



St James Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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

PLEASE NOTE - THERE WILL BE NO AFTER SCHOOL CHOIR ON MONDAY 2nd OCTOBER

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| <p>Reception</p> | <p>What a busy week we have had in Reception. It has been lovely having all the children together for the first time this week we have all really enjoyed getting to know each other. We have started some phonic work and been playing different listening games the children have also had lots of fun playing rhymes and making up silly words. In Maths we have been counting and finding different values of objects around the classroom.</p> <p>We will be starting our topics next week; our literacy topic is Humpty Dumpty, in maths our topic will be counting and number recognition and our RE topic is God's Beautiful world.</p> <p>Just a reminder the children will be in full time next week our times are 9:00am – 3:15pm collect from the main playground as usual.</p> <p>Have a lovely weekend.</p> | |
| <p>Year 1</p> | <p>We have had a very busy week in Year 1 again; we have been writing our stories of the Three Little Pigs, I am so proud of the work the children have produced! In RE we have listened to the story of Noah's Ark, where the children have been acting out the story and made some lovely stained glass windows! Thank you for all the entries you have been putting onto Tapestry, it is lovely to see what learning the children get up to at home! I hope you have a lovely weekend! (New sounds for phonics: ay, ou)</p> | <p>VIP Amy Park</p> |
| <p>Year 2</p> | <p>We have had another busy week in Year 2 the children have enjoyed writing their own stories linked to The Billy Goats Gruff and used some very unusual ideas. In maths we are now ordering numbers I am going to send some of the work we have been doing in class home for extra practice as this will really help the place value work before we move on to our next unit of work. In RE we have been looking at the story of Moses and the children did some great acting of the story. Our science work homework has helped in class this week any that hasn't been returned can you please send it asap.</p> <p>Can I remind you that it is very important that the children read every day at home. The government aim is that all children by the end of Year 2 should be able to fluently read 90 words a minute and answer questions linked to this accuracy. I will explain more of this at the Parents meeting which I am trying to arrange at the moment. Have a great weekend.</p> | <p>VIP Leon Giles</p> |
| <p>Year 3</p> | <p>Another great week in Year 3. The children really have settled in well to the juniors and we are really enjoying getting to know them better. In Literacy this week, we have continued to look at News Reports and the children have found out about a scary event that happened to Mrs Nicholas this week! They have been planning the report and will begin to put it together next week – ready for display on the wall. In Maths, we have completed our place value unit and children have done well. It is important to keep emphasising the size of numbers with them, and comparing and ordering as has been demonstrated in the homework. In our topic, we have learned a little more about Hodbarrow and it has been great to see children bring in some photos of relatives that worked in the mines. Thank you. Our trip to Hodbarrow, will be either next week or the week after – we will let you know the details of this when it is confirmed. Have a lovely weekend.</p> | <p>VIP Indy Gardner</p> |
| <p>Year 4</p> | <p>We have had another great week in Year 4. Children have looking at number lines to 10,000 and comparing 4-digit numbers. In Literacy we have been planning and beginning to write a recount from the perspective of a lighthouse keeper. It is great to see so many children reading at home; this is a huge part of their homework in Year 4. On Monday 2nd October, Y4 will be attending Mass, please could your child arrive at school at 8.45 to be registered, so that we are present for mass starting at 9am. I will be holding a short information session for parents at 5.30pm. It would be great to see as many faces as possible. Have a great weekend!</p> | <p>VIP Sarah Blastock</p> |

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| Year 5 | Thank you to all who came along to the information evening on Monday; it was great to see you all. This coming week, in English, the children will be doing some independent reports writing. In Maths, we will be thinking about negative numbers. Our RE topic leads us to be thinking about God's creation and what we can do to care for it and be 'Stewards of the Earth'. It's great to see that so many children are reading regularly at home whether this be a book or using Read Theory. Please do keep this up as it is one of the most important things to help them in their education. Have a great weekend! | VIP Madison Thompson |
| Year 6 | The weeks are flying by and the children say they feel like they have been in year 6 forever! We have continued writing persuasively in Literacy this week, writing a letter to recommend Low Bank Ground to another local school. In maths we have turned our attention to calculation. With the new SATs, it is very important that the children calculate efficiently; they should practice until they can't get it wrong! You may have heard the children talking about Read Theory. This is an online reading site where the children complete 'quizzes'. This week, I would like the children to complete 3 quizzes as part of their homework. If you do not have internet access at home, the children can do this before school or at lunchtime. Have a great weekend! | VIP Bailey Hulse |

