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St James Catholic Primary School Newsletter Half Term Week to Monday 27 February 2017

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

Reception	<p>We have come to the end of a really busy half term and the children definitely deserve a good rest over the holidays! This week the children have been really busy measuring objects and around the classroom using both cubes and even having a go at using tape measures and centimetres; maybe you could let your children have a go at measuring around the house too. We have completed a writing assessment and all children tried very hard to show off their skills. Over the holidays, please keep reading with your child and sharing pictures and videos on Tapestry. Thank you to everyone for sending in Parent's Evening slips, you should have your times now and I'm looking forward to seeing you all! Have a lovely holiday! (PHONICS TAUGHT: all alphabet sounds + qu, sh, th, ch, ee, ai, ow, ng, oo)</p> <p>VIP: Jasmine Steele</p>
Year 1	<p>Well we have reached the end of a really busy term and the children are ready for a break. This week we have finished our three little pigs topic using variety of materials to build houses and then practised blowing these down. It was lots of fun! We have also finished our 2D and 3D shape unit of work. After the holidays we will start our new topic toys now and then. Parent's evening slips have been sent out and we look forward to seeing you all.</p> <p>I would just like to say thank you very much to all the people who have come forward and offered their support with reading. I will get a list together over the holidays and post it on our facebook page as you will need to have a DBS check. Have a lovely week.</p> <p>VIP: Isaak Kelly</p>
Year 2	<p>We have come to the end of a very busy half term and everyone is ready for a week of rest. This week we have been looking at odd and even numbers and homework is linked to this. We have finished our literacy work about The Magic Brush linked to our China topic. The children enjoyed the poetry work linked to this topic and we are going to make a display of this in our classroom.</p> <p>In RE we have started to look at Lent which we will continue as this starts the week we are back in school. Can you please encourage your children to use the mathematics and spellodrome programme during the holidays as they have enjoyed this in school and the work is linked to our class objectives.</p> <p>Have a great week and I look forward to seeing you all after half term.</p> <p>VIP: Jean Versfeld</p>
Year 3	<p>We have had a good week in Year 3 this week. Children have been continuing measuring length and then we have moved onto looking at mass – using g and kg. It would be really good if, over the half term, you could involve your child in some cooking or baking in order for them to have another go at measuring using these units – grams would be best, rather than lbs and oz. In Literacy, we have started to look at report writing and how we use the five w's to start our report – when, where, who, what and why. Over half term, we are not sending out homework, but we like you to read at least 4 times with your child and record in their reading record book. There is also Mathematics and Spellodrome for those children who would like to.</p> <p>Otherwise, we hope the children enjoy a well-earned rest and come back full of energy and hard work after the half term! We look forward to seeing you at Parent's evening when we return. Your child will have brought home your time allocation. Have a lovely week!</p> <p>VIP: Maddie Hartley</p>
Year 4	<p>Lots of hard work has been going on in Year 4 this week! We completed our literacy unit on writing non-chronological reports with the children writing their own reports based on mythical creatures that they invented. In maths, the children worked really well on subtracting fractions and then used all of their new skills to solve word problems involving fractions. After half term, we will begin a unit of work on time in maths. So, it would be really useful for the children to practice telling the time at home using their own watches! We finished the week with our last two Kidsafe sessions. In these sessions we learnt about keeping our private places safe and talking more about our trusted grown-ups. Letters were sent home after each of these sessions explaining what we talked about in more detail. Homework for over half term is to research Skara Brae; an archaeological site that has remains from a Stone Age village. The children need to present the information that they find on a poster. Please encourage your child to read at least 4 times with a grown up as well. I hope you all enjoy your half term!</p> <p>VIP: Connor Jackson</p>
Year 5	<p>What a busy week! The children have had a great week and really enjoyed their trip to the Duddon on Friday. On Monday after half term, we will be going to watch The Sound Of Music at St Bernard's School in Barrow. A separate letter has been sent home about this! Have a great half term everyone!</p> <p>VIP: James Cloudsdale</p>
Year 6	<p>We've reached the end of another half term and the children deserve a well-earned rest! We have finished our topic about Brazil and after half term will start our new topic, 'Darwin's Delights', where the children will learn about evolution, inheritance and how animals adapt to their environments. We will continue to learn about different parts of the Mass in RE and in maths we will be learning more about shape. In the lead up to SATs, we will be looking at past paper questions and practising how to tackle them. I understand that for many children, this can be a worrying time. We have no choice about whether or not the children sit the tests, but we can make sure they are adequately prepared so that they can do as well as possible. I hope you all have a great half term holiday; I look forward to seeing the children back at school on Monday 27th February.</p> <p>VIP: Holly Clunie</p>

