



St James Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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

Reception	What a busy week we have had in reception. Both sessions have been busy completing lots of assessments and exploring both classrooms. The children have settled really well. Next week we will all come together for the first time and stay for lunch. Our session starts at the usual time 8.45am and home time will be 1.15pm. Please remember to order your child's lunch on lunchshop. Have a great weekend!	
Year 1	We have had another great week thinking about The Three Little Pigs! We have been making our own models using paper mache and we hope to complete them next Friday! We have been so impressed with how hard the children have been working in Maths using language such as more than, less than, greater than and fewer. We are going to be continuing with this work next week. Thank you to all the parents who have been practicing numbers at home with their children – we can see a big difference already! Have a lovely weekend!	VIP Lucas Sim
Year 2	We have had a busy week in Year 2; everyone has been working really hard. In maths we have been looking at place value and partitioning numbers in different ways. In Literacy we have been practicing lots of different paragraphs ready to write our own stories next week. In RE we have been acting the story of Abraham and writing why he was chosen by God. Everyone enjoyed the map work looking at places in Great Britain and creating our own maps. We are going to have a go at making Castles later this half term so if you would like to have a try at home first this would be really helpful maybe the children could bring them in for our class display. Have a great weekend!	VIP Isaac Kelly
Year 3	We have had another good week in Year 3. Children have been looking at 10 and 100 more and less than a given number. This is something that can be practised at home with children too. In Literacy, we have been looking at the features News Reports and children have been learning the text. Well done to all that handed their homework in this week. There were only a couple missing. Let's see if we can have 100% next week. We are going to be looking at Autumn next week. If you are out and about this weekend, please can the children gather any signs of autumn eg conkers, leaves etc to bring in to class on Monday. Thank you. Have a lovely weekend!	VIP Aaron Redhead
Year 4	The children really enjoyed the WW2 workshop as part of their topic. In maths this week we have been learning about rounding to the nearest 10 and 100 and we will be continuing this week. In literacy they have been learning to use subordinate clauses in their writing; I am really impressed with some of their work! I hope they will be able to use these in their writing next week. Have a great weekend!	VIP Rylee Pattinson
Year 5	The children continue to impress me with their careful listening and hardworking attitudes. This coming week in Maths, we will be looking at number sequences and negative numbers and solving problems relating to this. In English, we will be planning and beginning to write our own information piece about planet Earth. It's great to see so many of the children reading at home; this forms a very large part of the children's homework in Y5 so please do keep this up. On Monday 25 th September, I will be holding a short information sessions for parents. It would be great to see as many faces as possible. Have a great weekend!	VIP Reien Weightman
Year 6	It's been a very busy week in year 6! We started the week by going to Mass. Thank you for all the wonderful donations of cakes – they were much appreciated by the parishioners. We finished the week with an amazing trip to Low Bank Ground where we went kayaking and canoeing. In the classroom we have continued learning about the heart as part of our topic, 'Staying Alive'. In maths we have been rounding and learning more about negative numbers. Next week we will be moving on to consolidate calculation skills. In literacy, we have been practicing writing to persuade. Next week we will begin to look at advertisements. Have a lovely weekend!	VIP Alana Hartley

ATTENDANCE AWARD WEEK ENDING 22nd September

1st – Year 6 – 100%
2nd – Year 5 – 97.9%
3rd – Year 2 – 97.8%
4th – Year 3 – 97%
5th – Year 4 – 96.4
6th – Year 1 – 94.0%

Well done to our YEAR 6 class who are the winners of the Attendance Trophy for this week with an impressive 100%! Let's see if they can do the double next week or can someone else get 100%? ☺

BIRTHDAYS 18th – 24th September 2017
Martha Allington, Imogen Jackson, Jack Patton,
Jessica Thompson, Millie Chapples

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Monday: Choir – 3.15pm – 4.00pm
Tuesday: Tennis Club – 3.00pm – 4.00pm at the Sports Hall
Wednesday: KS1 Gymnastics - 3.15pm to 4.15pm.
**Wednesday: Athletics - 3.15pm to 4.00pm.
Thursday: KS2 Multi Skills - 3.15pm to 4.15pm.
**Friday: Athletics - 3.15 to 4.00pm
****Mathletics Clubs start week commencing 25th September****

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

On Monday year 6 attended Mass with our parishioners in Church, serving refreshments for them afterwards. Thank you to those parents who sent in cakes for this, the parishioners were very grateful. Mrs High and Mrs Jardine had their meeting for the parents of children from year 3 and it was lovely to see you here. Our Parents Guild had their Annual General Meeting on Monday evening, sadly we didn't have any new parents and we have had to disband our parent's guild ☹ We will be sending letters home shortly explaining what we plan to do in the future and we hope all parents will support us with this.

On Wednesday year 4 had their WW2 workshop with Charlie Lupton. They really enjoyed building the Anderson shelters during the day. Mr Cross from St Bernard's Catholic High School in Barrow came in to speak to the year 6 children who will be transferring to secondary school next year. He gave them information about the school and their open evening. On Friday year 6 had their trip to Low Bank Ground in Coniston for a team building day. At the time of print the children are having a great time kayaking and canoeing.

We started to attend Mass every other Sunday during the last school year; this will continue this year and our first Mass will be this Sunday 24th September at 10.30am in Church. Children from school will be reading, singing and taking the offertory. Parents, family and friends are very welcome to join us and the parishioners of Our Lady & St James' RC Church. Refreshments are always available in the Columba Room afterwards.

