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

Reception	<p>The children have been working very hard this week with their maths, we have now covered both addition and subtraction using counters to help find the answer; next week we will be continuing with this and moving onto using bigger numbers. In Literacy they have produced some amazing descriptions of the Troll from the story, Three Billy Goats Gruff; next week we are going to be re-writing the story and changing key characters. The children had their ears tested on Wednesday, if there are any issues a referral letter will be sent out to individual families in the post. A massive thank you to the parents who came in and helped us with our reading, the children were very excited to share their reading and we are grateful for your support. Please continue to read at home with your children as well as we are really starting to see massive amounts of progress. We hope you have a lovely weekend!</p> <p>(Phonics: qu, sh, ch, th, oo, oa, ai, ow, ur, or, ee)</p> <p>VIP Skyla Thompson</p> <p>:</p>
Year 1	<p>What a lovely week! We have enjoyed writing about the three bears and creating our own story maps. In maths we have finished measuring and started looking at numbers within 20. We will continue with this next week. In RE we have started looking at Church and why people go.</p> <p>I have sent out a list of days and helpers who came forward to support the reading in class. If anyone else can help, please let me know.</p> <p>Have a lovely weekend!</p> <p>VIP Kaya Jackson</p> <p>:</p>
Year 2	<p>We have been looking at verbs in the past tense this week and adding the suffix 'ed' to write them in the past tense. Next week we are going to use them further in our writing. In Maths we have been working with money and will continue with this. If you go shopping at the weekend maybe your children could help sort the coins to pay. In RE we are looking at parts of the Mass. We have been finding Castles in England this week linked to our geography work and where they are on a map which everyone has enjoyed.</p> <p>Have a great weekend.</p> <p>VIP Maya Clarke</p> <p>:</p>
Year 3	<p>Children have again been working hard this week. In Maths, we have been solving problems involving Mass and have then moved onto measuring capacity using millilitres. Children have enjoyed doing this! In Literacy we have been completing our 'Missing Gladiator' News reports and have begun to publish some of our work for display. Next week, we will complete these and do an assessed piece of writing on Newspaper reports before starting a new unit based on the book Rainbow Bird. In Science we have also started a new topic called Forces and Magnets and have started looking at pushes and pulls.</p> <p>Next week we will be visiting the Library so if your child hasn't already got a library card (which I know a lot have) please ensure they have returned the form.</p> <p>Many thanks.</p> <p>VIP Martha Allington</p> <p>:</p>
Year 4	<p>The children have worked hard this week! In maths, we have been looking at converting between different units of time and solving problems about how long things take. The children have worked well on this and all the extra work on telling the time at home has really helped! Next week, we will complete our unit on time before moving on to working with Roman numerals. In literacy, we have been writing a new losing tale as a class, ready for the children to start planning and writing their own losing tales next week. For RE, we have been thinking about how Jesus is both truly human and truly divine. The children used different Bible references to find examples of Jesus being each of these things.</p> <p>We are going on a school trip to Windermere next Tuesday, as part of our Stone Age to Iron Age topic. The bus leaves school at 8:15am, so please ensure that your child is at school to be registered no later than 8:00am.</p> <p>I hope you all have a lovely weekend!</p> <p>VIP Reuben Lupton</p> <p>:</p>
Year 5	<p>We have had a really busy week in Y5 this week. The children have begun some fantastic writing based on 'Chaperon Rouge' which is a modern day version of Little Red Riding Hood. In Maths, we have been multiplying fractions. This coming week, we will move onto finding fractions of amounts and decimal fractions. Homework this week is a reading task, which you will find in the homework folders, and for Maths, I would like the children to have a look at the fractions section on Mathematics. We are going on a school trip to Windermere next Wednesday; the bus leaves school at 8:15am, so please ensure that your child is at school to be registered no later than 8:00am.</p> <p>Have a great weekend!</p>

