



St James Catholic Primary School Newsletter

8 February 2016 & Half Term to 22 February 2016

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

RECEPTION: This week we have had lots of fun changing the Jack and Jill nursery rhyme into our own version. Log in to Tapestry to see a video clip of each of us performing our own nursery rhyme. Next week we will be looking at the story of Mr Wolf's Pancakes. In maths we are going to be looking at sequencing and time. Next Thursday is toy day your child can bring one toy in to share with us. In RE we will be continuing with the lost sheep. Have a lovely weekend.

YEAR 1: We have had a great week in Year 1! We wrote some excellent diaries pretending to be one of the Three Little Pigs, and did a science experiment about their houses. In Maths, we have been looking at numbers up to 40 and the children have been doing really well. Please could you help us with this by counting with your child up to and backwards to 40 (or 100 if you're feeling adventurous?) We have had a lot of jumpers and PE kit left in our class most nights this week, but there have been no names in them! Please could you make sure that all of your child's uniform is labelled clearly with their name. Thank you so much! Have a lovely weekend!

YEAR 2: Next week we are completing our non-chronological reports writing about China. We are going to share these with Year 1 children at the end of the week. In maths we are completing our multiplication and division work. I will send some of this home for extra practice this does not need returning but it will be nice for you to see what we have been doing in class. In RE we are looking at the bible story 'Feeding the 5,000.' We are going to try some art work linked to this story too. Our science materials work is going well and we have been looking at uses of different materials for making clothes which we will continue next week. Please keep practicing reading daily at home. In our class reading sessions we are concentrating on comprehension skills but all children need to be fluent readers in order to do this. Have a great weekend everyone.

YEAR 3: This week we have been working hard using our 3 times tables in Maths – again the more practice you can do at home with these and the related division facts, the better. Children need to know them off by heart in order to apply them to other mathematics. Homework is linked to this. Can children also use their times tables cards to practice and **please bring the x4 cards for use in school next week.** In Literacy, we have started a unit in Newspaper reports and have been learning the structure of one this week. Children have produced story maps for each paragraph and have been practising 'saying' the report this week. They have brought their story map home with them to have a go at telling you it for homework. Children have also enjoyed designing and making Roman shields this week as well as completing posters to tell people why they should become a Roman soldier.

YEAR 4: This coming week, our maths focus will shift from fractions to data handling. The children will be learning how to draw and interpret tables, bar graphs and line graphs. In English, they will be writing their own fairy tales and towards the end of the week, gathering information for their posters about the major organs of the body. I have been pleased with the standard of the homework that has been coming in over the past few weeks so thank you to the children and yourselves for your support in this! In RE this week, we will continue to think about 'Feeding the Hungry' and will be looking at ways in which we can carry out this act of mercy in our own lives. It was great to see all of you who attended the trip meeting on Thursday. If anybody has any questions regarding the trip please do not hesitate to contact me through the school office. Have a great weekend!

YEAR 5: We've been hard at work this week in Year 5. The children have been working on subtracting fractions in maths and their homework will help them to consolidate their learning in this area before moving on to multiplying fractions next week. In literacy the children have produced some pop-up books which they then used to help them produce some fantastic pieces of descriptive writing for their Conquering the Monster tales. Next week I will be holding a meeting on Monday 8th February at 3:30pm in the Year 5 classroom. This meeting will be to talk about our upcoming residential trip to Lockerbie and any issues that you may have concerning it; I hope to see you there. Have a lovely weekend!

YEAR 6: It's been another busy week in year 6. The children have worked hard in maths; I think they may well be 'fractioned out'! I understand that the homework I sent home (adding and subtracting fractions) has caused some of the children real difficulty. I will spend some time next week revisiting the work with children who need extra help. Please encourage your children to ask for help if they are struggling- maths homework should never lead to tears! Next week, to provide some welcome relief, we will move onto something entirely different; finding missing angles in shapes. In literacy, the children have been writing letters to persuade, and we will be learning how authors employ different language techniques to do this. The children are continuing to enjoy reading the new books from the 'Spellbinding' project: please encourage your child to read for a minimum of 20 minutes each day. It was good to see so many of you at the meeting about the forthcoming trip to London. In order to secure a place for your child on

the trip, permission slips and deposits need to be sent into school by Friday 12th February. I hope you all have a great weekend.

