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St James Catholic Primary School Newsletter- Monday 6 February 2017

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

Reception	<p>The children have had a very exciting week when a mystery robot arrived in our classroom on Monday morning; as a result they have produced some lovely work by writing to the mysterious scientist who built him! In maths we have been looking at the language linked to length, weight and capacity and we will be continuing with this next week too. In RE we have listened to another of Jesus' miracles and the children have enjoyed acting it out as well. Thank you to everyone who has sent in all of the recycling, we will be making rockets next week...so please keep it all coming! Remember to log on to your child's Tapestry account to look at our work, as well as sharing learning experiences your child has at home too! Have a lovely weekend! (Phonics taught: all alphabet sounds: sh, ch, th, ee, oo, ow)</p> <p>VIP: Jensen Gardner</p>
Year 1	<p>Year 1 have had a very busy week. There has been lots of exciting things happening in the classroom. We have had the three little pigs running away from the big bad wolf. They left us a special letter and we made a poster to help capture the wolf. We have enjoyed listening to the story and sequencing our story maps. We have also made character profiles for the three pigs. We will continue with this next week.</p> <p>In Maths we have been working on positions, we have been learning our left and right and positional language. I have sent some homework home linked to this. In RE we are looking at families and celebrations if you have a photograph of your family that your child can bring in and stick in their RE Book I would be really grateful. Also any items related to baptism and photographs of your child's baptism. Can I remind you all to continue reading with your child at home it is really making a difference to their learning. Have a lovely weekend.</p> <p>VIP: Deacon Wilkinson</p>
Year 2	<p>What a good week we have had in Year 2! We have finished writing stories for our class books and we are now moving on to a writing topic all about China. In RE we are looking at the miracles of Jesus and talking about how people felt when he helped them. In Science we are studying Life Cycles. We have also had a visit from KS the monkey all of the children really enjoyed his lesson and he will be back to visit us next week! In maths we are practicing dividing by 2, 5 and 10 and our homework is linked to this. Have a lovely weekend!</p> <p>VIP: Evan Pugh</p>
Year 3	<p>Children have been working hard on measurement this week. We have been learning to measure in centimetres and also have spent lots of the week working on converting measures – converting between cm and metres and metres and kilometres. In Literacy we have almost completed writing our own warning stories and children have been working hard on these. We also started to design some Roman shields that we will begin to make next week! On Wednesday, we enjoyed our first swimming session. Children now know how the session is organised and we look forward to developing their swimming and water confidence over the next few weeks. Can we please remind you, if for any reason, your child is unable to take part in swimming, and can we please have a note from home. The same applies if the children are missing PE. Have a lovely weekend.</p> <p>VIP: Ava Forrest</p>
Year 4	<p>Year 4 has been very busy this week. In maths, we have finished our work looking at equivalent fractions and the children have a much more secure understanding of this now. We then moved on to simplifying mixed numbers and improper fractions. As with equivalent fractions, the children who know their times tables are finding the work much easier to grasp. Lots of practice of times tables at home and on Mathletics will really help them with the rest of our work on fractions. In literacy, the children completed their conquering the monster tales and I was really impressed with them all; especially the descriptions of their monsters. We have now moved on to writing non-chronological reports. To do this, we are looking at a report on Storm Unicorns and the children are really enjoying it. This week also saw us have two more Kidsafe sessions; one on bullying and one on internet and TV safety. Letters were sent home after each session explaining what we have been up to. I hope you all have a lovely weekend!</p> <p>VIP: Braith Lupton</p>
Year 5	<p>The children have worked extremely hard this week on their understanding of fractions. We have learnt about equivalent fractions and how to compare fractions by drawing bars – homework is linked to this. In Literacy, we have been looking at features of instructions and this coming week, we will be looking at writing our own set of instructions based on a model. In RE, We will be thinking about the Beatitudes and how they can help us to be inspirational people. On Tuesday, we will be taking part in Safer Internet Day. I'm sure the children will be able to tell you all about how to use the internet safely and positively. Have a great weekend!</p> <p>VIP: Cade Heavyside</p>
Year 6	<p>As usual, the children have been busy this week. In maths we started learning about percentages and how to find a percentage of an amount - we will continue with this at the beginning of next week before moving on to decimal fractions. In literacy, we have been finding out more about the Amazon rainforest and the implications of deforestation. Next week we will be writing a discursive text: should we do more to save the rainforest. Eleven children went to Manchester on Wednesday to sing with the Young Voices choir. As usual, it was a fantastic evening and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Their behaviour was exemplary and I was very proud of them all. I hope you all have a good weekend!</p> <p>VIP: Niamh Kershaw</p>

