



St James Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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

RECEPTION: Well what a fabulous first half term we have had. We are over the moon with how well the children have settled. So far we have covered s a t p i n m d g o c k letters and their sounds. We have also been practising numbers to 10, reading, writing and counting. The first week after half term we will be having a Harvest focus. I would really appreciate any fresh orange skins for a fiddle finger task please. Have a lovely half term.

YEAR 1: Year 1 have had a really busy week. We have continued to work on instructions and even made Noah's Ark! The children have worked really hard with subtraction and number bonds within 10. If possible please could you try to listen to your child read. We hope you all enjoy your break and stay safe.

YEAR 2: We come to the end of a very busy half term. Everyone is working hard in year 2 and are ready for a well-earned rest! Thank you everyone for coming to parents evening, it was nice to talk to you and talk about your children's work. I have sent some high frequency words for the children to practise sentences during the holidays and their Mathletics passwords if they would like to try this too.

YEAR 3: What a busy last week in Year 3. Children have taken part in Tennis, Rugby and Football sessions. They have also continued with work on time in Maths and in Literacy we have had a week looking at performance poetry. It was nice to meet and speak to you all about your children at Parents evening and, as always, please don't hesitate to contact one of us if there is anything you need to know. After half term Year 3 will have **tennis** on **Tuesday** and **swimming** on **Wednesday**. Please ensure children have the correct kit with them on these days. Swimming will run for about 4 weeks and then it will stop for the lead up to Christmas when school gets extremely busy! Year 3 will then return to swimming for the Summer term. Have a lovely half term and see you all on the 2nd November!

YEAR 4: We have come to the end of a very busy half term where the children have worked really hard. This week we have been solving problems to do with addition and subtraction and finishing writing up our stories in English. When we return after half term we will be thinking about multiplying 2 and 3 digit numbers in maths and our RE work will be exploring the theme of Trust in God. Our PE after half term will change; we will have multi skills on a Thursday – Black shorts and white t shirts please, and swimming on a Wednesday. It was great to meet you all at parent's evening this week to discuss the progress that the children have made. Have a great half term everyone!

YEAR 5: Miss Mullan has enjoyed teaching year 5 for the first half term and was really pleased to meet parents on Wednesday evening. She is sorry she had to cancel her parents evening on Thursday due to being unwell. She will rearrange this once she returns to school after the half term break. She hopes the children all have a lovely week off!

YEAR 6: It's been a busy last week in Year 6! On Monday, 8 children went to a rehearsal at Millom School to practise the songs and dance moves for the Young Voices Concert in March. Another 19 children took part in a football tournament on Tuesday. As well as that, they have continued with work on addition and subtraction in Maths, and in Literacy we have had a week looking at narrative writing based on the story, 'The Giant's Necklace'. After half term, we will be learning more about multiplication and division; any times tables practise over the holidays would be very much appreciated! It was nice to meet you all at Parents' evening. If you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me. Year 6 have been asked by the Parents' Guild to put together a 'bathroom' themed hamper, to be raffled at the Christmas Fair. We would be grateful if the children could bring a contribution, which could include anything from soap to sponges. Have a lovely half term and see you all on the 2nd November!

A NOTE FROM MRS NICHOLAS (PLEASE READ THIS SECTION AS ALL SCHOOL INFORMATION IS IN HERE)

What's been happening?: Reception class were very pleased to have David MacDonald one of our Governors in for the morning on Monday. He really enjoyed his time with us and helped the children with their work and play. We look forward to seeing him again soon. We had the first meeting of our new school council in the afternoon and they are really looking forward to their new roles and the hard work ahead! The children who are involved in the Young Voices had a full practice with the other schools at the Alexandra Hall. It was a very good afternoon and everyone enjoyed being together for the first time. On Tuesday our year 2, year 4 and year 6 children took part in the

football festival at Millom School Astro Turf, well done to all who took part. Our Parents Guild had their meeting at 6pm where they made some plans for the forthcoming disco and Christmas Fair. They do still need help at both of these events, please if you can spare some time, do let us know. We had an informative assembly given by Cumbria Police on Friday, to highlight how to stay safe during Halloween and Bonfire Night. Please remember to stay safe during this coming week.