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

THIS WEEK: Year 4 joined the parishioners at Church for Mass on Monday morning. The children who are taking part in the Young Voices performance had a practice over at Millom School on Monday, they are sounding really good now. Mrs Orchard held her meeting about year 6 London Residential Trip on Wednesday, thank you to those parents who came along and to those who have contacted us for information. Please remember that we do need to know if your child is going to be taking part in this trip by Friday 12th February – this is the deadline! Mrs McKendrie held her meeting about year 4 Ilkley trip on Thursday, sadly it was a disappointing turn out but we hope that those who couldn't make it will get in touch with us if they have any questions. Letters have been sent home with the children about the trip and again, we would like to know by Wednesday 12th February if your child will be going on the trip please. Deposits for both year 4 and year 6 trips are due on Friday 12th February too please. It is very important that the trips are supported and paid for as the costs are worked out to the penny and school cannot afford to pay for the shortfall for those who say they are going and then fail to pay the balance.

WEEK COMMENCING 8th FEBRUARY: On Monday Miss Mullan will be having a meeting for year 5 parents at 3.15pm to tell you all about the arrangements for the Lockerbie Residential Trip. Please do come along if you possibly can. If there are any children who have not sent in their form to go on the trip and have now decided that they would like to take part, please see Miss Wilson and she may still be able to book you a place but this will need to be done on Monday please. On Tuesday we welcome the members of our governing body in to school. They will be spending the day with us in their designated classes, finding out what we do and joining in with our work. We are all looking forward to seeing them and hope that they will enjoy their day with us.

On Wednesday, Fr Bob will be holding an Ash Wednesday service in school at 2.45pm for KS2 children and their parents. We do hope as many of you as possible will join us as it is always lovely for parents to be involved and in school on these occasions. On Thursday our Parents Guild will be holding the Spring Term Discos. KS1 will be from 5.30pm – 6.30pm and KS2 from 6.45pm – 8.00pm. Admission is £1 and there will be a tuck shop open for refreshments. Finally we break up from school for half term at 3.15pm on Friday 12th February.

WEEK COMMENCING 22nd FEBRUARY: On Monday 22nd the Young Voices children will be having a practice at Millom School in the morning. Year 6 will be attending Mass at 9.30am, parents, family and friends are as always very welcome to join us over at Church. Year 5 will be going to St Bernard's Catholic High School in the afternoon to watch a performance of Grease. The coach will leave school at 12.30pm and will return to school at about 3.45pm.

On Tuesday we will be celebrating the Chinese New Year with some Dragon Dance workshops for all of the children. These were very popular when we had them last year and I'm sure that the children will enjoy them once again. Our Parents Guild will have their meeting at 6.30pm in school – new parents are always very welcome to come and join in. On Thursday, Karen Hirst, our school nurse will be holding a drop in session for parents from 1 – 2pm, please do come if you think she can help or advise you in any way. On Friday 26th we will be having our Lent Fast Day, raising money for CAFOD.

CAFOD Lent Fast Day: We are having a non-uniform day to raise money for CAFOD. Can the children bring a £1.00 for non-uniform. We will also be having a cake sale if the children want to bring some extra money to buy a cake. We would be very grateful for any parents and children to volunteer to bake and send in some cakes for the sale. Thank you for your help.

GUIDED READING BOOKS: Could you please check to see if you have any of our guided reading books at home. We have a lot which are missing, which makes the sets we have invalid. This is mainly in year 2 and the books were not returned from the last school year so please can current year 3 parents please have a look for these books. Many thanks.