What is happening week commencing 25th September:

Year 5 will be attending Mass at 9am on Monday. Please could children from year 5 be in school for 8.45am. Parents, family and friends are very welcome to join us for Mass at Church. Also on Monday some children from KS2 will be taking part in the Millom Football Festival at Millom School. Details of this have been sent home with children who are in the teams. Good luck to all of the children representing St James' Catholic Primary School, we hope you enjoy the day ☺ On Monday evening Mrs McKendrie will be having her meeting for parents of year 5 children at 5.30pm. She will be explaining what your child will be doing in year 5 this year, please do come along if you possibly can.

Our Reception class will be staying for lunch for the first time. Please could we remind parents to order their child's lunch on the lunchshop system – www.lunchshop.co.uk if you have any problem, please contact our school office.

Mathletics after school club starts this week for those children who have been given a place. Mrs High has a waiting list of children who were unsuccessful this time.

You will have received a pack of forms from our school office; please can you fill these in and return them as soon as possible. **Please remember to send back the data collection sheet even if there are no changes to the information.** We do need up to date contact details so please if you do change your telephone number or address during the school year please let us know.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please remember in your prayers this week all of those who have been affected by the earthquakes in Mexico and from the hurricanes in the Caribbean islands. We ask God to help them all in this time of need. We ask Our Blessed Lady to comfort them and pray for them.

(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

Monday 25th September – Millom Football Festival for KS2 at Millom School
Monday 25th September – Year 5 Parents Meeting at 5.30pm
Tuesday 3rd October – Cross Country at Millom School
Friday 6th October – Year 6 at REACT Science Show at Millom School
Thursday 19th October – School Disco
Friday 20th October – Break up for Half Term
Monday 30th October – Start back at school
Monday 30th October – Parents Meeting – fund raising
Wednesday 1st November – Parents Evening
Thursday 2nd November – Parents Evening
Thursday 9th November – Remembrance Service in School
Wednesday 22nd November – KS1 MultiSkills at Recreation Centre
Wednesday 6th December – Pantomime 'Dick Whittington' at The Beggars Theatre 1.30pm
Thursday 7th December – School Christmas Dinner
Friday 8th December – School Christmas Event 3.30pm – 6pm
Monday 11th December – KS2 Play Dress Rehearsal at 2pm / KS2 Play at 6pm
Tuesday 12th December – KS2 Play at 2pm
Wednesday 13th December – KS1 Christmas Party
Wednesday 13th December – Parishioners Christmas Dinner at 6.30pm
Thursday 14th December – Year 3 & Year 4 Christmas Party
Monday 18th December – KS1 Carol Service Dress Rehearsal at 10.30am
Monday 18th December – Year 5 & Year 6 Christmas Party
Monday 18th December – KS1 Carol Service
Tuesday 19th December – Break Up for Christmas Holidays at 1.30pm
Thursday 4th January 2018 – Start back at school

TERM DATES 2017-2018

Autumn Term 2017: Wednesday 6th September – Tuesday 19th December
Half Term: Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October
Spring Term: Thursday 4th January – Thursday 29th March
Half Term: Monday 12th – Friday 16th February
Summer Term: Monday 16th April – Friday 20th July
Half Term: Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June
Bank Holiday: Monday 7th May

RESIDENTIAL TRIP DATE 2018

Year 5 Low Bank Ground, Coniston Wednesday 31st January – Friday 2nd February

Class Masses

Monday 18th September – Year 6 – refreshments afterwards
Monday 25th September – Year 5
Monday 9th October – Year 3
Monday 6th November – Year 6
Monday 13th November – Year 5
Monday 20th November – Year 4
Monday 27th November – Year 3
Monday 11th December – Year 6

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.

HEAD LICE

Please could you remember to check your child's head regularly for head lice. You can get lotions and advice from our local pharmacies. Thank you.

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 ☺

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MASS TIMES</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Our Lady & St James RC Church, Millom</u></p> <p>Mass is celebrated on Sunday morning at 10.30am Confessions are held on Sunday morning from 10am – 10.25am</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sacred Heart RC Church, Coniston</u></p> <p>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</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SCHOOL SUNDAY MASSES – 10.30am in Church</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 24th September Sunday 8th October Sunday 22nd October Sunday 12th November Sunday 10th December</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SAFEGUARDING & CHILD PROTECTION</u></p> <p>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.</p>	
<p><u>MOORE ARTS:MILLOM @ The Beggar's Theatre Youth Theatre Programme</u></p> <p>Wednesday 11am – 12 noon <i>Little Tots</i> Ages 2 – 4 Wednesday 4pm - 5.45pm <i>Beggar's Youth Theatre</i> School Yr 4 – Yr 7 Thursday 3.30pm - 4.30pm <i>Little Beggars</i> School Yr Reception and Yr 1 Thursday 4.45pm - 6pm <i>Little Beggars</i> – Yr 2 and Yr 3 We have spaces available and welcome everyone.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">£40 per term – maximum of 15 members per class</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>WHAT'S ON AT THE BEGGAR'S THEATRE</u></p> <p>Friday 29th September – <i>The Fugitives</i> 8pm Friday 13th October – <i>A Celebration of Simon & Garfunkel</i> Saturday 14th October - <i>Tayo Aluko 'Just and Ordinary Lawyer'</i> – 8pm Thursday 19th October – <i>La'al Marra 'Soaked'</i> – 7 – 8.15pm Friday 20th October – <i>The Thinking Drinkers Live</i> 8pm Telephone: 775677 or call in at the theatre to book your tickets. Tickets are available on the door. www.beggarstheatre.co.uk</p>