



# St James Catholic Primary School Newsletter

## October Half Term – Monday 31 October 2016

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

### Reception

I can't believe how quickly this first half term has gone – the children have settled in brilliantly here at school since starting in September! This week we have been finding lots of shapes around the school, maybe you could help your child to find different 2D shapes at home and they could share their findings when they come back after the holidays? Thank you to everyone who has been reading with their child at home, we are really seeing a difference in the children with the way they are handling books and having a go at reading the sounds they have been taught. When you read with your child over the holidays please record it in their reading record, as after the holidays we will be rewarding the children with a raffle ticket for every entry in their record for the chance to win a small prize every Friday. I hope you have a lovely half term holiday and that the children have a chance to rest! **(Sounds taught this week in phonics: m, d, g. Tricky words: I, me, my)**

**Please can all parents ensure that their child has a pair of pumps and a PE kit at school. Thank you.**

### Year 1

A lovely week to end this half term. We have written some lovely stories about the way back home. We have just started counting on from a given number and solving number sentences like this. I have sent this home for homework. Remind your child to start with the bigger number and count on.

After half term we will start our new topic – 'light and dark.' The first book we will start with is the 'Owl afraid of the dark.' In maths we will continue with counting on. In RE we will begin a unit on Mary our Mother. Have a lovely half term.

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### Year 2

Thank you all for coming to the Parents meetings this week it was nice to meet you all and discuss your children. This week we have completed our newspaper reports writing about the crime scene that took place outside our door on Thursday morning. This was linked to Mr Egg from a new story book. The children were really excited and had some great ideas. In maths we have completed our addition work for this half term and it would help if the children can continue practicing this at home. In RE we have looked at the story of Joseph and why he was chosen by God. The children have designed their own coats for Joseph from this work which we have started to show on our display. Our science topic will continue next half term where we are going to be looking at food chains and then designing our own animals and habitats.

Have a great half term and see you all after the holiday

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### Year 3

Thank you to everyone that came to Parents' evening. It was nice to speak to you all about your child's progress and how they have settled into Year 3. As always, if you have any further questions or concerns, please just ask. Children have worked hard this term and we hope you enjoy your half term break with your children. See you after the holidays!!

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### Year 4

We've been hard at work this week in Year 4! The children completed their work on newspaper reports and produced some excellent pieces of writing based on the poem 'Little Red Riding Hood and the Wolf' by Roald Dahl. In our topic work the children made advertisements for different types of air raid shelters on Friday. I know they are all really excited for our World War Two trip to Tullie House after half term. If you haven't already returned your permission slip, please ensure that it is handed in when we return to school on Monday 31st October as our trip is the following day. Over half term I have asked the children to practice their times tables using Mathletics, read regularly and complete a book review for our class book *Friend or Foe* by Michael Morpurgo. I have sent the final chapter home with the children to read with you. Thank you all very much for coming to parents' evening; it was lovely to chat with you all and share your child's progress. I hope you all enjoy your half term!

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### Year 5

What a busy half term it has been. It was great to speak to you all at parent's evening to discuss how the children are getting on. As we move into the next half term, we will be continuing to look at subtraction in maths, with a focus on solving problems and in Literacy, we will be thinking about explanation texts. I won't be sending any homework for the half term but I would like for the children to keep up with their daily reading and times tables practice – 7s and 8s especially please!

**On the Monday when we return after half term, Y5 will be attending Mass over in church at 9am. Could I therefore please ask that he children are in school no later than 8.45am.** This will also be Y5's turn to provide refreshments for the parishioner so any donations of cakes would be greatly appreciated. Thank for your help with this. Have a great half term!

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### Year 6:

We have come to the end of our first half term and I am sure that your children are ready for a well-earned rest! It was great to see so many of you at our parents' evenings. If you have any concerns, I am available after school, and am happy to speak with you. Alternatively, you can send a message through the class Facebook page, *St James Y6 Class of 2017*. When the children come back to

school after half term, we will be starting a new science based topic, 'Blood and Guts', in which the children will learn about the digestive and circulatory systems. Linked to this, our class novel will be 'Pig Heart Boy' by Malorie Blackman. In maths we will be finishing our work on multiplication, and will be going on to division. Please encourage your child to practise their tables; 'Hit The Button' on the internet is a great game for children to play and practise at the same time! I hope you all have a fabulous half term week!

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**NOTE TO PARENTS: PLEASE READ THIS SECTION AS ALL SCHOOL INFORMATION IS IN HERE**

**What's been happening:** How quickly this half term seem to have gone! On Monday year 6 went to Mass, thank you to all parents and parishioners who joined us. Mrs Capstick came into school on Monday to hold an assembly about the 'Mary's Meals Backpack Appeal', I'm sure the children will have told you all about this when they got home from school and we are now collecting for it. Each class has some suggestions of what to bring in these are:

**Reception / Year 1 & Year 2** – Pencils, coloured pencils, biros, pens, rubbers, pencil sharpeners and rulers. Shorts, T shirts, dresses and shoes.