YEAR 6 LONDON TRIP: Letters have been sent home with children from Year 6 about this year's residential trip to London. **Please could I reiterate that the deposits and forms need to be returned to school by Friday 12th February.** The theatre tickets need to be paid for on this day and all of the other bookings will be made during half term so we do need to know final numbers please. It is not always possible for us to add extra children after we have made the bookings as they are usually timed events and as in the case of the theatre, have an allocated seat. Please could you send the form back even if your child is not taking part in the trip, there is a section on there to indicate that they aren't going. Please do come and join us at the meeting if you possibly can. Many thanks.

IMPORTANT E-SAFETY: We have arranged for Jeff Haslam to come into school on Tuesday 22nd March to work with the children on the subject of E-Safety. He will also hold a parents meeting at 6pm that evening to give safeguarding advice to parents. We have had several instances of children coming into school having accessed unsuitable material at home without their parent's knowledge, this has caused upset and distress to the children, staff and parents. It is very important that parents do understand how they can prevent children from viewing sites

that are unsuitable for children and Jeff will give you all the help and advice you need to help. The meeting won't be a long one but it will be full of very useful information and advice. Jeff will also answer any questions you may have about e-safety. We have run these sessions in the past but despite the importance of the subject and the effect it can have on children, we have not had a very good turn out. There are many, many new sites including social media sites that children do regularly access and these are full of hidden dangers that you should be aware of. I would urge you to please do come along to this meeting as I'm sure it will help you to safeguard your children. Thank you.

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. If you do NOT normally pay a prescription charge, pharmacists will be able to provide you with advice and/or medicines for minor conditions free of charge.

RELIEF LUNCHTIME COVER: We have a team of five lovely mid-day supervisors but would like to know if anybody would like to join our relief list please. If you think you may be able to help out should one of them be off sick, please do get in touch with Miss Wilson in our school office who will carry out the necessary clearance checks for you. Many thanks.

PARENT HELPERS: If anybody has any spare time and would like to come and help in class or listen to readers, please can you let Miss Wilson know.

MORNING BUSES: The town bus service which Hodgson's coaches run in the mornings will not be continuing after half term. Children who usually catch the bus to school in the morning will have to find alternative means to get here from Monday 22nd February.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

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 8 February 2016 is menu number 2.

The menu for week beginning 22 February is number 3.

MONDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2016: SCHOOL LUNCH WILL BE SWEET & SOUR CHICKEN AND NOT STICKY CHICKEN IN HONEY & SOY SAUCE AS SHOWN ON THE LUNSHOP SITE.

UNIFORM LABELLING: Can parents please make sure that all uniforms, pumps and coats have your child's name on them. 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: Art Club with Mrs Marmion 3.15pm to 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 5 & 6 on

Wednesday 6th January and continue throughout the spring term. The lessons will be in the afternoons:

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 **9.15am 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

PE KITS

All children should have a PE kit and a pair of pumps

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.

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.
EARRINGS: Please remove your child's earrings on their PE days. And also on Swimming days. They will not be allowed to take part in PE lessons if they are wearing their earrings. 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 there is a link to this on our school website.

Birthdays 1 – 21 February 2016: Emelia Dack, Leah Farren, Leyla Pattinson, Isabelle Steele, Harvey Burch, Charlie Farren, Harley Heasley, Jack Barker, Myla Ball, Emily Dawson, Indy Gardner, Darcy Rowe, Harry Nugent, George Rocca, Charlie Wilson, Maddox Gerrish, Marni Thompson.

