus' we all really enjoyed watching that too. We have enjoyed writing our own versions of 'How to catch a star' this week and have produced some very inspiring ideas. Next week we will be starting a new book 'The Way Back Home'. In Maths we have been looking at ordering numbers to 50 and writing them. We have started looking at missing numbers too; I have sent some to try at home for homework. We will continue with this next week. We have made a great start to our space topic and enjoyed watching video clips of space; we completed a great piece of science work based on the planets in our solar system.

Mrs South's phonics group – Recapped sounds: 'e' 'u' 'b' 'r' 'h'. Miss Cook's phonics group – Recapped sounds: 'ai' 'ee' 'igh' 'oa' 'oo'. Miss Carters phonics group – New words: some come Sounds recapped: ur er. Next week we will start sending home weekly spellings to learn and practice. They will go out on a Monday and the children will have a test on Friday. Have a lovely weekend.

Year 2: In Literacy we have been looking at features of newspaper reports and this week we are going to plan and create some of our own linked to familiar stories we know. In maths we are adding two digit numbers in different ways including renaming. Can children practice counting forwards and backwards from different two digit numbers as this is something we are practicing daily and extra practice at home will really help. In RE we are re-telling the story about Daniel in the Lions den. We are thinking about how he felt and how the King felt when he had to put him in the den of Lions. In Science we have been looking at mini beasts in their habitats and thinking about why different insects and animals live in different places. We are going to continue with this and compare different habitats and animals that live in them such as tropical rain forests and the Polar regions. Have a great weekend.

Year 3: It's been a hectic week in Year three this week on Monday morning children went to Mass and can we say a massive thank you to all the children who brought in cakes from home – it is very much appreciated and the parishioners loved them! On Monday afternoon, we went up to the Beggar's theatre to watch a performance of Bardolf's Box and on Tuesday and Wednesday we were lucky enough to watch two performances by the 'Magic Carpet' theatre! The children thoroughly enjoyed these performances! On Wednesday afternoon, we went on our walk to Hodbarrow, looked at the area we have been discussing in class and did some sketching. Finally on Friday, we finished with our Harvest Fast day in aid of CAFOD – again thank you to all who contributed to the day! Next week looks to be a little more 'normal'. In literacy we have started a new unit on writing instructions and we will be investigating these a little more. In maths, we will continue with addition.

Year 4: It has been a busy week in Year 4! On Monday we had a trip to the Beggar's Theatre to watch *Bardolf's Box* and then on Wednesday the circus came to town when the Magic Carpet Theatre Company came to perform for us at school. The children had a great time and really enjoyed watching both performances! In literacy we have finished our work on quest tales and have now moved on to looking at newspaper reports. We have also started some new work in maths this week as we have been thinking about addition calculations and our nine times table. On Monday Year 4 are going to mass at 9am. Please can you ensure that your child is in school by 8:45am so that we can register the class and get across to church on time. There will be a Facebook page set up in the next few days called 'St James Year 4'. This will be a closed group for parents to join so that I can share information with you and so that you can see pictures of the children taking part in school activities. I hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Year 5: What a busy week we've had with theatre visits and fitting in all out classwork. This coming week, we will be changing our maths focus to addition. We will be looking at the column method and building on the skills which the children already have. Any extra work at home and on Mathletics will be of great benefit to them. In Literacy, we will end our story writing unit with the children writing their own mystery story; we will then be switching our focus to non-fiction texts and explanations in particular. Have a great weekend!