ATTENDANCE AWARD WEEK ENDING 17th February 2017:

1st – Reception Class – 100%
 2nd – Year 4 – 98.6%
 3rd – Year 3 – 97.9%
 4th – Year 2 – 96.3%
 5th – Year 1 – 95.6%
 6th – Year 6 – 95.2%
 7th – Year 5 – 95.0%

Well done to Reception Class who are our first class to achieve 100% for the week! They are worthy winners of this week's Attendance Trophy ☺

Birthdays 13/2/17 to 26/2/17

Isabelle Steele, Charlie Farren, Marni Thompson, Jensen Gardner, Lucas Sim, Mika Jakubowski,

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.

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

What's been happening? On Monday after school Miss Mullan had her parents meeting about the forthcoming Castle Rigg Trip. Many thanks to all of the parents who attended and I hope you are all reassured about what the trip will entail. Years 5 and 6 enjoyed watching the play 'The Saga of Ernest' at the Beggar's Theatre on Wednesday afternoon, this was a free performance and we would like to thank Jakki Moore for inviting us. We had our fund raising day for JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) on Friday. It was great to see the children in their onesies and pyjamas. At the last count we have raised £141 which is brilliant – thank you all for supporting us and for your kind donations. Year 5 went on their rearranged River Studies trip to 'Three Shires' up in the Ulpha Valley, we are sure they will all be enjoying themselves up there! We broke up for half term today too! ☺ ☺

What's happening this week? We return to school on Monday 27th February, year 5 will be going to St Bernard's Catholic High School to watch their performance of The Sound Of Music, leaving school at 12.30pm and returning to school at about 4pm. On Tuesday morning KS1 will be sending some teams to compete in the gymnastics tournament at Millom School. Wednesday 1st March is Ash Wednesday; KS2 will be attending Mass in Church at 9.30am. KS1 will have their own service in school at 11am. Our Parents Evenings are on Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd March. On Thursday 2nd in the afternoon, year 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be going to The Beggars Theatre to watch a production of 'Jason and the Golden Fleece'. **Please could we ask for a donation of £2 per child for this to help us offset the cost.**

Swimming: The swimming pool is now open so the children from years 3&4 will be swimming on Wednesday's. Please be aware that Swimming is a curriculum subject and it is mandatory for all of the children to attend and so parents should always send swimming kit to school for their child. If your child is not able to go swimming please could parents send in a signed note in the morning.

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 March 2017**. 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 contact you to let you know if your child's attendance is between 90 – 95% and will monitor it more closely in the future. Parents of children whose attendance falls below 90% will receive letters from Mrs Mallinson inviting them to meet with her. 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.

Attendance Award: To promote good attendance in school, we have been presenting our attendance trophy each week in assembly to the class which has the highest percentage attendance for the week. You will see from the table in the above section that Reception class have become the first of our classes to achieve 100% attendance for the week, great news well done to all of them! We are starting a new attendance initiative where those children who have had 100% attendance during the half term will have their names put into a prize draw at the end of the summer term when they will have the chance to win some goodies! This half term we have 92 pupils who will have their names entered into the draw! Well done to all of these children ☺ Each of these children will have brought home their 100% attendance certificate for first half of the spring term.

