



St James Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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

<p>Reception</p>	<p>What a wonderful first full week we have had. The children have all settled into full time school routine well and enjoyed starting our new topics. We have all learnt the first three letters in phonics – s a t and we can now complete the first three pages in our homework book. We have also started making words using these three letters. The children have loved our humpty dumpty nursery rhyme for the week – next week we will start to change the nursery rhyme and create our own. In Maths we have been investigating numbers to 10 and learning how to write them properly. We have enjoyed finding different amounts of items and matching to their numeral. The children have also enjoyed their first prayer and liturgy session and engaged really well. We have also started our RE topic – Gods beautiful world and as part of their homework I would like the children to take a photograph of something they think is beautiful in Gods world and bring it into class for our next lesson on Tuesday (or you can send photos to our private Facebook page and I can print them off at school). Thanks have a great weekend.</p>	<p>VIPs Savannah Price Cole Jackson</p>
<p>Year 1</p>	<p>Thank you to everyone who came to the Parents' Meeting this week; as I mentioned, your support is greatly appreciated! This week in Year 1, we have had a visit from the Big Bad Wolf, Mr A.T. Wolf; the children have really enjoyed finding out the 'true story' about the Three Little Pigs and have produced some amazing description about the wolf. In maths we have made a great start learning our number bonds up to 10 and this will be a topic that the children need to work on all year, so any help at home to learn these would be great. In the children will be continuing the topic of God's Wonderful World and we will be finishing the story of Noah's Ark, which again, the children have really enjoyed. I hope you all have a lovely weekend! (Phonics sounds taught so far: ou, ay, ie, oy).</p>	<p>VIP Jenson Bagshaw</p>
<p>Year 2</p>	<p>What lovely ideas we have created this week in Literacy which we are going to use in next week's writing. In maths we are moving to adding starting with number bonds and fact families. In RE we are reading the story of Daniel which we are going to retell and act. Everyone is enjoying our Autumn art work and we are hoping to complete this for our class display. The Castles you have made at home are amazing and the children have enjoyed sharing them and explaining the materials they used to make them. We have had lots more children using the Mathletics programme this week and I hope this continues as it really helps the math in class as it is all linked. Have a great weekend</p>	<p>VIP Maisie Tyson</p>
<p>Year 3</p>	<p>Year 3 have had another great week. We have enjoyed thinking about 'Our beautiful World' in our class liturgies and celebrating the CAFOD Fast Day at the end of the week. Thank you to everyone who contributed. In Maths we have moved onto addition and subtraction and homework is linked to this this week. We enjoyed drawing and making our own fossils this week – hopefully these will be displayed in the classroom very soon. All children have their login details for Read Theory, Mathletics and Spellodrome written on their homework folders. These online activities are all great for supporting your children at home. Have a lovely weekend.</p>	<p>VIP Maya Clarke</p>
<p>Year 4</p>	<p>It was lovely to see parents on Monday and talk about what your children will be up to in Year 4 this year. We have had a lovely week this week in Year 4! In maths, we have finished Place Value and we will be starting Addition and Subtraction. In English we have been looking at exclamation sentences and how we can include them in our writing about the Blitz. Next week we will be having a Science day on our topic: States of Matter. We will be looking at different solids, liquid and gases and discovering how they can change form. It's great to see so many children reading at home. This week the children have also started Read Theory. For homework I would like the children to complete 3 quizzes and to complete their Place Value worksheet. I hope you have a lovely weekend!</p>	<p>VIP Louisa Park</p>