**Year 3** – Toothpaste and toothbrushes, desert / cereal spoons, shorts, T shirts, dresses and shoes.

**Year 4** – Notepads and exercise books, tennis balls, shorts, T shirts, dresses and shoes.

**Year 5** – Hand towels and bars of soap, shorts, T shirts, dresses and shoes.

**Year 6** – Back Packs and Pencil Cases, shorts, T shirts, dresses and shoes.

(Shoes are flip flops, sandals, black pumps, crocs and trainers – in good condition please).

Please could any donations be brought into school during the week we come back after the holidays.

The children who are involved in the Young Voices had a great practice at Millom School on Tuesday.

On Wednesday and Thursday we had our Parent's Evenings in school from 3.30pm – 6pm. Thank you to all of our parents for coming it was lovely to see and speak to you all. If you do wish to discuss anything further with your class teacher, please do contact our school office to make an appointment.

Our choir had a lovely afternoon on Friday at the Workshop which was run by South Cumbria Musical Festival. We welcomed the children from Haverigg school who joined us.

It was a good feeling to break up at 3.15pm! Hopefully all of the sickness and earache bugs will disappear over the half term and the children will come back to school fit and well on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

**What will be happening w/c 31<sup>st</sup> October:** The Cyclewise Training will be taking place during this week for those year 5 and 6 children who returned their forms. Year 5 will be going to Mass at 9am on Monday please could children be in school by 8.45am ready to go over to Church. Year 5 will be providing refreshments after Mass for the parishioners so we would be grateful for any donations of cakes and biscuits please. Parents and family are very welcome to join us over at Church. On Tuesday, year 4 will be going on their trip to Tullie House in Carlisle. Miss Mullan has sent out a letter giving full details about the trip. Our Parents Guild will be having their meeting at 6.30pm on Tuesday evening, please do come if you possibly can, they really do need more help from parents. On Thursday the rearranged Bog Eyed Jog will take place in the morning for those children who are involved. This is to raise funds to pay for the Christmas Dinner that we provide for the elderly parishioners.

Finally I hope you all have a lovely half term holiday!

**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

**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](http://www.lunchshop.co.uk)

**ILLNESS**

Please remember to ring into school in the morning if your child is absent, stating the nature of their illness.

**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.

**SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS & INFORMATION**

We do not distribute paper copies of our school newsletter but parents can specifically request to be sent one each week. 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)

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>BREAKFAST CLUB</u></b></p> <p>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. <i>(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.)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS</u></b></p> <p><b>Monday:</b> Choir – 3.15pm – 4.00pm  <b>Tuesday:</b> Tennis Club – 3.00pm – 4.00pm at the Sports Hall  <b>Tuesday:</b> KS2 Drama – 3.15pm – 4.15pm  <b>Wednesday:</b> KS2 Multi Skills - 3.15pm to 4.15pm.  <b>Wednesday:</b> Board Games for Year 4 – 3.15pm – 4.15pm  <b>Thursday:</b> KS1 Multi Skills - 3.15pm to 4.15pm.  <b>Thursday:</b> Athletics - 3.15pm to 4.00pm.  <b>Friday:</b> Athletics - 3.15 to 4.00pm.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>VIP'S (Friday 21 October 2016)</u></b></p> <p>Freddie Allington (Yr1), Ellena Brown (Yr2), Emily Dawson (Yr3), Trent Ruddy (Yr5)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Birthdays 29<sup>th</sup> October to 6 November 2016</u></b></p> <p>Jansen Redhead, Olivia Robinson, Jenson Bagshaw</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SCHOOL UNIFORM</u></b></p> <p>Just a reminder of our official school uniform which should be worn by all pupils. All uniform should have your child's name on it. Please also label coats and pumps.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>GIRLS UNIFORM</u></b></p> <p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>BOYS UNIFORM</u></b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>NO TRAINERS to be worn to school. Thank you.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>PE KITS &amp; EARRINGS</u></b></p> <p><b>All children</b> 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. <b>Please remove your child's earrings on PE days. And also on Swimming days.</b> Our school policy is that staff does not remove earrings for the children and that a plaster covering the earring is not sufficient.</p> <p>Your child may not be allowed to take part in PE and other sports activities if they do not have the appropriate sports kit or they are wearing earrings which they cannot remove themselves. Thank you.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>PE KIT</u></b></p> <p>White top (with or without school logo). Black shorts. Black pumps.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SAFEGUARDING &amp; CHILD PROTECTION</u></b></p> <p>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: <a href="http://www.cumbrialscb.com">www.cumbrialscb.com</a> a link to this is on our school website.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>PRAYER INTENTIONS</u></b></p> <p>As today is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Aberfan disaster we ask you to remember in your prayers those families who lost loved ones on that terrible day. We ask Our Blessed Lady to continue to comfort them all.</p> <p>Please pray for all of us as we go into our half term holiday, we ask God to take care of us and keep us all healthy and well. (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;"><b><u>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>October</u></b></p> <p>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> – Start back at School Monday 31<sup>st</sup> – Cyclewise Training Y5 all week</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>November</u></b></p> <p>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> – Y4 trip to Tullie House, Carlisle Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Year 2 Play in a Day Monday 7<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 at Mass – St Mary's Barrow Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> – Choir Concert at Ulverston pm Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> – KS2 Remembrance Service 10am / KS1 Remembrance Service 10.30am Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> – Parish Christmas Fair 2pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>MASS TIMES</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Our Lady &amp; St James RC Church, Millom</u></b></p> <p>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;"><b><u>Sacred Heart RC Church, Coniston</u></b></p> <p>Mass is celebrated on Saturday evening at 6pm Confessions are held on Saturday evening from 5.30pm – 5.55pm</p> <p>You can contact Fr Robert Halshaw on 01229 779673 For details and information please visit the website <a href="http://www.saintfranciscumbria.com">www.saintfranciscumbria.com</a></p>