Parents Evenings: Our Parents Evenings for the Spring Term will be on Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd March from 3.30pm – 6pm. You should have received your times home today but if not, please contact school and we can let you know your allocated time.

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.

Have a good half term break everyone!

PRAYER INTENTIONS Please could we ask you to remember in your prayers over half term, Harry's Nanna, Karen Pearce, who is undergoing treatment at the moment. We ask Our Blessed Lady to take care of Karen and help her recover quickly during the months ahead. Could you also pray for Cobey's Nanna, Sue Rowe, who is having an operation this week. We ask God to take care of Sue and hope that she will be up and about and ready to come back in to school to help us soon.

(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.

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 **9.00am each morning**. You can also order meals the night before or 3 weeks in advance.

The website address is: www.lunchshop.co.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FEBRUARY 2017

Fri. 17th – School Breaks up at 3.15pm: Half Term Hols.

Mon. 27th – School Starts.

Mon 27th – Year 5 at St Bernard's, Barrow – 'The Sound of Music'

Tues 28th – KS1 Gymnastics tournament at Millom School

MARCH 2017

Wed. 1st – KS2 Ash Wednesday Mass in Church at 9.30am / KS1 Ash Wednesday Service in School – 11.00am

Wed. 1st – Parents Evening

Thurs. 2nd – Y's 1, 2, 3 & 4 – Beggars Theatre 'Jason & The Golden Fleece' (Donation of £2 per child please)

Thurs. 2nd – Parents Evening

Mon 6th – Sports hall Athletics Final – Westlakes Academy

Mon 6th – Work Experience Week from Millom School

Mon 13th – Tempests Photography – Class Photographs

Tues 14th – Year 4 Stone Age Trip to Windermere

Wed 15th – Year 5 Stone Age Trip to Windermere

Mon 20th – Wed 22nd – Year 4 Residential Trip to Castlerigg

Thurs 30th – School Disco

APRIL 2017

Tues 4th – Choral Speaking at Ulverston Festival

Thurs 6th – Choirs at Ulverston Festival

Friday 7th – Break up from school at 1.30pm

Mon 24th – Back to School

Wed 26th – Year 4 Egyptian Workshop

Thurs 27th – Year 3 Viking Workshop

MAY 2017

Mon 1st – Bank Holiday

Fri 5th – Year 6 Tag Rugby Festival – St Bees

Mon 8th – Thurs 11th Year 6 SATs

Mon 15th – Tempest Photography – Individual & Family Photos

Mon 17th – Fri 19th – Year 5 Lockerbie Trip

Thurs 25th – School Disco

Friday 26th – Athlete in school all day.

Fri 26th – Break up from school for half term at 3.15pm

JUNE 2017

Mon 5th – Start back at School

Mon 12th – Wed 14th – Year 6 London Trip

JULY 2017

Mon 3rd – Year 5 Taster Day at Millom School

Wed 12th – Year 6 Ancient Greek Workshop with Charlie Lupton

Thurs 13th – School Disco

Thurs 20th – Break up at 1.30pm

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

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 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

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 ☺

DROP IN SESSION & ANXIETY WORKSHOP

Nicola Brockbank is an Autism Family Worker, she is holding a drop in session and Anxiety Workshop on **TUESDAY 14th MARCH** from 6pm until 8pm at **MILLOM CHILDREN'S CENTRE**

(Please enter by the side door as the front door will be locked)
There will also be a session & workshop on **THURSDAY 2nd MARCH** from 11.30am – 2.30pm

At **THE LIGHTHOUSE CENTRES** in **HAVERIGG**.

To book a place please email:

Nicola.Brockbank@carlisle Mencap.co.uk.

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 March – 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.

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.beggarstheatre.co.uk

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 (& 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 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.