Year 5	We have finished our work on information reports in writing, and the children have done a really good job. This week, we will shift our focus to a different way of writing to inform; newspaper articles. In our maths work, we will be looking at addition and subtraction and using sensible mental methods. In science, we have been thinking about why we experience night and day on Earth, and this coming week, we will explore why we experience different seasons and how the Earth's travel on its orbit of the sun affects. In RE, we will be thinking about how we can look after God's creation and be 'Stewards of the Earth'. It's great to see that so many children are making good use of Read Theory. For homework, I would like the children to complete 3 quizzes. Can I also remind you that, as a school, we also subscribe to Athletics and Spellodrome – these are excellent resources which really do mirror the work that we do in school. Have a great weekend! Please also note that the date for the residential trip to Low Bank Ground has changed to 21st – 23rd February – this is after the Spring Half Term.	VIP Harley Heasley
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Year 6	It was lovely to see parents who were able to come to the meeting last night to find out more about what to expect in year 6. For those who weren't able to come, I will prepare a hand out to send home next week making reference to many of the questions that were raised last night. The children have been busy as usual. Today they enjoyed a visit to Millom School to watch the React Science Show put on by the Science Museum in London. They have also enjoyed their non-uniform day, raising money for CAFOD. In maths we have been refining skills of long multiplication and they have homework to practise. They could also use Athletics for extra practise. In Literacy we are writing persuasive adverts. I have bought several new books for the class library and the children are looking forward to reading them. Please could you encourage your children to complete their reading log and bring it to school every day. They are enjoying Read Theory and should aim to do three more quizzes this weekend. Have a great weekend!	VIP Connor Mason
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<p align="center"><u>ATTENDANCE AWARD WEEK ENDING 8th October</u></p> <p align="center">1st – Year 1 – 98% 2nd – Year 6 – 97.5% 3rd – Year 3 – 97.3% 4th – Year 4 – 97% 5th – Year 5 – 95% 6th – Reception – 96.7% 7th – Year 2 – 94.1%</p> <p>Well done to our Year 1 class who are the winners of the Attendance Trophy for the second week running! Let's see if they can do the treble next week? ☺</p>	<p align="center"><u>BIRTHDAYS 2nd – 7th October 2017</u></p> <p align="center">Sienna Jackson, Jack Nuttall, Meara Pattinson, Tommy Thompson,</p> <hr/> <p align="center"><u>AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS</u></p> <p>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 4 went to Mass on Monday, thank you to everyone who joined us. Miss Cannon had her meeting for year 4 parents on Monday evening. Mrs Macheta had her year 1 parents meeting on Wednesday and Mrs Orchard her year 6 parents meeting on Thursday. Thank you to those parents who came along, we hope you found the meetings informative. On Friday we held our fund raising event to support the work of CAFOD. We had a non-uniform day and cake sale and raised an amazing £315! Thank you for your donations and for the many lovely cakes which we received for the sale. Year 6 went up to Millom School and had a great time at the REACT Science show, learning all about the digestive system. We had the rearranged cross country event on Friday at Millom School for years 3 and 4; our team has qualified for next week's finals at St Bees along with our year 5 and 6 team.

What is happening week commencing 9th October:

On Monday Year 3 will be going to Mass in Church at 9am. Please could year 3 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. On Tuesday our KS2 cross country teams will be competing at the Copeland finals at St Bees. Letters have been sent home to those children who will be representing our

school. We hope you all have a lovely day and wish you the best of luck. On Thursday 12th year 6 will be going to St Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Barrow for a Cluster Mass with the year 5 classes from the Furness Catholic Schools.

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. Thank you to those children who have said they 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.

CHANGE OF DATE TO YEAR 4 RESIDENTIAL TRIP: The date of year 4's residential trip to Low Bank Ground in Coniston has been changed to Wednesday 21st – Friday 23rd February 2018.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We ask you to remember in your prayers this week, Father Kevin Lowry who very sadly died last weekend. We ask God to welcome Father Kevin into His Kingdom and we ask Our Blessed Lady to comfort his family at this sad time. Please join us as we pray especially for Father Kevin – *Eternal rest give unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen*

Please pray for all who were affected by last Saturday's floods in Millom. We ask God to take care of them while their homes are disrupted and repaired.

(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

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
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

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 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.sfjamesrc.cumbria.sch.uk

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.

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

Wednesday 11am – 12 noon Little Tots Ages 2 – 4
Wednesday 4pm - 5.45pm Beggar's Youth Theatre School Yr 4 – Yr 7
Thursday 3.30pm - 4.30pm Little Beggars School Yr Reception and Yr 1
Thursday 4.45pm - 6pm Little Beggars – Yr 2 and Yr 3
We have spaces available and welcome everyone.

£40 per term – maximum of 15 members per class

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 21st – Friday 23rd February 2018
Year 4 Castlerigg, Keswick:
Monday 4th – Wednesday 6th June 2018
Year 6 York:
Monday 25th – Wednesday 27th 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

SCHOOL SUNDAY MASSES – 10.30am in Church

Sunday 8th October
Sunday 22nd October
Sunday 12th November
Sunday 10th December

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

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.

Former pupil Layla Brown is earning her Scout Badge by holding a

CAKE SALE

In MILLOM LIBRARY

On Saturday 7th October from 10am – 12 noon

To raise funds for Millom Flood Appeal

Please do support her if you can.