



# St James Catholic Primary School Newsletter

## Monday 21 November 2016

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

**Reception:** We have a great week in Reception, where we have been learning a new story – The Little Red Hen. The children are learning this off by heart; maybe you could ask them to show you what they know so far as we will be continuing this next week! In Maths next week we will be looking at the properties of 2D shapes, if the children find any 2D shapes at home, could they draw a picture of the shapes and you could support them by labelling what the object is. In RE we will be continuing to think about how to share love with our families and friends. I hope you have a lovely weekend!

**(Phonics: Revision Week: s,a,t,p,i,n,m,g,d,o,c,k,ck,e,r,u. Tricky words: the, was, my, me, I)**

**Year 1** We have had a great week in year one; we have drawn our story of the owl afraid of the dark to a close this week and have created some beautiful art work for our wall. We have been writing speech and describing the owl using similes. This was lots of fun! In Maths we have been writing and making our own number sentence problems for our friends to solve – perhaps you could ask your child to think of a number sentence for you to solve at home. Phonics work this week: tricky words covered - Miss Carters group: had, him, not, got. Miss Cooks group: little, come, some, have. Mrs South's group: was, you, they all. Please remember it is important to practice spellings with your child. Have a lovely weekend!

**Year 2:** Next week we are continuing with our subtraction work in Maths. In Literacy we are looking at noun phrases and speed between 2 characters. In RE we are going to read the opening of the Nativity story. We are working hard with our plan, can you make sure that all of the children practice their line every day at home as this will help them to remember them. Homework is finding numbers from a number square. Have a good weekend.

**Year 3:** Children have been working hard this week learning and practising their three times tables. At the end of the week we started to look at how to complete short multiplication. This will continue next week as we also add our four times tables in! This weekend, children will bring home their four times table's cards home to learn. As with the threes, can we please make sure they are brought to school each day. In Literacy, we have begun planning and writing our own versions of a story where a monster or beast is defeated! We look forward to finalising these next week. In Science, we have moved onto looking at our skeleton and the functions of this. Have a lovely weekend everyone.

**Year 4:** Year 4 has been busy this week! In literacy we have been practising writing to create suspense. The children have really enjoyed this and produced some lovely work. We will be looking at using our new skills with suspense writing next week when the children move on to planning and writing their own tale of fear. In maths we began looking at multiplication and the children have coped with this well. Next week we will be thinking about multiplying 2-digit numbers. Knowing their times tables will really help the children with this work, so any extra practice at home would be fantastic. I hope you all have a lovely weekend!

**Year 5:** This coming week we will be writing our own explanation texts and hopefully showing everything that we have learnt over the past three weeks. In maths, we will be learning about prime, square and cube numbers as part of your worm on multiplication – could you please make a big effort to help your children learn their times tables. These children with good times tables knowledge are finding out multiplication work much easier! On Monday, the whole school will be going to Mass as part of the Year of Mercy. Please do join us if you can. Could you please send in any donations for our class stall at the Christmas fair – in aid of subsidising our residential trip to Lockerbie and any donations for our Bake Off hamper. Thank you for all of your help and support in these things, it really is appreciated. Have a great weekend!

**Year 6:** We have had a great week in year 6. We are all very proud of the children who represented St James' in the STEM challenge at Millom School on Wednesday. They were awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall, with a special mention for Jansen, who was a very impressive group leader. We have also finished packing up 8 shoeboxes to go to help Syrian children this Christmas. This has linked very well with our new RE topic, Justice, where we are learning about injustice in the world and what we can do to help. In our topic work next week, we will be finding out more about how our food is digested. In maths we will be dividing and in Literacy we will be finishing our work on explanations. Thank you for your contributions for the Christmas themed hamper. Any final contributions will be much appreciated before the school Christmas fair on November 27<sup>th</sup>. I hope you all have a great weekend.

