



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 great week thinking about autumn and how the trees change. We have made some 'Leaf Men', painted trees, leaf necklaces and had a go at describing some beautiful autumn leaves. Next week we will be continuing with our autumn theme and will be listening to the story of the Owl Babies. As part of this, we are hoping to build some large nests so if anyone has any large boxes e.g. fruit boxes, then we would be really grateful if you could bring them in for us to use! Children have also started looking at reading books at school and at home. If you read the school book with your child or even share your own books with your child, please could you write in the yellow Reading Record that is sent home. I hope you have a lovely weekend, and I am looking forward to seeing you all at Parent's Evening next week!

(Sounds from phonics this week: s, a, t, p, i, n).

Year 1: The children are continuing to work very hard in Year One. We have enjoyed starting our new book *The Way Back Home*; we have created some interesting aliens and their descriptions. The children enjoyed describing some fantasy land pictures; we will continue with this next week. In maths we have been looking at sequencing numbers within 50 and finding the missing number or where the numbers have gone wrong. Next week we will move onto number stories and addition. In RE we will be looking at 'love' and who we love and how we show love to people. Well the children have enjoyed learning their spellings this week and enjoyed taking the spelling test on Friday. In phonics this week we have been covering:

Mrs South's group: new word – 'there' recapped all phase 3 sounds ai ee igh oa oo or ar oi ow ur er sh ch th ng qu ck ff ll zz ss

Miss Carter's group: recapped sounds – or ar oi ow Miss Cook's group: recapped sounds – f l j v w Have a lovely weekend!

Year 2: The children have been working hard again in year 2. This coming week in maths, we will be competing adding 2 digits using remaining and counting backwards – please try this at home with your child. In literacy we will be completing newspaper reports using exciting ideas and creating some linked to the Great Fire of London. We will be looking at different long phoneme 'I' spelling patterns again for spelling this week. We will be completing the Great Fire of London work by making an art display for our classroom. In science we will be looking at animal habitats in different places of the world. We will discover what they eat and need to survive.

Thank you for returning your parent evening slips, I look forward to meeting you all next week.

Year 3: Children have continued to work hard in Year three this week. We have completed a unit on addition in maths and have started some subtraction on Thursday and Friday. In Literacy we have been planning our instructions for 'How to trap a troll!' We have really concentrated on the features of instructions and also how we can use strong imperative verbs and careful adverbs to help the reader. In Science we have carried on with our rocks and soils topic and children may have brought home some instructions for how to make a compost bin! This is not compulsory, but if any of you do have a go, then please bring them in to show! Next week, we look forward to seeing you all at parents evening – you should have returned your slips and will get your time early next week. Have a lovely weekend!

Year 4: Year 4 have been investigating the features used in newspaper articles this week. Then, on Friday, we began to plan our own newspaper reports based on the poem 'Little Red Riding Hood and the Wolf' by Roald Dahl. The children really enjoyed this poem and are excited to write about it! In maths we have continued with our work on column addition. The children have grasped this well and produced some really great work. In RE we have been thinking about the Bible and how God speaks to us through it. This week we looked at the story of Joseph and his coat of many colours. Next week we will be using Bible references to locate passages in the Bible. I am looking forward to meeting with you all at Parents Evening next week and hope that you have a lovely weekend!

Year 5: This week we have worked hard on our column addition skills and the children are now able to add some rather large numbers – you will see this when they complete this week's homework! This coming week we will looking at subtraction using the column method. In Literacy, the children produced some great stories with a twist at the end and this week we will be moving on to look at explanations texts. In RE, we will be thinking about how we are called to be Stewards of the Earth and what this means for us as Christians. In Science, we will be thinking about and finding out about why we experience night and day. Have a great weekend everyone!