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| <p align="center"><u>ATTENDANCE AWARD WEEK ENDING 29th September</u></p> <p>1st – Year 1 – 100% 2nd – Year 6 – 96.4% 3rd – Year 3 – 95.7% 4th – Year 4 – 95.2% 5th – Year 2 – 93.4% 6th – Year 5 – 92.2%</p> <p>Well done to our Year 1 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%? ☺</p> | <p align="center"><u>BIRTHDAYS 25th September – 1st October 2017</u> Aimee Redhead, Olivia Shaw, Oscar Rawsthorne, Skyla Thompson</p> <hr/> <p align="center"><u>AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS</u></p> <p align="center">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. Thursday: Active 8 Club – 3.15pm – 4.15pm Friday: Athletics - 3.15 to 4.00pm</p> |
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NOTE TO PARENTS: PLEASE READ THIS SECTION AS ALL SCHOOL INFORMATION IS IN HERE

Year 5 attended Mass in Church on Monday, thank you to those parishioners and parents who joined us. Our football teams were very successful at the tournament held at Millom School on Monday. Our teams, Yr5&6 and Yr3&4 came first and second in their groups. Well done to all of you and thank you to our teaching assistants for taking the teams to the tournament and supporting them so well. Thank you to the year 5 parents who came to Mrs McKendrie's information meeting on Monday. We hope you found this helpful.

What is happening week commencing 2nd October:

On Monday Year 4 will be going to Mass in Church at 9am. Please could children be in school for 8.45am so we can take the register before we leave. As always parents, family and friends are very welcome to come and join us, it is always lovely to see you. In the evening at 5.30pm, Miss Cannon will have her meeting for year 4 parents, to give you information about what will be happening in year 4 this year. She will give you some details about the residential trip to Castlerigg, which has now been booked. On Tuesday our KS2 team will be taking part in the Cross Country event at Millom School. Good luck to all of them, we hope you enjoy the experience. On Friday we have our Harvest Day for CAFOD, the theme this year is 'Brighten Up The World'. To support their work we will be having non-uniform day when we would ask children to wear something bright and a cake sale. Please could we ask for donations of cakes (brightly coloured if possible) to sell during the day on Friday. Could we ask for a donation of £1 for non-uniform and children can bring money in to buy cakes. Many thanks for your help and support with this. Year 6 will be going to the REACT science show at Millom School on Friday morning.

We will be leading the 10.30am Mass at Our Lady & St James' RC Church on Sunday 8th October. Children from our school will be doing the readings, bidding prayers, taking the Offertory and singing. Letters will be sent home beforehand so we know how many children will be attending. The parishioners love to see and hear the children at Mass so please do let your children come along. Parents, family and friends are very welcome to join us at Mass at any time. Refreshments are served in the Columba Room afterwards.

Please can we remind you to check your child's head regularly. There have been a few instances of headlice in school since we came back this term. Treatment for headlice is available from the local pharmacies.

IMPORTANT: 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.

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Have a lovely weekend everyone!

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We ask you to remember in your prayers this week, Father Kevin Lowry who is poorly in Blackpool Hospital at the moment. Father Kevin was Parish Priest here about 12 years ago and is loved and remembered fondly by staff and parishioners. We ask God to take care of him during his illness and help him to get better 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

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 Xmas Dinner - 6.30pm

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 DATES 2018

Year 5 Low Bank Ground, Coniston:
Wednesday 31st January – Friday 2nd February 2018
Year 4 Castlerigg, Keswick:
Monday 4th – Wednesday 6th June 2018

Class Masses

Monday 4th October – Year 4
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

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| <p>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</p> | <p align="center"><u>SCHOOL SUNDAY MASSES – 10.30am in Church</u></p> <p align="center">Sunday 8th October Sunday 22nd October Sunday 12th November Sunday 10th December</p> |
| <p align="center"><u>LITTLE JIMMY'S TODDLER GROUP</u></p> <p>Little Jimmy's Toddler Group is a friendly group who meet in our school hall on Fridays from <u>9.15am to 11.00am</u>. We always welcome new parents and toddlers/babies and it is a nice way to make new friends. All welcome ☺</p> | <p align="center"><u>MASS TIMES</u></p> <p align="center"><u>Our Lady & St James RC Church, Millom</u> Mass is celebrated on Sunday morning at 10.30am Confessions are held on Sunday morning from 10am – 10.25am <u>Sacred Heart RC Church, Coniston</u> 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 align="center"><u>RECYCLE with ST JAMES SCHOOL (& MICHAEL!)</u></p> <p>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.</p> | <p align="center"><u>SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS & INFORMATION</u></p> <p>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</p> |
| <p align="center"><u>HEAD LICE</u></p> <p>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.</p> | <p 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> 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 align="center">£40 per term – maximum of 15 members per class</p> | <p 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 – A Celebration of Simon & Garfunkel 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> |