



St James Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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

RECEPTION: We have had a fantastic week with some super Literacy and Maths work! We have really enjoyed learning 'the little red hen' story; we can't wait to perform it next week at our first stay and play session. We will be continuing with this story next week.

We will continue with our number work next week and we will be looking at number 6.

In RE we are looking at the families we belong to.

Finally, our class hamper theme is 'sweets' if you could possibly send in any items to put into our hamper I would be really grateful. Thanks.

Have a lovely weekend.

YEAR 1: We have had a brilliant week with some fantastic work for both Maths and Writing! We have also started learning our songs and carols for the Carol Concert, so the children are very excited about that. I am going to send the wellies home, the weather has not been great for a trip to the park but thank you for sending them in. Finally, our Christmas class hamper has a theme of 'Around the World' this year. If you could possibly send in any items to put into our hamper, we would be really grateful!

Have a lovely weekend!

YEAR 2: Everyone really enjoyed the multi-skills session in the sports hall this week taking part in lots of new activities all arranged and taught by children from Millom School as part of their Sports leader training. We have been having an exciting week using our text 'The Papaya Who Spoke.' Retelling the text, completing sentence games, creating problems, characters and settings. Next week we are going to further imitate the story and invent our own using a similar structure. In spelling we have been looking at verbs and how to change them from present to past tense. We will continue with this next week. In Maths we have been looking at numbers to 100, place value and how to use many different methods linked to our new maths curriculum. This work is very visual and pacy but the children are really enjoying it and their enthusiasm is great to see.

We have made a fantastic start to our KS1 Carol Service. Year 2 are acting out the Nativity story while three Year 5 children are narrating so we are all very excited. We will continue practicing this week as it is not long until the actual performance day.

Have a great weekend everyone.

YEAR 3: This week has been anti-bullying week across the country and in school we have been completing activities to focus on this. On Tuesday we watched a play by our school council and in class have been thinking carefully about what we need to do if we see bullying. In Literacy we have been changing the story of St. George and the dragon, thinking about different kinds of monsters and heroes. We have also been thinking about Mary in RE and decorating some lovely prayers. In Maths we have started a unit on addition and subtraction. Next week, we have an author visit on Thursday from Tom Palmer and it is our last swimming for the term. Years 3 and 4 will start again in the Summer term. Can I also remind you about our class hamper - Movie Night - that we are collating for the Christmas fair. We have only had one donation so far and only have a week left to collect. Anything big or small will be greatly appreciated! Many thanks.

YEAR 4: We have had an interesting week this week. The children have completed some thoughtful work on anti-bullying week and can now explain what bullying actually is and how they can help to prevent bullying. In Maths, we have completed our work on division and this coming week, we will be working on telling the time on both 12 and 24 hour clocks, and converting between different units of time. In English, we will be reading a story about two evacuees to give us a bit of background as to what it was like to be evacuated during WW2. In RE, we will be thinking about how Joseph had to put his trust in God. As we are beginning to think about the Christmas play, I would like to ask that you begin to think about the children's costumes. As we are 'the donkeys' in the play, I would ask that they children wear, brown, black or grey clothing which is as plain as possible. Thanks for your help in this matter. We have also once again been asked to put together a hamper to be included in the raffle at the Christmas Fair; the theme for our class this year is 'Christmas!' any donations can be sent to school with the children. Many thanks for all of your help and support.

Have a great weekend.

YEAR 5: We've had another lovely week in Year 5. The children have really enjoyed learning the songs for *Straw and Order* and already have chosen their favourites. Some of the children took part in an Anti-Bullying play on Tuesday and I can safely say that we have some budding young actors in the class. This week has also seen us doing descriptive writing based around *The Hobbit* and the children are eager to hear more of the story. Next week we will have a visit from author Tom Palmer which we are all very excited about.

I hope you have a lovely weekend!

