



St James Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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

RECEPTION: Thank you for all the contributions for our Christmas 'sweet' hamper. If anyone still has any donations for the hamper, we would appreciate them.

We had a lovely afternoon on Thursday for our first stay and play session; thank you to everyone who attended it was lovely to share our classroom with you.

Next week we will be starting our Christmas theme unit of work. If you have any unwanted Christmas boxes, gift bags, wrapping paper that we could use in our Santa's workshop area I would be very grateful. We will also be going over to church to practice our Carol Service.

If you have any unwanted knickers, underpants, school trousers, socks or girls tights, we are running low and would appreciate any donations.

Have a lovely weekend.

YEAR 1: We have had a good week in Year 1! We have been practicing our Christmas songs ready for the Christmas Carol Service, and they are sounding lovely! Thank you for all your contributions to the Christmas Hamper, we have a nice selection of 'Around the World' items. If you have any more donations for the hamper, we would really appreciate them. Thank you also for all the slips and money we have received for our trip to the Santa Express, if you still haven't returned your slip, please can you do it as soon as possible. Next week we will be carrying on with our story of The Treasure Hunt, and we will be going over to church to practice our Carol Service. Have a lovely weekend!

YEAR 2: Unfortunately Mrs Carter was ill and unable to give us her newsletter in time for print. Year 2 have been working very hard this week and have been practising for the KS1 Carol Service.

Have a lovely weekend!

YEAR 3: Well, our rehearsals are well underway for our KS2 play 'Straw and Order' which will be performed on the 9th and 10th of December. This means we only have next week to finish and polish our performance. We are sure the children in Year 3 have told you, we are sheep and will be doing the 'Sheep Shimmy' which I am sure you will thoroughly enjoy! A separate letter has been sent home explaining what we would like the children to wear – hopefully this is quite straight forward but if you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us. Can I say a big thank you to everyone who has sent in items for our hamper. It is starting to look great and we all think we would like to win this prize! Have a lovely weekend & see you next week!

YEAR 4: The children have worked really hard to consolidate their understanding of time. Homework is linked to this, please do help your children with this important skill if they are struggling. In Literacy, we have been exploring the theme of evacuation and next week, will be looking at diary writing. In RE, we will be thinking about Advent and preparing for Christmas. A letter has been sent home about costumes for the Christmas play, please don't hesitate if you have any questions. This is the last week for donations to our 'Christmas' themed hamper. Thank you to those who have sent in donations already. Have a great weekend!

YEAR 5: This week in year 5 the children have been writing their quest tales based around our class book; *The Hobbit*. Their stories saw the evil dragon, Smaug capture Bilbo Baggins and the children created exciting ways in which Smaug was defeated and Bilbo returned home. We also had a visit from Tom Palmer this week. The children really enjoyed meeting him and many were lucky enough to get signed copies of his book! I would like to remind you all that next week is the deadline for our Christmas hamper collection. The theme for our class is chocolate and the items donated can be anything ranging from bars of chocolate and hot chocolate to chocolate scented candles. Thank you very much to those who have already sent in donations, your contribution is greatly appreciated. I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

YEAR 6: We are starting to think about Advent in preparation for Christmas. We are continuing with our story writing in literacy and learning about division in maths. We have started our rehearsals for the Christmas play and these will continue throughout this week. On Tuesday we will be having an assembly and workshop given by Childline which should be very interesting. I hope you all have a lovely weekend!

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

What's been happening?:

We have been busy practising for the KS1 Carol Service and KS2 Play this week; this will increase next week ready for the performances the week after! KS2 had a visit from the author Tom Palmer on Thursday, which we all really enjoyed. Mrs Carter and Mrs Cloudsdale welcomed Reception Class parents on Thursday afternoon for their first 'Stay and Play' session. We hope parents enjoyed the afternoon as much as we did! We had our 'School Nurse Drop In' for parents to come and discuss any problems with Karen Hirst, our school nurse. Our Parents Guild had very successful Autumn Term Disco on Thursday evening. Thank you to all of the parents and staff who gave up their time to come along and help. The children all had a brilliant time and especially loved the light up fingers! Multi skills PE lessons and after school clubs have both ended this week.

This week:

Year 6 will be going over to Mass on Monday at 9.30am; please do join them in Church if you possibly can. Fr Bob will be coming over to school later in the morning to mark the beginning of

Advent with some special services for KS1 and KS2. On Tuesday year 5 and 6 will be having some Childline Workshops and an assembly in the morning. Reception Class are having the second 'Stay and Play' session on Thursday in the afternoon. Friday will be the last assembly for this term and birthday cakes up until 3rd January will all be given out then.