Year 6: It doesn't seem possible that we are approaching half term; the weeks have flown by! We start next week by going to Mass on Monday morning. This is a change to the dates listed on the newsletter. As Mass starts at 9am, could all the children try to come into school for 8:45, so that they can be registered and lunches ordered before we leave? We will be continuing our work on multiplication next week in maths and in Literacy, we will continue with our work on Newspaper reports. In our topic work, we will be using source material from the National Archives to find out about how crime changed in the 20th century. I am looking forward to seeing you all next week at Parents' evening. 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 4 joined the parishioners at Mass on Monday morning, thank you to those parents who joined us too. Well done to those children who represented our school at the Cross Country event at Whitehaven Academy on Tuesday. The children all did really well and although our team didn't progress to the next stage they enjoyed themselves and were great ambassadors for our school. Thank you to the team and to Mrs High and Martin for

accompanying them. You will have received your letters about parents evening, the deadline for return of forms was 14th October. If you haven't returned your form and would like an appointment with your child's teacher, please contact school on Monday morning.

What's happening this week?

How quickly this half term seem to have gone! On Monday year 6 will be going to Mass at 9am, you are all very welcome to join us. Mrs Capstick will be coming in to school to hold an assembly about the 'Mary's Meals Backpack Appeal', I'm sure the children will tell you all about this when they get home from school. On Wednesday and Thursday we will have our Parent's Evenings in school from 3.30pm – 6pm. If you have not received your time slot by Tuesday, please let us know. On Tuesday the Young Voices will be having a practice at Millom School. On Thursday morning the girls who are involved in the Blackburn Rovers Girls day will be holding a sponsored bog eyed jog, details have been sent home to parents of children taking part. Our Choir will be having a workshop on Friday afternoon in the hall so we will not be having an assembly. We break up for half term on Friday at 3.15pm ☺

LOCKERBIE & LONDON TRIPS: The deposits for the year 5 Lockerbie Trip and Year 6 London Trip are due in on Friday 21st October, please could you ensure that this payment is brought into school by this date.

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.

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 Hocomm (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.

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.

<p>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.</p> <p>LABELS: All uniform should have your child's name on it. Please also label coats and pumps.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">EARRINGS</p> <p>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.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>DON'T FORGET TO ORDER - SCHOOL MEALS</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please remember to order your child's school meals or cancel them by 9.30am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The website address is www.lunchshop.co.uk</p>	
<p><u>SAFEGUARDING & CHILD PROTECTION:</u> 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.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Birthdays 10th October 2016 to 16th October 2016:</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">James Date Hannah Turner Mason Garratt</p>	
<p><u>PRAYER INTENTIONS:</u> We ask you to remember in your prayers this week all of the sick, housebound and elderly members of our Parish of St Francis of Assisi. We ask God to take care of them and help them and their families. We also ask you to say a special prayer for Father Bob who is not very well at the moment.</p> <p>(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)</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY</u></p> <p><u>October</u> Monday 17th – Mary's Meals Backpack Assembly 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</p> <p><u>November</u> 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 Saturday 27th – School Christmas Fair 11.30am - 2.30pm Wednesday 30th – Young Voices practice</p> <p><u>December</u> Thursday 1st – School Disco 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 style="text-align: center;"><u>MASS TIMES</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>OUR LADY & ST JAMES RC CHURCH, MILLOM</u> Mass is celebrated on Sunday morning at 10.30am Confessions are held on Sunday morning from 10am – 10.25am</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>SACRED HEART RC CHURCH, CONISTON</u> 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> <p style="text-align: center;"><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 style="text-align: center;"><u>RESIDENTIAL TRIP DATES 2017</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Year 5 Lockerbie – Wednesday 17th – Friday 19th May Year 6 London – Monday 12th June – Wednesday 14th June</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>You can start to pay for the 2017 trips now – please call in to our school office for details!</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>RESIDENTIAL TRIP DATE 2018</u> Year 5 Lockerbie Wednesday 16th – Friday 18th May</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>CLASS MASSES</u></p> <p>Monday 17th October – Year 6 Mass at 9am in Church Monday 31st October – Year 5 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 School 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 <i>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.</i></p>

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

Parent and Toddler Football

every Tuesday 4.15pm – 5pm
At Millom Recreation Centre:
Ages 2 - 5 years £3.50 per child (adults free)
No booking required

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 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

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. All welcome ☺

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.

PARENTS GUILD – LIVERPOOL BUS TRIP

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.