Year 6: It's been a particularly hectic week in year 6. On Monday, the children took part in the Year of Mercy pilgrimage to Lancaster Cathedral. On Tuesday, they visited Lancaster Castle, where they found out about how the justice system in Lancaster. They were able to visit the two courtrooms, still in use today, and many chose to find out what it was like to be locked up in a medieval cell! On Wednesday, the children enjoyed a performance by the Magic Carpet Theatre Company and on Friday they watched a Science show brought to them by the Science Museum in London. We have also found time to start our work on journalistic writing, and in Maths we have started our work on multiplication. Extra tables practise this weekend would be really helpful this weekend! I hope you all 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 6 went to Lancaster on Monday 3rd as part of a pilgrimage for the Year of Mercy. The children were all beautifully behaved while they were on the pilgrimage and were a credit to our school. The children enjoyed their Monday pilgrimage and also their class trip to Lancaster Castle on Tuesday, where they learnt all about crime and punishment in the olden days. A big thank you to all of the school staff who accompanied the children on both of these days (Mrs Orchard, Mrs Marmion, Miss Poole, Mr McQuire, Mr Cairns). Year 3 had their Class Mass on Monday and provided refreshments for parishioners in The Columba Room afterwards. Thank you to the year 3 parents who provided some beautiful cakes, which were enjoyed by all who joined us. Years 3, 4 and 5 thoroughly enjoyed watching a performance of Bardolf's Box at The Beggars Theatre in the afternoon, this was a Shakespeare based play. And we were very lucky to have a surprise performance of Beauty and the Beast by MandM Theatre Production on Tuesday which all of the children enjoyed. The cross country competition was cancelled on Tuesday but Mr Redhead from Blackcombe School quickly organised an alternative event at his school which we really enjoyed. The children did very well and we did get some firsts! Thank you to Mrs Crocker who helped out with marshalling for St James' together with Mrs High. On Wednesday we had our whole school performance of 'The Magic Circus' from the Magic Carpet Theatre Company which the children really had fun watching as always. On Friday 7th we had our Harvest Fast Day in aid of CAFOD. It was lovely to see the children in their brightly coloured clothes. Thank you again to all of the parents and children who baked cakes for us to sell and we are happy to say that **we raised £325 for CAFOD.**

What's happening this week?

It's going to be much quieter and normal this week thankfully! Year 4 will be attending Mass at 9am in Church on Monday, parents, family and parishioners are very welcome to come and join us. On Tuesday 11th the cross country team will be going up to Whitehaven Academy to compete in the Copeland Schools event. Children will need to come to school in their kits and tracksuits, we will be leaving school at 9am and will return by the end of school. Children will need packed lunches and drinks please.

Facebook

We have made some changes to our school facebook site. Each class now has a closed page where photos and other information will be posted by staff. Our main school page will be used to post information, reminders, links to newsletter etc. There will be no photos on here. Please could we politely and respectfully ask parents that if they do have any concern over anything we are doing in school to contact our school office in the first instance. Facebook really is not the arena to have open discussions about school. It is not helpful to anyone and can cause upset and distress to other parents and to our staff who do work very hard and do their very best for you and your children. If parents are friends with members of school staff and feel that this is not appropriate then please do 'unfriend' us, we will understand and respect your reasons. We are however very happy to have you as our friends ☺

If you are a parent and would like to be added to your child's group please search for the following:

Reception St James 2016/2017

Y1 St James 2016/2017

Y2 St James 2016/2017

Y3 St James 2016/2017

Y4 St James 2016/2017

Y5 St James 2016/2017

St James Y6 Class of 2017

There is still a nasty sickness bug going around at the moment please could we remind parents of the advice concerning sickness and diarrhoea bugs.

Please do not send your child in to school if they have been vomiting or had diarrhoea. They need to be kept at home for 48 hours after the last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea.

Could you also remember to contact school to let us know that your child is off ill. Many thanks for your help.

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 3rd SEPTEMBER: Kyle Brockbank (Yr1) Meara Pattinson (Yr1), Elissa-Lea McKnight (Yr2), Tom Garnett (Yr2), Tye Young (Yr3), Hannah Thompson (Yr4), Samuel Hoccom (Yr5), Jack Park (Yr5), Reece Acott (Yr6)

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 PE days. And also on Swimming days. Children will not be allowed to take part in PE lessons if they are wearing their earrings. Our school policy is that staff does not remove earrings for the children and that a plaster covering the earring is not sufficient. Thank you.