Thank you to those parents who came to our parents evenings on Wednesday and Thursday, it was lovely to meet you all. We apologise for any inconvenience caused by the cancellation of year 5's parents evening on Thursday, unfortunately Miss Mullan was ill. She will rearrange her parents appointments once she returns to work after half term.

This week: We start back to school on Monday 2nd November. The Cyclewise Training will run this week for those children that sent their forms back – please can these children remember to bring their bikes to school on Monday. Swimming begins on Wednesday afternoon for years 3 and 4, please could children from these classes bring in their swimming kits every Wednesday until 25th November. There is some information about swimming arrangements for next year further down in the newsletter.

Advance information for Next Half Term: The Christmas Shopping Trip organised by our parents guild, takes place on Saturday 14th November. There are still some places left for the trip, please contact our school office or a member of our parents guild if you would like to book one. The bus leaves the Market Square at 7.30am and returns in the evening.

Our Lady & St James' RC Church are having their Christmas Fair in our school on Saturday 21st November starting at 2pm. Please do support them if you possibly can.

We have a visit from the author Tom Palmer on Thursday 26th November, which we are all really looking forward to. This is also the date of the School Nurse Drop In, which is from 1.30 – 2.30pm in school. The Parents Guild are holding an Autumn Term Disco in the evening details will be sent home later. The Parents Guild are running our Christmas Fair on Sunday 6th December in school, please do start to look at home for items which you would donate as raffle and tombola prizes. The parents guild would like some help at the disco and fair, if you could spare some time please contact a member of the guild or go along to one of their meetings.

Monday 7th December is KS1 Carol Service, which is at 6pm in Church. Our school Christmas Dinner is on Tuesday 8th December – you will need to book this on the Lunchshop website and we would like to ask that you do this week commencing 23rd November as this will greatly help Karen, our Cook with her orders – Thank you. KS2 Christmas Play will be performed on Tuesday 9th December at 2pm and Thursday 10th at 2pm and 6pm. KS1 will be going on the Santa Express on Thursday 10th – further details will be sent out after the half term break. Our School Choir will be singing on Friday afternoon at The Blind Society Christmas Party. On Monday 14th KS2 will be going to Forum 28 to watch the Pantomime, Jack and the Beanstalk. Please do send any remaining slips and money in as soon as possible. KS1 have their Christmas Party on Monday afternoon. Year 5 & 6 party is on Tuesday 15th with year 3 & 4 having theirs on Wednesday 16th. Year 6 play host to the elderly parishioners of St Francis of Assisi on Wednesday 16th for their annual Christmas Meal. Finally we break up on Thursday 17th December at 1.30pm.

Future Newsletters: We are now producing our newsletter electronically, which will be e-mailed to you if you have supplied us with an up to date email address. The newsletter will be published on the school website www.stjamesrc.cumbria.sch.uk and a link to this will also appear on our school Facebook page.

School Meals: Thank you for your support with our new school meals ordering and payment system, it has been a great success! Please continue to order your meals by 9.30am and don't forget you can order up to three weeks in advance! Please remember to cancel your child's lunch if they are absent from school otherwise you will be charged for the meal. The website is www.lunchshop.co.uk

Facebook site: We have launched our new Facebook page, which we hope to use to let you know about things in the future. Please have a look and 'like' the page! Please check the page regularly in case our posts don't show up on your newsfeed.

Parents Guild – Liverpool Shopping Trip: There are a few seats left on the coach to Liverpool on Saturday 14th November. If you would like to go on the trip please can you contact school and book your seats. All seats need to be paid for by 2nd November please; this can be brought into the school office please.

Samaritan's Purse – Shoebox Appeal: We are once again joining in with the Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal. Leaflets have been sent home with children. If you would like to make up a shoe box, please could you make sure it is sent in to school by Friday 13th November as they are being collected then.

Important! - SCHOOL TIMES: Just to remind you that children are not to be sent into school before 8.45am, after which there will be a member of staff in the playground and the teachers from Reception and year 1 will be in class ready to supervise them.