ATTENDANCE AWARD WEEK ENDING 3 February 2017:

1st - Year 4 - 99.3%
 2nd - Year 6 - 98.6%
 3rd - Year 3 - 95.5%
 4th - Year 5 - 95%
 5th - Year 1 - 94.8%
 6th - Reception - 93.6%
 7th - Year 2 - 93.3%

Well done to Year 4 who are the winners of our Attendance Trophy for this week ☺

Birthdays 29/1/17 to 5/2/17:

Kallie Wright
 Harley Heasley
 Indy Gardner
 Harry Nugent

 Miss Mullan

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

What's been happening? Mrs Orchard and the Young Voices children had a brilliant time on Wednesday at Manchester Arena performing with schools from all over the north west. Well done all of you.

What's happening this coming week? On Wednesday we welcome the members of our school governing body who are joining us in class for the day. We hope they all enjoy their time with us.

Swimming: The swimming pool is now open so the children from years 3&4 will be swimming on Wednesday's. Please do not forget to send your child's swimming kit to school.

Sunday Mass: We have started to attend Mass on Sunday mornings every other week; Children will be doing the readings and the offertory as well as joining in with the singing. Mrs Nicholas will be checking which children would like to and are able to attend beforehand so that readings can be given out in good time. It is lovely that the children have begun to attend Mass and it is nice that parents come along to support them too. It does mean a lot to our parish community to have the children at Mass so thank you for your support. The next date for the Children's Mass is **Sunday 12th February**. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday ☺

Educational Welfare Officer: We now have a School Educational Welfare Officer, she is Mrs Sue Mallinson and she works for the Furness Catholic Schools, which we are part of. As you know we monitor our school attendance constantly and unfortunately lots of children are falling below our school target of 95%. We do understand that there may be legitimate reasons for the absence such as illness but we do have a duty to promote and pursue good attendance for all pupils. We will be contacting you to let you know if your child's attendance is between 90 - 95% and we will be monitoring it more closely in the future. Parents of children whose attendance falls below 90% will be receiving letters from Mrs Mallinson inviting them to attend a meeting with her and Mrs Nicholas in the near future. We do have a legal responsibility to inform parents when their child's attendance drops below 90%, which is the threshold set by the local authority. Please do contact me if you wish to speak about your child's attendance.

Headlice: We appear to have a problem with headlice at the moment. Please could we ask you to check your child's head regularly - we recommend that you look once a week. There are various lotions available at the local chemists, and the pharmacists are always available for advice and recommendations.

Threadworms: There have been some instances of children having Threadworms. If you think your child has threadworms (your child may have a very itchy bottom at night and may be scratching more; and you can see them in their poo!) please visit the chemist who can give you some medication to treat your family. Please encourage your children to wash their hands after going to the toilet! Thank you.

Have a good weekend everyone!

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We ask you to remember in your prayers this week, former pupil James Clarke who has very sadly died this week. James made such an impact on everyone when he was at our school and we remember him with love and fondness. Could you also remember Helen Slater who has also very sadly died this week too. Helen's children attended our school and she was very well known by everyone. We ask God to welcome James and Helen into His Kingdom. We pray for Donna, Roger and all of James' family and also for Brent, Joseph, Emilie, Charlie and all of Helen's family at this difficult time. We ask Our Blessed Lady to be with them and comfort them at this very sad time. Please join us as we pray especially for James and Helen - *Eternal rest give unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

(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)

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:-

KS1

Reception St James 2016/2017
 Y1 St James 2016/2017
 Y2 St James 2016/2017

KS2

Y3 St James 2016/2017
 Y4 St James 2016/2017
 Y5 St James 2016/2017
 St James Y6 Class of 2017

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 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

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 MEALS

Please remember to order your child's school meals or cancel them by 9.30am. The website address is: www.lunchshop.co.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.