DON'T FORGET TO ORDER - SCHOOL MEALS

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 3 October 2016 to 9 October 2016:

Sienna Jackson, Jack Nuttall, Meara Pattinson

PRAYER INTENTIONS: We remember in our prayers today all of the people in Haiti who have been affected by Hurricane Matthew. We ask God to help them rebuild their lives and come to their aid in this awful time of need. We ask Our Blessed Lady to keep safe the people of Florida and the areas who are waiting for the hurricane to reach them over the next couple of days. (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

October

Tuesday 11th – Cross Country at Whitehaven
Tuesday 18th – Young Voices Practice
Wednesday 19th – Parents Evening
Thursday 20th – Parents Evening
Thursday 20th – Bog Eyed Jog (for Girls football trip)
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

<p>November Tuesday 1st – Y4 trip to Tullie House, Carlisle Thursday 3rd – Year 2 Play in a Day Monday 7th – Year 6 at Mass – St Mary’s Barrow Wednesday 9th – Choir Concert at Ulverston pm Thursday 10th – KS2 Remembrance Service 10am / KS1 Remembrance Service 10.30am Saturday 12th – Parish Christmas Fair 2pm Monday 14th – Drama & Musical Workshop for KS1, Y3/4, Y5/6 also after school dance class Friday 18th – Children in Need Wednesday 30th – Young Voices practice</p> <p>December Saturday 3rd – Blackburn Rovers Girls Day Out Tuesday 6th – KS1 Xmas Play 2pm & 6pm Wednesday 7th – KS1 Xmas Play 6pm Thursday 8th – KS2 Carol Service 6pm Friday 9th – Little Jimmy’s Toddler Group Party Monday 12th – School Christmas Dinner Tuesday 13th – KS1 Xmas Party Wednesday 14th – Y3&4 Xmas Party Thursday 15th – Y5&6 Xmas Party Thursday 15th – Elderly Parishioners Annual Christmas Dinner at 6.30pm Friday 16th – Xmas Jumper Day Friday 16th – Break up at 1.30pm</p>	<p><u>TERM DATES 2016-2017</u> Autumn Term 2016: Tuesday 6th Sept. 16 - Friday 16th Dec. 16 <i>Half Term: Monday 24th – Friday 28 October 2016</i> Spring Term 2017: Thursday 5 Jan. 2017 – Friday 7 April 2017 <i>Half Term: Monday 20th – Friday 24th February.</i> Summer Term 2017: Monday 24th April – Thursday 20th July. <i>Bank Holiday: Monday 1 May 2017</i> <i>Half Term: Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June</i></p>
<p><u>IMPORTANT - SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS & INFORMATION</u> 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</p>	<p><u>RESIDENTIAL TRIP DATES 2017</u> Year 5 Lockerbie – Wednesday 17th – Friday 19th May Year 6 London – Monday 12th June – Wednesday 14th June</p> <p><i>You can start to pay for the 2017 trips now – please call in to our school office for details!</i></p> <p><u>RESIDENTIAL TRIP DATE 2018</u> Year 5 Lockerbie Wednesday 16th – Friday 18th May</p>
<p>Parent and Toddler Football starting every Tuesday 4.15pm – 5pm At Millom Recreation Centre: Ages 2 - 5 years £3.50 per child (adults free) No booking required</p>	<p><u>CLASS MASSES</u></p> <p>Monday 3rd October – Year 3 Mass at 9am in Church with refreshments afterwards in the Columba Room Monday 10th October – Year 4 Mass at 9am in Church Monday 17th October – Year 5 Mass at 9am in Church Monday 31st October – Year 6 Mass at 9am in Church with refreshments afterwards in the Columba Room Monday 7th November – Year 3 Mass at 9am in Church Monday 21st November – Whole Scool Mass at 9.30am in Church Monday 28th November – Whole School Advent Mass at 9.30am in Church Monday 5th December – Year 5 Mass at 9am in Church with refreshments afterwards in the Columba Room</p> <p>Parents, family, friends and parishioners are very welcome to join us at any of our Masses in Church. It is always lovely to see you.</p>
<p><u>MOORE ARTS:MILLOM @ The Beggar’s Theatre</u> 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</p>	<p><u>WHAT’S ON AT THE BEGGAR’S THEATRE</u></p> <p>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</p>
<p><u>LITTLE JIMMY’S TODDLER GROUP:</u> 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. All welcome ☺</p>	
<p><u>ILLNESS:</u> Please remember to ring into school in the morning if your child is absent, stating the nature of their illness. <i>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.</i> This is to help reduce the spread of infection. Thank you for your help.</p>	
<p><u>PARENTS GUILD – LIVERPOOL BUS TRIP</u> If you have paid your deposit for this trip can you please ensure that All outstanding payments for your ticket are taken to the St James School Office, or to Claire Young by 22 October 2016. Thank you.</p>	