	VIP Aidan Wright :
Year 6	We've had a busy week in year 6, with children taking part in athletics and gymnastics competitions. The children have produced some excellent news reports in response to our new class novel, 'Beetle Boy' and in maths we have been learning how to calculate the area of a rectangle, parallelogram and triangle. Next week we will be learning about circles and finding out about π on pi day (March 14 th). We will also be finding missing angles in shapes. The children have started their science topic with Miss Cannon and in RE have learning more about the Mass. Have a great weekend VIP Kai Nicholas :

ATTENDANCE AWARD WEEK ENDING 10 March 2017:

1st – Year 5 – 98.6%
 2nd – Year 2 – 98.3%
 2nd – Year 6 – 98.3%
 4th – Year 3 – 97.6%
 5th – Reception – 96%
 6th – Year 4 – 93.6%
 7th – Year 1 – 85.2%

**Congratulations to Year 5 who are the Attendance Award Winners for this week Once again it was a very close between the top three classes!
 Well done Year 5 and all of the other classes ☺**

Birthdays 6/3/2017 to 12/3/2107

Samuel Hoccom, Finlay Wilson, Charlie Wilson, Billie Park, Maddox Dawson, Alexander Watson
 Mrs High & Miss Woodend had big birthdays this week too!

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? Year 6 started the week by going to Mass on Monday, thank you for providing refreshments for the parishioners afterwards. The cakes and biscuits were lovely ☺ Our Athletics team competed in the Copeland Sportshall Athletics Tournament at West Lakes Academy on Monday. The team worked really hard and came third narrowly missing out on a place in the County Final. Well done to all of the children who competed and represented our school so well. We had a visit from the Audiology Clinic on Wednesday to check the hearing of our Reception Children. On Friday our two Gymnastics Teams travelled to St Benedict's in Whitehaven to take part in a Gymnastics Competition, both of the teams performed brilliantly and we are pleased to say that our A team came second! A great achievement by all of them, especially as it is the first time some of the children have competed in a competition! Well done and thank you to all of them for their hard work today and over the last few weeks, we are all very proud of you.

Thank you to Ellie, Amy, Emma, Mia and Taylor who have been here this week as part of their work experience. It has been lovely to have them with us and to see what lovely young people they have all grown in to. We hope they enjoyed their time with us.

What's happening this week? On Monday Year 3 will be going to Mass at 9am, please could the children be in school for 8.45am so that we are able to take the register and check dinners before we go. Parents are very welcome to join us at Mass. Alison from Tempest Photography will be in school to take Class photographs; a copy of this will be sent home for you to order from. On Tuesday year 4 will be going to St Catherine's in Windermere for a special Stone Age Workshop – the bus will leave school at 8.15am and return at about 4pm. On Wednesday, Year 5 will be going to the Stone Age Workshop; all arrangements will be the same.

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.

Swimming Costume: All children should have either a pair of swim shorts (boys) or for girls a one piece swimming costume. Sometimes children do forget to bring them - If any parents have a swimming costume (especially girl's swimming costumes) that their child no longer uses, we would be very grateful if they could bring them to school, so that we can put them in our spare kit box. We do have some towels and one or two pairs of boy's shorts, but we have no girl's costumes at all. We would be very grateful for any help that you can give us.

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 this **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.

INHALERS: Please can parents ensure that children have their inhalers at school if required. We have had incidences recently where children who use inhalers do not have one available. Please can you ensure that your child has a current prescription if necessary. Thank you.

RESIDENTIAL TRIP PAYMENTS: Please could we remind parents of children from year 4 to send in the remaining payments for their residential trip to Castle Rigg as soon as possible, this is now overdue. Could parents from children from year 5 and year 6 send some money in to school towards their trips please. We need to book the London excursions but have not had payments in from several children, it is really important that we do get some money in quickly as we do have to pay for the excursions when we book them. If your child has changed their mind about going on the trip again this is really important to let us know now before we book anything further.

Have a good weekend everyone!