TERM DATES 2016-2017

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

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

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 ☺

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FEBRUARY 2017

Wed. 8.2.2017 – Annual Governors Day
Mon. 13.2.2017 – Parents Meeting – Y4
Wed. 15.2.17 – Y5 & Y6 – Beggars Theatre 'The Saga of Ernest'
Fri. 17.2.2017 – School Breaks up at 3.15pm: Half Term Hols.
Mon. 27.2.2017 – School Starts.

MARCH 2017

Wed. 1.3.2017 – Ash Wednesday Service in School – 11.00am
Wed. 1.3.2017 – Parents Evening
Thurs. – Y's 1, 2, 3 & 4 – Beggars Theatre 'Jason & The Golden Fleece@'
Thurs. 2.2.2017 – Parents Evening

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

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.

NO TRAINERS to be worn to school. Thank you.

PE KIT

White top (with or without school logo). Black shorts. Black pumps.

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 themselves. Thank you.

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

CLASS MASSES

Monday 13th February – Year 5
Monday 6th March – Year 6 (refreshment afterwards)
Monday 13th March – Year 3
Monday 27th February – Year 4 (refreshments afterwards)

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.

PARENTS GUILD DISCO DATES:

Thursday 30th March

Thursday 25th May

Thursday 13th July

KS1 – 5.30pm – 6.30pm

KS2 – 7.00pm – 8.15pm

If you would like to help out at any of our school discos, please contact a member of our Parents Guild, your help would be very much appreciated.

MADS

Present

THE KING AND I

AT MILLOM SCHOOL

15th, 16th & 17th February at 7.30pm

18th February matinee at 2.30pm

Tickets – Adults £8 / Juniors & Concessions £6

On sale at Spoilt For Choice now!

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.

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 +

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 to week of 17th October. 7th November to week of 5th December
Cost £40 per 10 week term

WHAT'S ON AT THE BEGGAR'S THEATRE -

www.beggars theatre.co.uk

Friday 3 February – 'The Thing That Came From Over There'
Thursday 23rd February – 'The Singular Exploits of Sherlock Holmes' 7.30pm
Saturday 25th February – 'Bye Bye Baby' 8pm
Saturday 4th March – 'Blind Date' 8pm
Friday 10th March – 'Jack The `Ripper – The Real Truth' 7.30pm
Friday 17th March – 'Sophie Willan: On Record' 8pm
Friday 31st March – 'Tom Allen & Suzi Ruffell' 8pm
Saturday 22nd April – 'Big Howard's Lol-Tastic' 2pm
Friday 28th April – 'Manford's Comedy Club' 8pm
Saturday 6th May – 'The Noise Next Door – Uproar' 8pm
Friday 26th May – 'The Six Sided Man' 7.30pm
Saturday 3rd June – 'Three Half Pints – The Three Musketeers' 2pm
Thursday 22nd June – 'Burton' 8pm
775677 or call in at the theatre to book your tickets.
Tickets are available on the door.

KD School of Dance

Classes held in St James' School Hall

Monday:

4.30 – 5.00pm Nursery Class
5.00 – 5.30pm Grade 1 Ballet Class
5.30 – 6.00pm Junior Hiphop
6.00 – 6.30pm ACRO class for all ages
6.30 – 7.00pm Boys Class
7.00 – 8.00pm Senior Class

Friday:

4.30 – 5.00pm Reception Class
5.00 – 5.30pm Year 1 Class
5.30 – 6.00pm Year 2 Class
6.00 – 6.45pm Junior Class
6.45 – 7.15pm Senior Stretch Class
7.15 – 8.00pm Senior Ballet Grade Class
8.00 – 8.30pm Pointe Class (Invite Only)

Contact Danielle Carter via Facebook
or phone 01229 774466

RECYCLE with ST JAMES SCHOOL (& MICHAELI)

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 collection is for the Salvation Army and we get a donation towards school fund when the items are collected by them. There are recycling bags available from school if you have any items that you would like to put in the recycling collection.