OUR SCHOOL DAY ENDS AT 3.15pm unless your child is staying to an afterschool club. Please arrange to collect children from school promptly at the end of the day. Staff often have to attend meetings and training after school and it does cause problems if children are not picked up on time. Many thanks for your co-operation with this.

I hope you all have a lovely half term break.

UNIFORM LABELLING: Can parents please make sure that all uniforms, pumps and coats have your child's name on it. We have already had items of uniform lost this term. We do have a lost property box but cannot identify any lost uniform if it does not have a name in it! Labels can be obtained from Fergusons in Millom and also online.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS:

Monday: Choir – 3.15pm – 4.00pm
Tuesday: Tennis Club – 3.00pm – 4.00pm at the Sports Hall
Wednesday: KS2 Multi Skills - 3.15pm to 4.15pm.
Wednesday: Mrs Marmion's Art Club 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.

SWIMMING – WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Swimming will start for years 3 & 4 this Wednesday and continue to 25th November. The lessons will be in the afternoons and will be as follows:

4th – 25th November - Years 3 & 4
Spring Term – Years 5 & 6
Summer Term Years 3 & 4

LITTLE JIMMY'S TODDLER GROUP: Little Jimmy's Toddler Group is a friendly group who meet in our school hall on Fridays from 9.30am to 11.00am. We always welcome new parents and toddlers/babies and it is a nice way to make new friends. Everyone welcome ☺

BREAKFAST CLUB: Opens at 8am the cost is **£1 per day** and any new children need to be booked in please. Children are offered a variety of cereals, drinks and toast with bacon and sausage buns being offered on Thursdays. Children can bring colouring books, books or games to play or they can do their homework. **PLEASE CAN YOU REMEMBER TO PAY DAILY OR WEEKLY FOR BREAKFAST CLUB – THANK YOU ☺**

NO DOGS IN THE PLAYGROUND. THANK YOU: Can we please ask that you do not bring dogs into the playground when you are picking children up from school or dropping them off. Thank you.

ILLNESS: Please remember to ring into school in the morning if your child is absent, stating the nature of their illness. Could we also remind you that if your child is absent due to sickness and / or diarrhoea, the recommended time they need to be absent from school is 48 hours from the last episode. This is to help reduce the spread of infection. Thank you for your help with this.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Just a reminder of our official school uniform which should be worn by all pupils;

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.

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.

LABELS: All uniform should have your child's name on it. Please also label coats and pumps.

PE KITS

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.

PE KIT: White top (with or without school logo). Black shorts. Black pumps (not trainers).

If your child does not have their kit, they will not be able to do PE. This includes pumps or trainers. Thanks for your help with this.

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 there is a link to this on our school website.

Birthday's 19th Oct 2015 – 1st Nov 2015: Imogen Brown, Lauren Thompson, Jean Versfield

The VIP's: Annie Mitchell, Freya Lupton, Rio Walker, Rowan McMeekin and Rylee Barker

PRAYER INTENTIONS: Please remember in your prayers this week, Mrs Knowles, our previous year 5 class teacher who is having an operation this weekend. We ask Our Blessed Lady to take care of her at this time and during her recovery.

Can we ask you to remember Lisa Cloudsdale who is poorly at the moment. We ask God to take care of Lisa at this difficult time. We pray for her family too and ask Our Blessed Lady to comfort and support them. We send Lisa all of our love and prayers.

Please can you also remember in your prayers Mrs McPhillips' mum who has very sadly died. We ask God to welcome her into His Kingdom. We pray to Our Blessed Lady to comfort Rose and her family, especially her Dad, at this very sad and difficult time. We send them all our love and deepest sympathy. – *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)

SCHOOL MEALS: Please remember to order your child's school meals or cancel them by 9.30am - the website address is www.lunchshop.co.uk The menu for week beginning 2nd November 2015 is Menu number 2.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING TRIP TO LIVERPOOL: Our Parents Guild have organised a shopping trip to Liverpool on **SATURDAY 14th NOVEMBER 7.30am from the Square - £15 PER PERSON** *There are some seats still available – please contact our school office to book @ All seats to be paid for by 2nd November.*

TENNIS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Have fun learning the game. Lots of fun games, matches etc to suit all playing and fitness levels. Tuesdays 3pm to 4pm at Millom Recreation Centre. Children will be escorted to the centre, to be picked up from there at 4pm. Cost is £3 per week. Please contact school office for a form and to organise escort to centre.

