



St James Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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"I have loved you with an everlasting love" (Jeremiah 31:5)

Reception	We have been very busy this week with the story of the Gingerbread Man; we have been challenging ourselves by writing questions to ask some of the main characters and we made sure we used a question mark at the end. Next week we will be having a go at writing the story of the Gingerbread Man all by ourselves. In Maths, we will be using resources and number lines to solve addition and subtraction problems by ourselves. The children have been working very hard in their phonics and we can really see a massive difference in their reading – so thank you for your support at home! I hope you have a lovely weekend!	VIP No VIP this week.
Year 1	We have been very busy this week with the story of the gigantic turnip; we have been writing riddles for each animal in the story. Next week we will begin looking at the story of the princess and the pea. In maths we have been looking at ordering numbers, value of each number and making numbers using tens and ones. We then challenged ourselves to find the difference. Have a lovely weekend.	VIP Lola Jones
Year 2	We have been writing stories this week linked to our class text and the children have produced some very exciting ideas. In maths we have been revising addition and inverse subtractions to find missing numbers in problems. Next week we are going to look at multiplication and inverse division problems. Can you please practice some of the maths examples I sent home last week changing the numbers. In science we are starting a new topic about materials. We have only one lesson left on our Kidsafe sessions which the children have really enjoyed they all love KS our monkey and helping him to solve his problems. Have a great weekend.	VIP Leah Young
Year 3	Children have enjoyed working with money again this week, finding totals and moving on to finding change by using subtraction. In Literacy we have been writing persuasive leaflets. Children have done well with this. We will have swimming on a Wednesday and PE on a Thursday this half term. Please ensure kits are in school on these days.	VIP Myla Ball
Year 4	Despite having an extra day off at the weekend, Year 4 have still been working hard this week! In literacy, we have been practising writing different explanation texts on mythical creatures. The children are really looking forward to researching endangered species for their own explanation texts next week. In maths, we have been doing lots of work on rounding decimals and writing fractions as decimals. Next week, we will finish off this unit before moving on to looking at mass, length and weight. In our RE work, we have been thinking about the early Christians and how the Pope is the successor of St. Peter. Thank you to everyone who is reading with their child at home, please keep encouraging this. I hope you all have a lovely weekend!	VIP Madison Thompson
Year 5	Our Lockerbie trip is fast approaching; we will be thinking about this next week and making our final arrangements. We are all looking forward to it ☺ We will be looking at angles in maths next week. Have a great weekend!	VIP Bailey Hulse
Year 6	As you are aware, next week the children will be completing their SATs. They have worked incredibly hard in preparation for these papers and I know that they will all do their best next week. This weekend, the children need to have plenty of sleep and fresh air; they should avoid doing any last minute revision, other than reading and brushing up on their tables. I would be grateful if you could ensure that your child arrives at school promptly, having had breakfast. We will spend afternoons reviewing important ideas for the following day's tests, with Friday being a 'chill day'. I hope you all have a great weekend!	VIP Nikki Teeley Leyla Pattinson

<p>ATTENDANCE AWARD WEEK ENDING 5th APRIL 2017</p> <p>1st – Year 2 – 99.6% 2nd – Reception – 99% 3rd – Year 6 – 98.7% 4th – Year 5 – 97.8% 5th – Year 4 – 96% 6th – Year 1 – 87.5%</p> <p>Well done to our YEAR 2 who are the winners of the Attendance Trophy for this week. Can they keep it up and win again next week? The challenge is on!</p>	<p>BIRTHDAYS 1st MAY 2017 TO 7th MAY 2017</p> <p>Kai Nicholas & Isabelle Thompson</p> <p>PARENTS GUILD DISCO DATES:</p> <p>Thursday 25th May Thursday 7th July</p> <p>KS1 – 5.30pm – 6.30pm KS2 – 7.00pm – 8.15pm</p> <p><i>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.</i></p>
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NOTE TO PARENTS: PLEASE READ THIS SECTION AS ALL SCHOOL INFORMATION IS IN HERE

What's been happening: We hope you enjoyed your Bank Holiday on Monday ☺ It has been a lovely week weather wise and we have made the most of it by doing outdoor PE this week. On Friday our year 5 Tag Rugby team took part in the festival at St Bees. A huge WELL DONE to all of our children, who at the time of print, are playing really well. We will let you know how they have done in next weeks newsletter. On Friday afternoon Councillor Doug Wilson, the Mayor of Millom, joined us for our school assembly. He presented our school choir with the Millom Town Bursary which they were awarded at the Ulverston Musical Festival.

Week Commencing Monday 8th May 2017: Year 6 will have their SATs from Monday to Thursday during the mornings. We know all of the children will do their best and we wish you all the best of luck. Please try to have a nice weekend and have plenty of sleep and rest above all please don't worry. Try to make sure children do have breakfast in the morning; they are quite welcome to come to our school breakfast club. Our Parents Guild are having their Summer Term meeting on Tuesday at 6pm, please do come along if you

possibly can. Reception Class will have their vision checks on Tuesday morning.

