



St James Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Monday 6th November 2017

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

Reception	<p>What a wonderful, busy week we have had in reception! In literacy we have loved our new story 'Little Red Hen'. We really enjoyed our special visit from the little red hen and finding out all about her farm. We will continue with this next week.</p> <p>In maths we have finished counting one more, one less and next week we will start 2D shape. We have also learnt 3 new sounds this week in phonics – 'm, d, g' so the children can complete those pages in their letters and sounds book.</p> <p>It was nice chatting to everyone at parents evening and for those that asked, your tapestry accounts should now be active.</p> <p>Have a lovely weekend!</p>	VIP
Year 1	<p>Year 1 have made a good start with half term! We have been working on 2D and 3D shapes in class, talking about their properties; if you could help your child find examples of 2D and 3D shapes and photograph them for Tapestry that would be fantastic. In Literacy we have started a new story, 'How to Catch a Star', the children created some wonderful stories about the character and it was lovely to hear their ideas and imaginations come to life. In RE we have started our brand new topic, 'Mary our Mother' where we have been hearing about the Angel Gabriel visiting Mary. It was lovely to speak to you all at Parent's Evening and I hope you enjoyed looking through your child's books. I hope you have a lovely weekend! (PHONICS: ie, ay, ou, oy, ir, ea)</p>	VIP
Year 2	<p>This week we have been adding three single digit numbers. We have also been working with 10 more and 10 less. In literacy we have started a lost and found unit of writing. We had footprints, glitter and a suitcase left in our classroom to start this work, which proved exciting. In RE this half term our topic is Mysteries and we have been writing questions we know are difficult to answer. Our science topic 'materials' continues this half term and we are starting to look at textures.</p> <p>It was lovely to see you all at parent's evening and discuss your children. As I discussed, please encourage the children to use the mathletics and spellodrome programme every day for homework.</p> <p>Have a great weekend!</p>	VIP Aleecia Richards
Year 3	<p>We have had a great start back to Year 3 after the half term break. In Maths we have been looking at column addition and have started to move towards subtraction at the end of the week. We have been writing effective descriptions in Literacy – thinking about prepositions and noun phrases.</p> <p>It was great to see you all at Parent's Evening and discuss your child's progress. As ever, do not hesitate to get in touch if you need to. PE is on Tuesdays and Thursdays this half term. Many Thanks.</p> <p>Enjoy your weekend!</p>	VIP Imogen Jackson
Year 4	<p>Firstly, thank you to all the parents that came to parents evening; it was lovely to meet you all! I hope you loved looking through your children's books and seeing what they have been getting up to.</p> <p>We have had a really busy first week back, looking at Newspaper articles and focussing on subtracting 4 digit numbers. The children are really enjoying their work, and have learnt their story map in record time!</p> <p>Keep up the good work year 4 and have a lovely weekend!</p>	VIP Frankie Kelly
Year 5	<p>It was lovely to see you all this week to discuss your child's progress and how best to help them to make their time in school as successful as possible.</p> <p>This coming week, we will be writing narratives; we will begin by watching the short video 'Chaperon Rouge' and will produce some writing to go alongside it. In maths, we will be working on reading, interpreting and drawing line graphs. I have assigned a short task on Mathletics that will help prepare the children for the coming week. In RE, we will be looking at God's covenants and learning about what a covenant is.</p> <p>Have a great weekend!</p>	VIP Rhys Graham
Year 6	<p>It was lovely to meet so many of you this week at parents' evening - I hope you enjoyed looking at your children's work.</p> <p>We have had a busy first week back at school, looking at how to write a diary entry and learning how to divide by a 2-digit number. We are reading Kiss of Death by Malcolm Rose as a class novel and have started learning about the Bubonic Plague. The children are really enjoying this work.</p> <p>Next week we will be learning about adverbials and prepositional phrases in literacy and in maths we will be learning how to express remainders as fractions and decimals.</p> <p>Have a good weekend!</p>	VIP Sienna Jackson

ATTENDANCE AWARD WEEK ENDING 3rd**November**

- 1st – Year 4 – 100%
- 2nd – Year 5 – 99.3%
- 2nd – Reception – 98.3%
- 4th – Year 3 – 97.3%
- 5th – Year 6 – 96.8%
- 6th – Year 2 – 96.3%
- 7th – Year 1 – 95.4%

Well done to our Year 4 class who are the winners of the Attendance Trophy this week with a fantastic 100%! Let's see if they can do the double with 100% next week and retain the trophy for a second week ☺

BIRTHDAYS 30th October – 5th November 2017

Olivia Robinson, Jenson Bagshaw

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.
 Thursday: Active 8 Club – 3.15pm – 4.15pm
 Friday: Athletics - 3.15 to 4.00pm