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

**What's been happening!** On Monday we had drama and musical workshops for all of our classes during the day all of the children had a wonderful time and we would like to say thank you to Carrie Ellis for coming to school and running these workshops for us. On Wednesday our year 6 stem group representatives went to Millom School to compete against the other schools in the stem competition. On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> we had our non-uniform fund raising day for Children in Need. We also did Pudsey face painting and it was lovely to see all of our 'spotty' children! Thank you to all of our children and parents for your support, we raised **£265.00** for Children in Need. Can we also say a big thank you to Lucy Thompson and to Sheelagh Wilson who volunteered to do face painting for the children. Our Choir have been busy this week practising for

Miss Haythorn's wedding, this is on Saturday. The bus for the choir leaves school at 9.30am and should be back at school at about 2.30pm, children will need to be in their choir uniforms please. This Sunday is 'Youth Sunday' and some of our children will be reading at the 10.13am Mass in Church. It would be lovely to see some of our children and their families at Mass; even if you are not Catholic you would be very welcome to join us. Please do come if you possibly can.

**The nasal flu immunisations** which should have taken place on Friday for year 1, 2 and 3 were cancelled as the nurses were unable to come on Friday 18 November 2016. They will be ringing again to re-arrange the date for the immunisation so there is still time to return your form if you wish your child to have this vaccination.

**STEM CLUB:** Thank you to Shaun Allington, Claire Tyson, Jonathan Patton, Steph Clarke and Amy Mawdsley from Sellafield for giving our year 6 children the opportunity to take part in the STEM Club, which has been held on Friday afternoons. The children have really enjoyed taking part and have learnt so much. The cars they made were very impressive and the children gave a brilliant presentation about their project to the other participants when they went to Millom School on Wednesday (16 November 2016) and were awarded a third place once the judging had taken place. Well done to all of the children and a special mention must go to Jansen who was awarded the prize for the best team leader! We would like to thank Chris McQuire and Martin Cairns for their involvement with the project from the beginning and also for taking the children to Millom School to give their presentation.

**What is happening?** On Monday we will be having our whole school Mass for the Year of Mercy. Please feel free to join us in church for this. Our Parents Guild will be having a short meeting on Tuesday evening at 6.30pm to finalise plans for the Christmas Fair and Disco, please come along if you possibly can.

**Donations & School Christmas Fair:** We are so grateful to all of our parents for their generosity in sending items in to school for our various appeals and ask if you could please remember to look out for any raffle / tombola items you could donate towards our school Christmas Fair on 27<sup>th</sup> November. Any donations can be brought in to school. Thank you for your donations of cakes and money for the recent fund raising events we have held. Your help is very much appreciated.

**Class Hampers:** The Parents Guild have asked us to make some Hampers to raffle at the Christmas Fair they have given each class a different theme for their hamper and we would be grateful for donations for these hampers the themes for each year are:- Reception: Cinema / Movie Night. Year 1: Chocolate & Sweets. Year 2: Bathroom. Year 3: Around the World. Year 4: Arts & Crafts. Year 5: Bake Off! Year 6: Christmas.

**CHRISTMAS FAIR VERY IMPORTANT: Our Parents Guild has arranged our Christmas Fair for Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you to those of you who have sent reply slips back offering help or donations for the fair. A member of our parent's guild will be in touch with you about helping. Any donations of prizes can be dropped off at school this week and any cakes or pastries can be dropped off on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> between 11am -3pm or on Sunday morning. Please do come and support our school Christmas Fair, it is our major fundraiser of the year. There will be raffles, tombola's, cake stall, seasonal food, and craft room – lots to keep everyone busy! Father Christmas will be here in his Grotto! The fair is on from 11.30am until 2.30pm.**

**OPEN AFTERNOON:** On Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November we will be having our Open Afternoon for parents of children due to start in Reception Class in September 2017. Tours of our school begin at 2pm and you can meet our staff and find out more about what we can offer you and your child. If you have any friends who have children due to start school next year please do tell them about our Open Afternoon.

**SCHOOL DISCO:** Our Parents Guild have organised an Autumn Term Disco on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December. KS1 is from 5.30pm – 6.30pm and KS2 from 7pm – 8.15pm. Admission is £1 per child. Hot dogs, sweets, candy floss, drinks, crisps and glo bands will be on sale. Children can be collected afterwards in the usual way but can we please ask that children are not dropped off early. If anyone can help out at the disco we would be very grateful, please contact our school office.