Week Commencing Monday 15th May: On Monday 15th Alison from Tempest Photography will be coming into school to take individual and family group photos. Times will only be allocated for children who have pre-school or secondary school siblings being included in the photo. We will take an individual photo of all of the children in school as we use this for our School Information Management System. Our school year 5 & 6 football team will be taking part in a tournament at Ewood Park in Blackburn. Details will be sent home with those children who are playing – their school photos will be taken the week before. On Tuesday 16th we have our May Procession at 10am in Church. Please could children bring in a small bunch of flowers to lay before the statue of Our Blessed Lady in Church. We welcome parents and family to join us for this, starting with the procession from school over to Church. On Wednesday Year 5 will be setting off on their residential trip to Lockerbie returning on Friday afternoon. Year 6 will be having an Archaeological Day with Stephe Cove, which should be exciting! Our school governors meet in school at 6pm. On Friday 19th our netball team from year 5 & 6 will be taking part in a competition at Blackcombe School in the afternoon.

CHANGE OF DATE: First Communion for Catholic children from year 3 and those in other years above will take place on Sunday 28th May during the 10.30am Mass. Mrs Carter has started preparation classes on Sunday mornings before Mass.

SHINING STARS: We would like to congratulate India Jackson, Emma Ivison, Declan Tyson and Callum High who have been chosen to represent our County at Cricket. Well done all of you and good luck in all of your matches!

HEAD LICE: 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.

SWIMMING: Children from years 3 & 4 will be swimming again on Wednesday afternoons. 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(S): 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.

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.

URGENT! - RESIDENTIAL TRIP PAYMENTS: Could parents of children in years 5 and year 6 please pay the remainder of the money for their trips this week. **If you have not returned your child's medical Form C, please could you do this on Monday** as we do have lots of paperwork to complete and we need the information urgently. Thank you.

Have a great weekend and enjoy the lovely weather ☺

PRAYER INTENTIONS: We would like to ask you to remember in your prayers and very special Mam who is not very well at the moment. We ask Our Blessed Lady to love and take care of her and to be a comfort to her family at this time. We ask you to pray for Kath Wright who has very sadly died this week. Kath and her husband Bill used to run The Knights Club and during this time they were very kind and generous to our school. They paid for many children to go on school trips, raised money to help us, sponsored kits and put on the leavers celebration for our year 6 children. We will always be grateful for the kindness they showed us. We ask God to welcome Kath into His Kingdom and we ask Our Blessed Lady to comfort Bill and their family at this very sad and difficult time. We send them all of our love and deepest sympathies. Please join us as we pray especially for Kath – *Eternal rest give unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her, may she 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

MAY 2017

Mon 8th – Thurs 11th Year 6 SATs week
 Mon 15th – Tempest Photography – Individual & Family Photos
 Mon 15th – Year 5 & 6 Football competition at Ewood Park, Blackburn (one team only)
 Tues 16th – May Procession at 10am in Church
 Wed 17th – Fri 19th – Year 5 Lockerbie Trip
 Mon 22nd – Tues 23rd – Life Education Bus
 Wed 24th – 150th Celebration of Our Lady & St James RC Church (in school at 7pm)
 Thurs 25th – Copeland Tennis Finals (Y4 team)
 Thurs 25th – School Disco
 Fri 26th – Athlete in school all day.
Fri 26th – Break up from school for half term at 3.15pm
 Sunday 28th – First Communion for Y3 Catholic Children

JUNE 2017

Mon 5th – Start back at School
 Tues 6th – Yrs. 5 & 6 Kwik Cricket competition at Barrow
 Wed 7th – Choir Concert in School at 6pm
 Mon 12th – Wed 14th – Year 6 London Trip
 Tues 27th – Year 6 Transition Day at John Ruskin & Millom Schools

JULY 2017

Mon 3rd – Year 5 Taster Day at Millom School
 Wed 5th – Year 6 Transition Day at John Ruskin, Coniston
 Tues 11th – School Performance 2pm & 6pm
 Wed 12th – Year 6 Ancient Greek Workshop with Charlie Lupton
 Wed 12th – School Performance 6pm
 Thursday 7th – School Disco
 Thurs 20th – Break up at 1.30pm

PARENTS GUILD MEETINGS:

Tuesday 9th May at 6pm in year 4 classroom
Please do come along if you possibly can. New ideas always welcome ☺

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
 Monday: Cricket y5&6 – 3.15pm – 4.15pm
 Tuesday: Tennis Club – 3.00pm – 4.00pm at the Sports Hall
 Tuesday: KS2 Drama – 3.15pm – 4.15pm (for the performers only)
 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.st.jamesrc.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 ☺

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.

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

SCHOOL SUNDAY MASSES – 10.30am in Church

Sunday 21st May

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 Cost £40 per 10 week term.

WHAT'S ON AT THE BEGGAR'S THEATRE

www.beggarstheatre.co.uk

Friday 26th May – 'The Six Sided Man' 7.30pm

Saturday 3rd June – 'Three Half Pints – The Three Musketeers' 2pm

Friday 16th June – Dave Johns 8pm

Thursday 22nd June – 'Burton' 8pm

Friday 7th July – Sean Kelly 'Sold Your Way' 8pm

Saturday 2nd September – The Music of John Denver 8pm

Friday 8th September – Tom Stade: I Swear 8pm

Friday 16th September – 'The Great British Take Off' with John Culshaw & Bill Dane 8pm

Friday 13th October – A Celebration of Simon & Garfunkel

Friday 20th October – The Thinking Drinkers Live 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.

LEEDS v BARROW RUGBY TRIP

Martin is running a trip to watch Leeds v Barrow on Sunday 14th May. The price is £43 per person, which includes the bus, a meal before the game, a standing ticket for the match, then meet the players in the Long Bar after the game. If you are interested please get in touch with Martin Cairns on 01229 770396.