YEAR 6: This week has been anti-bullying week in school. The children have learned more about the effects of bullying and what to do if they are the victim of bullying, or if they witness someone being bullied. In literacy, we have been using different sentence structures to create different effects when writing, ready for our adventure stories. In maths, we have been learning how to multiply decimals. Next week we will be going on to look at division. Please check that your child is using their tables cards to practise their tables. Thank you to all those who have sent contributions to our bathroom themed hamper for the Christmas Fair; we need to have this ready by the end of next week.

Have a great weekend!

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

What's been happening?:The Young Voices children had a practice over at Millom School on Monday. Year 2 took part in a multi skills event on Tuesday afternoon, which was organised by the junior sports leaders from Millom School. Our school council performed their anti-bullying play for the school on Tuesday afternoon. Thank you to Mr McCavish from St Bernards Catholic High School for coming and working with the children. Thank you to those of you who joined year 4 at Mass on Thursday morning, it is always lovely when parents join us.

This week: Year 5 will be going to Mass at 9.30am on Tuesday 24th, please come and join them if you possibly can. Year 6 are having their heights and weights checked on Tuesday morning. We have a visit from the author Tom Palmer on Thursday 26th November, which we are all really looking forward to. Mrs Carter and Mrs Cloudsdale will welcome parents to Reception Class on Thursday afternoon for their first 'Stay and Play' session. This is also the date of the School Nurse Drop In, which is from 1.30 – 2.30pm in school. The Parents Guild will be holding an Autumn Term Disco in the evening. KS1 Disco starts at 5.30pm until 6.45pm and KS2 starts at 7.00pm and finishes at 8.30pm. Admission is £1 per child, there will be a tuck shop too.

Please could children from year 3 & 4 remember to bring their swimming kits in on Wednesday, this week is the last week of swimming.

This week is the last multiskills until after Christmas, this includes the after school clubs which are held on Wednesday (KS2) and Thursday (KS1).

Advance information for This Half Term:On Monday 30th Year 6 will be going to Mass at 9.30am, as usual you are all very welcome to join them at Church. We will be having our Advent services in school on this day too. Reception Class are having the second 'Stay and Play' session on Thursday 3rd December in the afternoon. 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, our school office 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 have been sent out today. Our School Choir will be singing on Friday 11th in the afternoon at The Blind Society Christmas Party. Our Little Jimmy's Toddler Group will be having their Christmas Party on Friday 11th, please can all parents of toddlers make sure they add their child's name to the list which is at Little Jimmy's this week and next. Many thanks. 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 5 & 6 will be singing carols in Tesco throughout the day Wednesday to raise funds to subsidise their residential trips to Lockerbie and London next year. 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.

IMPORTANT:Please can we ask you to check your children's heads thoroughly this weekend. We have had some instances of head lice in school this week so please do be vigilant. Lotion is no longer available from the Children's Centre, we have been advised to direct people to the Community Pharmacy Minor Ailment Scheme which is at either of the Chemists in Millom. They will be able to give you lotion free of charge if children have headlice.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

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.

<p>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.</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>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 ☺ Names are needed for the Little Jimmy’s Christmas Party by Friday 26th November, please put your child’s name on the list or contact Wendy Wallace. Many thanks.</p>	
<p>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 ☺</p>	
<p>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.</p>	
<p>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.</p>	
<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>PE KIT: White top (with or without school logo). Black shorts. Black pumps (not trainers).</p> <p><i>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.</i></p>
<p>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.</p>	
<p>Birthdays 16Nov. 2015 – 22 Nov. 2015: Sapphire Mayes, Evie Moore</p>	
<p>The VIP’s: Aleecia Keen, Isaac Dreghorn, Jack Bagshaw, Finlay Wilson, Cade Heavyside, Ella Bradley, Bethany McKnight</p>	
<p>Certificates: Trent Ruddy, Harry Dawson, Sienna Jackson, Connor Mason, Eva Chapples, Ava Forrest, Mason Garratt, Kaya Jackson, Maddox Gerrish, Holly Clunie</p>	
<p>PRAYER INTENTIONS: Please remember in your prayers this week, all of those who died and were injured in the tragic events in Paris last weekend. We pray that those injured will soon recover fully and we ask Our Blessed Lady to comfort them and ease their pain. We ask God to welcome those who sadly died in to His Kingdom and to comfort all of their family and friends at this very sad and difficult time. Please join us as we say: <i>Eternal rest give unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen</i> (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)</p>	
<p>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 23 NOVEMBER 2015 IS MENU NUMBER 2.</p>	
<p>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.</p>	