PRAYER INTENTIONS: Please could you remember in your prayers Emily's Great Auntie Sadie Fallows who is poorly in hospital at the moment. We ask Our Blessed Lady to take special care of Sadie and help her to feel better soon. Can we also ask you to pray for Terry Flanagan and Alice Hirst who have both very sadly died yesterday, we ask God to welcome Terry and Alice into His Kingdom. We pray especially to Our Blessed Lady for her to comfort their families at this very sad time. Please join us as we pray especially for Terry and Alice – *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.

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

MARCH 2017

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

Mon 3rd – 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
Tues 16th – May Procession at 10am in Church
Tues 16th – 150th Celebration of Our Lady & St James RC Church (in school at 7pm)
Wed 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
Sunday 11th – First Communion for Y3 Catholic Children
Mon 12th – Wed 14th – Year 6 London Trip

JULY 2017

Mon 3rd – Year 5 Taster Day at Millom School
Tues 11th – School Performance 2pm & 6pm
Wed 12th – Year 6 Ancient Greek Workshop with Charlie Lupton
Wed 12th – School Performance 6pm
Thurs 13th – School Disco
Thurs 20th – Break up at 1.30pm

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.

SWIMMING KIT Girls should wear a one piece swimming costume and boy's swimming trunks or shorts. Long hair should be tied back or plaited. Children will need towels for drying off after swimming and they can bring their goggles if they wish to wear them during the lesson.

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 ☺

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.

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

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.

Wigan v Huddersfield – 19 March 2017

A fantastic day out!

The day will include a training session for children before the start of the game. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Ticket Price is £24.00 per child (training session, game ticket & coach fare). £29.00 per adult (game ticket & coach).

Please get in touch with Martin if you want to book seats.

Please book early to avoid disappointment!!

New group boys will be boys

Reaching out to dads, father figures and their sons to come along to our boys will be boys group. We strive to create an

environment where dads and father figures can have fun together making memories along the way. We believe the group will strengthen families, with dads engaging in parenting their children through age appropriate activities. We will provide a relaxed and welcoming environment which will include tea, coffee, juice and occasionally a treat of bacon butties.

This service is a universal service but can also be referred via the Children's Centre . A morning group for pre-school (0-5) 11am-12pm and an after school group for school age (6-11) Mondays 3.30pm – 4.30pm at Millom children centre

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)

To book a place please email: Nicola.Brockbank@carlisle Mencap.co.uk;

Blackburn Rovers Community Holiday Football / Dance Coaching Days Tuesday 18th & Wednesday 19th April 2017

Blackburn Rovers Community Football Trust have approached the school again to offer two days football and dance coaching. This will take place on Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th April which is in the Easter holidays.

Football: we can only allow 45 children per day to take part and if there is a big demand we will offer you one day only. This opportunity is open to all children of all abilities. There will be four age groups:

- 4-6 (Reception, Year 1 & Year 2)
- 7-9 (Year 3 & 4)
- 10-12 (Years 5, 6 & 7)
- 13 – 16 (Years 8,9,10 & 11)

The cost will be £22 for the two days, from 10am-2pm. The venue for the football will be at Millom Football Club.

Dance: We are also going to try dance & cheerleading. This will be in school and we can only take 20 children per session. It will be split so that junior school (y3-y6) children have the morning session 10am-11:45am and children from Millom school will have the afternoon session running from 12:15pm-2:00pm.

The cost will be £12 for the 2 days (i.e. two of the sessions - one each day).

If you would like your child to have this great opportunity, please fill in the below slip and return to school.

Childs Name:	Year:	School:
<u>Contact Number:</u>		
SIGNED: PARENT/CARER		
Please return slip to school as soon as possible. Thank you.		

I would like my child/children to attend Blackburn Rovers coaching sessions on	Tues.		Wed.	
I would like my child/children to attend dance /cheerleading on	Tues. AM	Tues. PM	Wed. PM	Wed. PM