MESSY CHURCH

At Millom Methodist Church, Queen Street
On Sunday 25th October 3.30pm – 5pm
Fun and Exciting Crafts, Games, Food, Songs & Stories
For Children up to age 11
(Children must be accompanied by an adult)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER

Monday 2nd & all week - Cyclewise Training – Years 5 & 6 (registered children only)
Wednesday 4th & every Wednesday – Swimming years 3 & 4
Tuesday 10th – Parents Guild Meeting 6pm
Friday 13th – Return Date deadline for Shoebox Appeal
Saturday 14th – Parents Guild Liverpool Xmas Shopping Trip
Saturday 21st – Parish Fair in School 2pm
Thursday 26th – School Nurse Drop In 1.30pm – 2.30pm
Thursday 26th – Tom Palmer, Author in school
Monday 30th – KS2 Advent Service 10.30am KS1 Advent Service 10.50am

DECEMBER

Monday 1st – Childline Workshops
Sunday 6th – School Christmas Fair
Monday 7th – Carol Service KS1 Led
Tuesday 8th – School Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 9th – KS2 Christmas Play 2pm
Thursday 10th – KS1 Santa Express Trip
Thursday 10th – KS2 Christmas Play 2pm & 6pm
Friday 11th – Choir singing at the Blind Society Xmas Party
Monday 14th – KS2 Barrow Pantomime Trip
Monday 14th – KS1 Christmas Party
Tuesday 15th – Years 5 & 6 Christmas Party
Wednesday 16th – Years 3 & 4 Christmas Party
Wednesday 16th – Elderly Parishioners Christmas Dinner hosted by yr 6 @6.30pm
Thursday 17th – Break up at 1.30pm ☺

MASS TIMES

FOR 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.saintfrancescumbria.com

SCHOOL MASS TIMES

Tuesday 10th November: Yr 3 Mass & Refreshments in school afterwards
Tuesday 17th November: Year 4 Mass
Tuesday 24th November: Year 5 Mass
Monday 30th November: Year 6 Mass
Tuesday 8th December: Year 3 Mass
Thursday 17th December: Whole School Mass

RESIDENTIAL TRIP DATES 2016

Year 4 Ilkley – Wednesday 25th – Friday 27th May
Year 5 Lockerbie – Wednesday 18th – Friday 20th May
Year 6 London – Monday 13th – Wednesday 15th June

TERM DATES 2015 – 2016

Autumn Term 2015: **Monday 7th September – Thursday 17th December**
Half term – Monday 26th – Friday 30th October
Spring Term 2016: **Tuesday 5th January – Thursday 24th March**
Half term – Monday 15th – Friday 19th February
Summer Term 2016: **Monday 11th April – Thursday 21st July**
Bank Holiday – Monday 2nd May
Half term – Monday 30th – Friday 3rd June

IMPORTANT - SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS & INFORMATION

We are no longer sending out paper copies of our school newsletter; unless parents specifically request one. 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

COFFEE AFTERNOON
MILLOM CHILDREN'S CENTRE
On Thursday 29th October
At 1.30pm
*Clothes Stall, Cake Stall, Games
Equipment Sale
Refreshments Available*

MILLOM MINI RUGBY LEAGUE
HALLOWEEN DISCO
On Friday 30th October
7.30pm – 9.30pm
£1 per adult & 50p for children
*Halloween competition / Halloween Games / Best
Pumpkin / Disco / Hot Dogs & Sweets!*

THE PARISH OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI - PARISH CALENDAR 2016

A local view each month, Spiral bound & Gloss covers Sold in aid of the restoration fund
Our Lady & St James' Church Millom & Sacred Heart Church Coniston
£6 each or 2 for £10 Available to buy from our school office now!