NOTE TO PARENTS: PLEASE READ THIS SECTION AS ALL SCHOOL INFORMATION IS IN HERE**What's been happening:**

Our building work has started this week, we are sorry for the disruption and hope you will bear with us for the next few months until it is completed. We do ask that parents use the Queen Street entrance to come in to our school office. Sadly nobody came to our fund raising meeting on Monday evening, this was very disappointing ☹ We will try to arrange another meeting in the next couple of weeks and Mrs Nicholas will write to parents about this. Please do consider supporting us in our efforts – we cannot do it without you. It was lovely to see you all at our Parents Evenings on Wednesday and Thursday, we hope you found it informative and are happy with your child's progress. If you do wish to speak to your child's teacher further or speak to Mrs Nicholas, please make an appointment through our school office.

What is happening week commencing 6th November:

We will be selling poppies, friendship bracelets, slap bands, wristbands etc from Monday in school from Monday, these are priced at £1. Please send children in to school with money to buy these things, all proceeds go to The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. They will be on sale every day next week. On Thursday 9th we will be having our Remembrance Service in school.

Sunday Mass:

On Sunday 12th November our school will be leading the prayers and singing at the Remembrance Day Mass at Our Lady & St James' RC Church. The Mass this week will be at the earlier time of 9am to allow people to go join in the town's Remembrance Day Parade to the Cenotaph. We will be going to this after Mass, if children would like to accompany us it would be lovely to have them. Letters will be sent out early in the week to ask children to join us for Mass. Families and friends are very welcome to join us for Mass as always.

Building Work

Our building work has started in our office this week; this work is due to last for approximately 16 weeks. Just to remind you - we are unable to use the Lonsdale Road entrance to school. During this time access to school for parents will be from the Queen Street gates and from the door on the right. There is a door bell on the door and we would ask that you ring this and wait a few minutes as our temporary offices are in the middle of the school so it will take a little longer for staff to come and speak to you. Children will come in and out through the Market Street gates as usual in the morning and after school. Breakfast club children will need to come in through this gate too and enter the building through the door nearest the staffroom which leads into the hall. The building work will cause disruption to our school assemblies, discos and Christmas plays, we will be in touch to let you know the alternative arrangements we have made for these things.

We are not producing printed newsletters for general distribution, only those people who have requested a printed copy will receive one, everyone else will receive an email copy. Our newsletter is posted on our school website and school facebook site at the weekend; please do check this as there are important things contained in our newsletters. Thank you.

Have a lovely half term break everyone!

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We ask you to pray for Mrs Park's Mum, Madge Woodburn who has very sadly died this week. We ask God to welcome her into His Kingdom and pray to Our Blessed Lady to comfort and take care of her family at this sad and difficult time. We pray especially for Pauline, Kelly, Jack and Billie. Please join us as we pray especially for Madge – *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

Thursday 9th November – Remembrance Service in School
Wednesday 22nd November – KS1 Multi Skills 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

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 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 12th November – **this Mass is at 9am**

Sunday 10th December

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.stjamesrc.cumbria.sch.uk

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

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.

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.

KD School of Dance**Monday**

5:00 – 5:30pm Nursery Class
 5:30 – 6:30pm Junior Stretch Class
 6:30 – 7:00pm Grade Two Tap
 7:00 – 7:30pm Grade Three Tap
 7:30 – 8:15pm Senior Ballet

Tuesday

5:15 – 6:15pm Adult Tap

Thursday

5:00 – 5:45pm Introductory Class
 5:45 – 6:45pm Pre-Primary Class
 6:45 – 7:15pm Senior Modern Class

Friday

4:30 – 5:30pm Primary Class
 5:30 – 6:30pm Grade 1 Class
 6:30 – 7:15pm Musical Theatre Class
 7:15 – 8:00pm Senior Stretch
 8:00 – 8:30pm Senior Pointe (invite only)

Classes held every week in St James' School Hall

For information contact:-

Danielle Varley via Facebook

Or email KDSchoolofDance@outlook.com

WHAT'S ON AT THE BEGGAR'S THEATRE

Saturday 4th November – La'al Big Band – 8pm
 Wednesday 8th November – Ed Byrne Spoiler Alert! – 8pm
 Saturday 18th November – The Quo Experience – 8pm
 Saturday 9th December – Santa's Christmas Wish – 2pm
 Friday 15th December – Manford's Comedy Club – 8pm
 Saturday 16th December – The Fourmost – 8pm

Telephone: 775677 or call in at the theatre to book your tickets.

Tickets are available on the door.
www.beggars theatre.co.uk

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