Our Parents Guild are running our **Christmas Fair on Sunday 6th December** in school, please, please to look at home for items which you would donate as raffle and tombola prizes as we really do need these to fill the stalls. We are only having one fair per year and that will be at Christmas, so please do support us. **The parents guild would like some help at the fair, if you could spare some time please contact a member of the guild or our school office.**

Advance information for This Half Term: 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 we did ask that you do this by 23rd November to help Karen, our Cook with her orders. If you haven't already done so please can you go online and order this today! – Thank you. We will be having our Christmas Jumper Day on Tuesday 8th and we would like to ask for donations of £1 please, which will go towards the Christmas meal for the senior parishioners. KS2 Christmas Play will be performed on Wednesday 9th December at 2pm and Thursday 10th at 2pm and 6pm. KS1 will be going on the Santa Express on Thursday 10th – please send your slip and payment of £11 in this week. 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. 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 (£13) in as soon as possible. KS1 have their Christmas Party on Monday afternoon. Year 6 play host to the elderly parishioners of St Francis of Assisi on Tuesday 15th for their annual Christmas Meal at 6.30pm. Our school choir will also be singing at this event. 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. Finally we have our end of term Mass at 9.30am on Thursday 17th December and we break up 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.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS: Wednesday & Thursday Multi Skills and the Tuesday & Friday Football after school clubs have now finished and will not be on again until January. Tennis and Athletics will finish at the end of this coming week (4th December). The last choir will be on Monday 7th December and the last Art Club will be on Wednesday 9th December.

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.

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 ☺ 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.

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.

Birthdays 23 Nov. 2015 – 29 Nov. 2015: Lewis Oliver, India Jackson, Harvey Waistell, Libby Evans, Hannah Thompson, Maisie Tyson, Deacon Wilkinson, Isaak Kelly

The VIP's: Mason Garratt, Arwen Hawdon, Logan Bradley, Eliot Jakubowski, Callum Harrison, Emma Ivison, Shauna Hornby

Certificates: Kallie Wright, Louie Jackson

PRAYER INTENTIONS: We ask you to remember in your prayers this week Jessica's Uncle and Cousin, Aaron and Dean Heasley who very tragically died on Monday. We ask God to welcome them into His Kingdom. We ask Our Blessed Lady to comfort their family and friends at this very sad time. Please join us as we pray – *Eternal rest give unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they 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 30th NOVEMBER 2015 IS MENU NUMBER 3.

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. (Last session this week but will start again in the new year!)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER

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 – Little Jimmy's Christmas Party am
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
Tuesday 15th – Elderly Parishioners Christmas Dinner hosted by yr 6 @6.30pm
Wednesday 16th – Years 3 & 4 Christmas Party
Wednesday 16th – Yr 5 & 6 Singing at Tesco during the school day
Thursday 17th – End of Term Mass at 9.30am
Thursday 17th – Break up at 1.30pm ☺

JANUARY 2016

Tuesday 5th – Start back at school

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

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

RESIDENTIAL TRIP DATES 2017

Year 4 Ilkley – Wednesday 24th – Friday 26th May
Year 5 Lockerbie – Wednesday 17th – Friday 19th May

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**

<p>SCHOOL MASS TIMES Monday 30th November: Year 6 Mass Tuesday 8th December: Year 3 Mass Thursday 17th December: Whole School Mass</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>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</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>2016 RUGBY LEAGUE TRIPS</u></p> <p>There are a few places left for the Flag Waving at the World Club Game between Wigan Warriors and Brisbane Broncos. This will be at Wigan on Saturday 20th February at 8pm. There are also some places left for the Leeds Rhinos v North Queensland Cowboys, which is at Leeds on Sunday 21st February at 8pm. Tickets are £23 per adult, £14 per child and £18 for the bus. Please contact Martin Cairns or our school office if you would like to book places. Many thanks.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN IN THE MILLOM AREA</u></p> <p>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 style="text-align: center;"><u>CHRISTMAS CLASS HAMPERS</u></p> <p>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 style="text-align: center;"><u>ST JAMES' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL</u> <u>CHRISTMAS FAIR</u> <u>SUNDAY 6th DECEMBER</u></p> <p>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>
<p>Wonder Productions proudly present ALADDIN A magical Panto full of eastern promise! On Sunday 29th November At 2pm At The Beggars Theatre Tickets £8 / £6 concessions</p> <p>Also at The Beggars' Theatre: 'A CHRISTMAS CAROL' On Thursday 10th December At 7.30pm. Tickets £12 / £7 concessions</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>COMEDY IN DECEMBER @ THE BEGGARS' THEATRE</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 1st – ED BYRNE 8pm Tickets £19 Friday 4th – LLOYD GRIFFITHS & RHYS JAMES 8pm Tickets £12 / £10 concessions Friday 11th – STEPHEN K AMOS 8pm £17</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please check out The Beggars Theatre Website for special Black Friday and Festive Season Ticket Deals!</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">www.beggars theatre.co.uk</p>