The VIPs: Nikki Teeley, 29.1.16), Maddox Dawson, Tilly Clark, Rylee Pattinson, Hannah Thompson, Samuel Hoccom, Holly Clunie, Elliot McMeekin

Certificates: Cerys Rowe, Louisa Park, Aoife Crocker, Jayden Woodburn, Madison Gooding, Cobey French

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February 2016

Tuesday 9th – Governors Day in school
 Wednesday - 10th Ash Wednesday Service in school for KS2 children **and their parents**
 Thursday 11th – School Disco (KS1 – 5.30pm – 6.30pm / KS2 6.45pm – 8.00pm)
 Fri 12th **Break up for Half Term Holiday**
 Monday 22nd – Start Back at School
 Monday 22nd – Young Voices Practice at Alexander Hall
 Tues 23rd Chinese New Year – Dragon Dance Workshop
 Tuesday 23rd – Parents Guild Meeting 6.30pm in school
 Thursday 25th – School Nurse Drop In (1pm – 2pm)
 Friday 26th – CAFOD Lent Fast Day

March 2016

Tuesday 1st – Y5 Stone Age trip to Windermere
 Wednesday 2nd – Young Voices at MEN Arena
 Friday 4th – Beebot Workshop (Reception & Year 1)
 Wednesday 9th – Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6pm
 Thursday 10th – Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6pm
 Friday 18th – Tag Rugby Festival
 Tuesday 22nd – E Safety Workshop for children in school / E Safety Parents Meetings in School at 6pm
 Tuesday 22nd – Parents Guild Meeting 6.30pm
 Thursday 24th – Break up for Easter at 1.30pm

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.saintfrancescumbria.com

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

Sumer Term 2016: **Monday 11th April – Thursday 21st July**

Bank Holiday – Monday 2nd May

Half term – Monday 30th – Friday 3rd June

Children start back to school for the Autumn Term 2016 on Tuesday 6th September

PRAYER INTENTIONS: We ask you to remember in your prayers this week and during half term, all of our parents and grandparents who are ill or recovering from treatment or illness. We ask God and Our Blessed Lady to take care of them and to help them to feel better soon. (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)

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.

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

SCHOOL MASS TIMES

Monday 8th Feb – Yr5 - 9.90am
Monday 22nd Feb – Yr6 - 9.30am
Monday 29th Feb – Yr3 – 9.30am
Monday 7th Mar – Yr4 – 9.30am
Monday 14th Mar – Yr5 – 9.30am
Monday 21st Mar – Yr6 – 9.30am

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

2016 RUGBY LEAGUE TRIPS:

Rugby League Wigan v Broncos 20th February: Can all money for this trip be paid by the end of January please put it in an envelope clearly marked for martin with number of adults and children. Please can you indicate how many children would like to do the flag walk on at the moment we have around 70 children on the list Martin will talk to Wigan to see if we can increase the numbers? There are still a few seats left if anybody else wants to go.

Wigan v Leeds: Any Leeds fans wishing to this game on 11th March will be able to sit with the Leeds fans in the away end. The price will be the same - £11 per adult ticket, £6 per child ticket and £11 per seat on the coach.



MILLOM MINI R.L.F.C TRAINING

U7/8s (School Years 1,2 & 3) begin Sunday 24th January – 10am at Millom Recreation Centre

For more information contact Lewis Lupton on 776963

U10s (Years 4 and 5) begin Friday 15th January – 5pm

U12s & U14s (Year 6-9) begin Friday 15th January - 6pm

Both on Millom School Astroturf

For more information contact Andrew James on 770066



PARENTS GUILD MEETINGS:

Our Parents Guild will be meeting on the following dates in year 4 classroom at **6.30pm**;

Tuesday 23rd February

Tuesday 22nd March

Tuesday 19th April

Tuesday 16th May

Tuesday 14th June

Tuesday 12th July

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING TRIP TO LIVERPOOL 2016

Following the very successful Christmas Shopping Trip to Liverpool last year, our Parents Guild have arranged a trip for this year, which will include an overnight stay. The trip will leave weekend of 12th November. The guild will discuss the trip at their next meeting and finalise details. If you are interested, please let us know as soon as possible please.



School Disco

Thursday 11th February 2016

Admission £1.00

Key Stage 1 – 5.30pm to 6.30pm

Key Stage 2 - 6.45pm to 8.00pm

Hot Dogs ☺ Sweets ☺ Music

