



St James Catholic Primary School Newsletter

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

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

IMPORTANT CHRISTMAS INFORMATION

What's been happening! Christmas has definitely arrived in school this week! KS1 performed their brilliant play 'Lights, Camel, Action' on Tuesday evening, Wednesday afternoon and evening. It was a brilliant show which everyone enjoyed. The children must have been so tired but they still gave their all on Wednesday evening! Thank you to each and every one of the children and to the KS1 staff for all of their hard work. Thank you to the parents of year 6 children for the generous donation of cakes on Tuesday, the parishioners really enjoyed the refreshments after Mass. Year 5 & 6 were carol singing at Tesco on Tuesday afternoon, raising money towards their residential trips; they made a great total of £186! Thanks to all who donated. On Thursday KS2 had their Carol Service in Church. Thank you to all who came to the afternoon dress rehearsal and the evening service. I know everyone enjoyed the singing and the acting, thank you to KS2 children, especially year 6 who acted out the Nativity perfectly; thank you to the staff for all of their hard work too. Our Little Jimmy's Toddler Group had their Christmas Party on Friday morning and they had a surprise visit from Father Christmas! Thanks to Wendy Wallace for all of her hard work running the group and for organising this year's party. A big Thank You to Father Christmas too ☺ Our choir provided the entertainment for The Blind Society Christmas Party in the afternoon, which rounded off a very busy week!

What is happening during the last week! The Christmas Celebrations continue this week! On Monday 12th we have our school Christmas Dinner, **PLEASE ORDER THIS NOW IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO.** Year 5's trip to Ulpha which should have taken place on Tuesday has been postponed until the new year. KS1 have their Christmas Party in the afternoon. Years 3 & 4 have their party on Wednesday afternoon and Year 5 & 6 have theirs on Thursday afternoon. Letters have been sent home about what food to send in for parties. On Thursday evening, year 6 will play hosts to the elderly parishioners for their annual Christmas Dinner. Thank you to Martin Cairns for raising the money to pay for this through the sports trips he organises throughout the year and to The Knights of St Columba for their generous donation. On Friday 16th we have our Christmas Jumper Day when we all come to school in uniforms but wear Christmassy jumpers. **We break up from school at 1.30pm.**

Children return to school on Thursday 5th January 2017.

Week commencing 9th January:

We have a whole school Mass on Monday 9th January at which you are all welcome to join us. Swimming starts again for years 3 & 4 on Wednesday 11th. On Friday 13th we have the pantomime 'Sleeping Beauty' being performed in school, this is a professional production and we would like to ask for a donation of £2 per child towards the cost of this please.

Flu Immunisations

The School Health Immunisation team came to school on Monday 5th December to give the Nasal Flu vaccine to those children from years 1, 2 & 3 who had returned their forms. They are able to offer Nasal Flu for any child in years 1, 2 & 3 - who missed out when they did the recent school sessions. They will be holding clinics as detailed below:-

Tuesday 13th December 3.30 - 5.30pm at Flatt Walks Health Centre

Wednesday 14th December 3.00 - 6.00pm at Wigton Hospital (go to main Reception)

If you are unable to make any of these clinics, please ask at the Doctor's Surgery about having the nasal flu vaccine.

After School Clubs

Our After school clubs have now finished – except tennis and drama which will be on as usual this week. Mrs High will be sending out forms for the new term of Athletics, please look out for these in your children's school bags as Athletics is always a very popular club. Multiskills begins on Wednesday 11th January for KS2 and Thursday 12th January for KS1 – new members are welcome to join these clubs.

Mr McQuire

It is with great sadness that we are to lose Mr McQuire at the end of this term; he is leaving to pursue a career as a performer. We would like to wish Chris all the very best for the future and we hope that he achieves his ambitions and dreams. He will be very sadly missed by all of the staff and the children who all love and respect him. We hope he will always remember us all at St James' and if he does become a famous star, he'll visit our school again. Lots of love and good luck in all you do Mr McQuire.

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

Hansen Crellin, Kiera Mason, Khiya Weightman, Indy Gardner, Lily Darby, Rylee Barker, Aimee Redhead, Cerys Rowe, Rio Walker, Kai Aston

BIRTHDAYS FROM 28th NOVEMBER 2016 – 8th January 2017

Lyla Shaw, Holly Clunie, Aoife Crocker, Sharona Hornby, Connor Jackson, McKenna Garratt, Erin Nugent, Klayden Wright, Molly Cairns, Thomas Garnett, Evan Pugh, Isaak Kelly, Keira Mason, Amy Date, Mylah Wright

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.)*

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

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.



The Staff, Governors and Pupils of St James' Catholic Primary School wish you all a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas and give you all our best wishes for a Happy New Year. Enjoy your festive holidays! Take care and stay safe.

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

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.

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

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

Christmas Eve Family Mass at 7pm

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

December

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

JANUARY 2017

Thursday 5th – Children start back at school
Friday 13th – Pantomime 'Sleeping Beauty' in school pm

PRAYER INTENTIONS

As we start our Christmas celebrations, please remember in your prayers all who live alone and those who suffer from loneliness. Please pray for all who have lost loved ones during the last year and those who are ill or who have family members who are ill. We ask God to be with them all during the weeks ahead. We ask you to pray for all of us as we go into our Christmas Holidays and ask our Blessed Lady to keep us all happy, safe and well over the festive season. (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)

RESIDENTIAL TRIP DATES 2017

Year 4 Castlerigg – Monday 20th – Wednesday 22nd March
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!

RESIDENTIAL TRIP DATE 2018

Year 5 Lockerbie Wednesday 16th – Friday 18th May