<p>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Drama &amp; Musical Workshop for KS1, Y3/4, Y5/6 also after school dance class Friday 18<sup>th</sup> – Children in Need Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> – School Christmas Fair 11.30am -2.30pm Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> – Young Voices practice <b>December</b> Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> – School Disco Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Blackburn Rovers Girls Day Out Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> – KS1 Xmas Play 2pm &amp; 6pm Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> – KS1 Xmas Play 6pm Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> – KS2 Carol Service 6pm Friday 9<sup>th</sup> – Little Jimmy’s Toddler Group Party Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – School Christmas Dinner Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> – KS1 Xmas Party Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> – Y3&amp;4 Xmas Party Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> – Y5&amp;6 Xmas Party Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> – Elderly Parishioners Annual Christmas Dinner at 6.30pm Friday 16<sup>th</sup> – Xmas Jumper Day Friday 16<sup>th</sup> – Break up at 1.30pm</p>	<p><b>TERM DATES 2016-2017</b> Autumn Term 2016: <b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Sept. 16 - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec. 16</b> <i>Half Term: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday 28 October 2016</i> Spring Term 2017: <b>Thursday 5 Jan. 2017 – Friday 7 April 2017</b> <i>Half Term: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February.</i> Summer Term 2017: <b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July.</b> <i>Bank Holiday: Monday 1 May 2017</i> <i>Half Term: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</i></p>
<p><b><u>PARENT AND TODDLER FOOTBALL</u></b></p> <p>Every Tuesday 4.15pm – 5pm At Millom Recreation Centre Ages 2 - 5 years £3.50 per child (adults free) No booking required.</p>	<p><b><u>RESIDENTIAL TRIP DATES 2017</u></b></p> <p>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</p> <p><b><i>You can start to pay for the 2017 trips now – please call in to our school office for details!</i></b></p> <p><b><u>RESIDENTIAL TRIP DATE 2018</u></b> Year 5 Lockerbie Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May</p>
<p><b><u>MOORE ARTS:MILLOM @ The Beggar’s Theatre</u></b> <b><u>Youth Theatre Programme</u></b> <b>Wednesdays:</b> <b>12noon – 1pm Little Tots - Age 2 – 4 Years</b> <b>4pm – 6pm Beggar’s Youth Theatre – School Year 4 +</b> <b><i>(Tuck shop is open)</i></b> <b>Thursdays:</b> <b>3.30pm – 5pm Reception – School Year 3</b> <b><i>We will take children up to the theatre from school and you can collect them there at 5pm.</i></b> <b>5.30pm – 7.30pm Project Shadow – Young people with additional learning needs – Age 10 – Adults</b> All clubs start week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> September – week of 17<sup>th</sup> October then week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> November – week of 5<sup>th</sup> December . Cost £40 per 10 week term</p>	<p><b><u>CLASS MASSES</u></b></p> <p><b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Year 5 Mass at 9am in Church with refreshments afterwards in the Columba Room</b> <b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Year 3 Mass at 9am in Church</b> <b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Whole Scool Mass at 9.30am in Church</b> <b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Whole School Advent Mass at 9.30am in Church</b> <b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Year 5 Mass at 9am in Church with refreshments afterwards in the Columba Room</b> <b><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></b></p>
<p><b><u>LITTLE JIMMY’S TODDLER GROUP</u></b> Little Jimmy’s Toddler Group is a friendly group who meet in our school hall on Fridays from <b>9.15am to 11.00am</b>. We always welcome new parents and toddlers/babies and it is a nice way to make new friends. All welcome ☺</p>	<p><b><u>WHAT’S ON AT THE BEGGAR’S THEATRE</u></b></p> <p><b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm – Jonathan Pie Live</b> <b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm – The Underground Man</b> <b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Genesis</b> <b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 8pm – Croft &amp; Pearce</b> <b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 8pm – The Sherry Babys – Oh What a Night</b> <b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm – Cinderella Pantomime</b> <b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm – Shappi Khorsandi ‘Oh My Country’</b> <b><a href="http://www.beggarstheatre.co.uk">www.beggarstheatre.co.uk</a> or 775677 or call in at the theatre to book</b></p> <p><b>The Beggar’s Theatre</b> <b>AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAGH! DINOSAURS</b> <b>Written &amp; Performed by Dommy B</b> <b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October at 1.30pm</b> <b>Admission: £7 per child / £8 per adult</b></p>