<p><u>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY</u></p> <p><u>NOVEMBER</u> Thursday 26th – School Nurse Drop In 1.30pm – 2.30pm Thursday 26th – Tom Palmer, Author in school Thursday 26th – School Disco 5.30– 6.45pm KS1 / 7 – 8.30pm KS2 Monday 30th – KS2 Advent Service 10.30am KS1 Advent Service 10.50am</p>	<p><u>MASS TIMES</u> <u>FOR 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.saintfrancescumbria.com</p>
<p><u>DECEMBER</u> 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 ☺</p> <p><u>JANUARY 2016</u> Tuesday 5th – Start back at school</p>	<p><u>SCHOOL MASS TIMES</u> Tuesday 24th November: Year 5 Mass Monday 30th November: Year 6 Mass Tuesday 8th December: Year 3 Mass Thursday 17th December: Whole School Mass</p> <p><u>RESIDENTIAL TRIP DATES 2016</u> Year 4 Ilkley – Wednesday 25th – Friday 27th May Year 5 Lockerbie – Wednesday 18th – Friday 20th May Year 6 London – Monday 13th – Wednesday 15th June</p> <p><u>TERM DATES 2015 – 2016</u> Autumn Term 2015: Monday 7th September – Thursday 17th December <i>Half term – Monday 26th – Friday 30th October</i> Spring Term 2016: Tuesday 5th January – Thursday 24th March <i>Half term – Monday 15th – Friday 19th February</i> Summer Term 2016: Monday 11th April – Thursday 21st July <i>Bank Holiday – Monday 2nd May</i> <i>Half term – Monday 30th – Friday 3rd June</i></p>
<p><u>IMPORTANT - SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS & INFORMATION:</u> 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</p>	
<p><u>MESSY CHURCH</u> Where? Millom Methodist Church, Queen Street When? Sunday 22nd November 3.30pm – 5pm What? Fun & Exciting Crafts, Games, Songs, Stories & Food Who? Children up to the age of 11 (must be accompanied by an adult please)</p>	<p><u>OUR LADY & ST JAMES' RC CHURCH</u> CHRISTMAS FAIR AT ST JAMES' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL ON SATURDAY 21st NOVEMBER FROM 2pm ADMISSION 50p CAKE SALE, TOMBOLA, RAFFLE & LOTS MORE!</p>
<p><u>CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN IN THE MILLOM AREA</u> We are hoping to repeat the success of last year's appeal which made Christmas a happier time for some children in need in our area. Please can you help with donations of new toys however large or small. They can be wrapped or unwrapped. If wrapped please label with boy / girl and age. Unwrapped presents are fine too. Shelagh Cloudsdale in Reception Class will be a collection point for any presents or Kay Tyson. Collections can be arranged by ringing 770041. Thank you for your support ☺</p>	
<p><u>CHRISTMAS CLASS HAMPERS</u> For our Christmas Fair, each class makes up a themed hamper which are then included in a bumper raffle. Please could you send in an item for the hamper with your child as soon as possible. The themes for each class are: Reception: Sweets Year 1: Around The World Year 2: Arts & Crafts Year 3: Movie Night Year 4: Christmas Year 5: Chocolate Year 6: Bathroom</p>	<p><u>ST JAMES' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL</u> CHRISTMAS FAIR SUNDAY 6th DECEMBER We desperately need your help to make our fair a success this year! Please could we ask for donations of items for our tombola and raffle. These can be dropped off at our school office any time. Could we also ask for donations of cakes for the cake stall please? These can be brought into school on the morning of Sunday 6th December please. Many thanks for your help.</p>