**KS1 MULTISKILLS:** On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December we would like to invite children from Reception Class to join Andrew at the KS1 MultiSkills. This is a taster session for children who are interested in joining the MultiSkills after school club in the spring term. The children from year 1 and 2 who usually attend will be there too. Further details and a reply form will be sent home next week.

**CHRISTMAS EVENTS:** Christmas events start in school on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Year 5 & 6 will be raising money towards their residential trip in the afternoon from 1pm until 3pm. KS1 will be performing their Christmas Play at 2pm and 6pm; the play will be performed again at 6pm on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>. Details about tickets etc. will be sent home to you nearer the time. On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> KS2 have their Carol Service at 6pm in Church; there will be a rehearsal which you can come to at 2pm. On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> our Little Jimmy's Toddler Group have their Christmas Party in the morning. Our choir will be singing at The Blind Society Christmas Party in the afternoon.

On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> we have our school Christmas Dinner, please ensure you book this using the Lunchshop system – you can book 3 weeks in advance and would ask that you please do this as soon as possible as it will greatly help Karen, our cook with preparations and ordering of food. On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> KS1 have their party in the afternoon, Year 3 & 4 have their party on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>, Year 5 & 6 have their party on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> and in the evening year 6 play host to the elderly parishioners for their annual Christmas Dinner. We break up on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> at 1.30pm; this will also be our Christmas Jumper Day.

**MR & MRS MACHETA:** I'm sure you would all like to join us in Congratulating our reception class teacher, Elizabeth Haythorn on her marriage to Andrew Macheta on Saturday. We give them both our love and very best wishes for the future and we hope they will both be very happy. Let's say a special prayer that the weather is kind to them and they have a lovely day on Saturday. We look forward to seeing the new Mrs Macheta again next week.

Have a good weekend everybody!

### **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

### **VIP'S**

Samuel Atkinson, Thomas Farren, Connor Mason, Jackson Evans

### **BIRTHDAYS FROM 14 – 20 NOVEMBER 2016**

Jamie Harrison, Dawson Jackson

### **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.)*

### **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

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.

#### **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**

### **ILLNESS**

Please remember to ring into school in the morning if your child is absent, stating the nature of their illness. Please could we remind parents of the advice concerning sickness and diarrhoea. ***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)

### **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.

### **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.

### **PE KITS & EARRINGS**

**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. ***Please remove your child's earrings on PE days. And also on Swimming days.*** Our school policy is that staff does not remove earrings for the children and that a plaster covering the earring is not sufficient.

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

<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>themselves. Thank you.</p> <p><b>PE KIT</b></p> <p>White top (with or without school logo). Black shorts. Black pumps.</p>
<p><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><b><u>PRAYER INTENTIONS</u></b></p> <p>We ask you to remember in your prayers this week, Elizabeth Haythorn and Andrew Macheta as they get married this weekend. We pray that they will have a lovely day on Saturday. We pray that they will be blessed with a very happy, healthy and successful future together.</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><b><u>SCHOOL MEALS</u></b></p> <p>Please remember to order your child's school meals or cancel them by 9.30am.</p> <p>The website address is: <a href="http://www.lunchshop.co.uk">www.lunchshop.co.uk</a></p>	<p><b><u>MASS TIMES</u></b></p> <p><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><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><b><u>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY</u></b></p> <p>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> – School Christmas Fair 11.30am -2.30pm Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> – Young Voices practice</p> <p><b><u>December</u></b></p> <p>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><u>TERM DATES 2016-2017</u></b></p> <p>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>WHAT'S ON AT THE BEGGAR'S THEATRE</u></b></p> <p><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></p> <p><a href="http://www.beggartheatre.co.uk">www.beggartheatre.co.uk</a> <b>775677 or call in at the theatre to book your tickets</b></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>CLASS MASSES</u></b></p> <p>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Whole School Mass at 9.30am in Church Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Whole School Advent Mass at 9.30am in Church</p>

**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 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

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Year 5 Mass at 9am in Church with  
refreshments afterwards in the Columba Room

*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.*

**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 ☺

**RECYCLE with MICHAEL!**

**If you have any clothing or shoes that you no longer wear  
these can be put in the big green clothing bin at the main  
office entrance to school. This is for the Salvation Army  
and we do get a donation towards school fund for it.**