



St James Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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

Reception: Next week we will be continuing with our Gingerbread Man theme in Literacy and moving into 3D shape and pattern in Maths. Can we ask collect us some 3D shaped packaging/junk, thank you. Thanks to all for your fantastic support today for the cake sale/non-uniform day. Funds raised are for Cafod and we continue to learn about Cafod's 'Big Splash' next week, tying in with our RE theme of sharing drinks with the thirsty. Have a great weekend (looking for 2D and 3D shapes around you)! Thanks for your continued support.

Year 1: We have had a great first week back to this half term! The children have enjoyed being like the other classes and lining up with them in the morning, so thank you for your cooperation with this! In Maths the children are progressing well with their addition to 40 and in Literacy we have started our new story 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. The children have enjoyed learning the actions for the story, and I am sure they would love to show you at home. In RE we have been thinking about Fairtrade and what impact it has on people around the world. We hope you have a lovely weekend!

Year 2: We have had a great start back after half term. In maths we are working with money making amounts in different ways and adding amounts to solve word problems. We will continue with this further next week looking at other problems finding change. In Literacy we are looking at story openers and characters linked to traditional tales. Our topic this half term is Castles and we have started our research about this using our own questions. In RE we are looking at Cafod linked to their theme this year 'Make a splash!' Please keep reading at home everyone this is really helping your children in not only reading but every area in class.

Year 3: Children have worked hard this week on their return to school after the half term break. We hope you all had a lovely time. We have begun to use our knowledge of news reports to write our own report about 'The Missing Gladiator' linking to our Roman topic. In Maths we have been focusing on multiplication. We have started a new Science topic this half term which looks at forces and magnets and we have finished off the week with the Cafod Fast Day. Thank you for your support with this.

Year 4: The children have worked hard this week. In Maths they have been working on their understanding of area and perimeter and how to calculate these. This coming week, we will be thinking about decimals, beginning with tenths and by the end of the week, moving on to hundredths. In Literacy, we continue with our work on writing instructions, thinking especially about how to make them effective for the reader. As part of our RE work, we have been thinking about 'Feeding the Hungry'. In our discussions, the children have talked about food banks. Because of this, I have arranged for us to go along to the food bank in Millom (While it is closed to the public) to learn about the work that is done there. The children will be bringing home a leaflet about the things which are welcomed at the food bank. It would be great if any items could be brought back into school this coming week and I will let you know when a definite visit has been arranged. Thanks for your help. Have a great weekend.

Year 5: It has been a very busy first week back for Year 5! On Monday we went to watch the St. Bernard's production of Grease. The children had a fantastic time and really enjoyed themselves. We even got to go up onstage and get a picture with the car: Greased Lightning! Tuesday saw the children take part in a Chinese dance workshop. Everyone got involved in the dancing and had a lot of fun. In maths we have started our new unit on time, timetables and graphs. You can support your child with this at home by helping and encouraging them to tell the time in both the 12-hour clock and the 24-hour clock. Next week we will be going on our school trip to Windermere. Please can I remind you to return the permission slip and money for the trip by Monday. I hope you have a lovely weekend!

Year 6: It's been lovely to see the children back after half term! The children have been learning how to calculate missing angles in triangles, quadrilaterals and other polygons in Maths. Next week we will be learning about BIDMAS, the conventions we use when carrying out different operations within a calculation. In Literacy, the children have been reading about the 'Snoozatron', an invention by Wallace and Gromit! They are now writing a persuasive advertisement for the contraption, which I am sure you will enjoy reading at parents evening (9th and 10th March). Next week, the children will be completing an art project with Mrs Marmion, linked to our RE work. Eight children from year 6 will be representing the school at the Young Voices concert in Manchester on Wednesday. I hope you all have a great weekend.

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

Last Week: Year 5 had a lovely trip to St Bernard's Catholic High School and really enjoyed watching the schools performance of Grease. On Tuesday we celebrated the Chinese New Year with some Dragon Dance workshops for all of the children. The whole school took part and the children had a great time watching and learning how to do

the dragon dance. On Friday 26th we had non-uniform Lent Fast Day, raising over **£340** for CAFOD. Can we say a big **THANK YOU** to all of the parents and children who made cakes for us to sell.

WEEK COMMENCING 29th FEBRUARY: We welcome Jasmine Heasley in to our school next week for her week long work experience. Jasmine will be working alongside our staff in class. We hope she enjoys her time with us. On Monday year 3 will be going to Mass at 9.30am, as always, parents, family and friends are very welcome to come and join us. On Tuesday, year 5 will be going to Windermere for a stone age experience! It sounds a really good day and we hope they all have an enjoyable time. The bus will return to school at about 4pm. On Wednesday, Mrs Orchard will be accompanying the children who are taking part in the Young Voices to the Manchester Arena. We hope you all have a brilliant day and enjoy the experience. On Friday Reception and Year 1 will be taking part in the Beebot Workshops. The children always enjoy this day and I'm sure this year will be no exception. Some of our year 5 children will be going to West Lakes Academy to take part in some playleader training, you will be getting letters home next week if your child is one of the children attending. Year 6 will be having a tag rugby session with Russell Gainford, please can all children remember to bring in their outdoor kits and trainers please.

PARENTS EVENINGS: Our Parents Evenings will be held on Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th February, letters will be sent home on Monday and we would be grateful if you could fill in the appointment request form and send it back into school as soon as possible please.

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.

SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL: There is no longer be a school crossing patrol in the morning and afternoons. Please be aware of this when you send your children to school and encourage them to cross the road safely. I hope you all have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine that is forecast!

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 29 February is number 1.

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 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.

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.

VIPS: Isaak Kelly, Lola Jones, Aaron Redhead, Tiana Sharman-Tyson, Connor Mason, Hayden Jackson, Louie Jackson, Gabriel Robinson

Certificates: Lewis Oliver, Reece Bridges, Declan Tyson

Birthdays 22 to 28 February 2016: Harris Young, Anderson Heavyside, Naya Goodwin

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

April 2016

Thursday 14th – Tempest Photography Class Groups
 Tuesday 19th – Y3&Y4 – Quicksticks Hockey @ Millom School
 Monday 25th – Life Education Bus Visit
 Tuesday 26th – Life Education Bus Visit
 Wednesday 27th – Viking Longship Workshop

May 2016

Thursday 5th – School Closed – Elections
 Wednesday 18th – Y5&Y6 – Hi Five Netball Tournament

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: Please could you remember in your prayers this week, Harley & Tye's Nanna, Jeanette Young who has very sadly died last week. We ask God to welcome Jeanette into His Kingdom and take care of her. We ask Our Blessed Lady to comfort John, Trevor, Dean, Mel, Connor, Harley, Tye and all of Jeanette's family at this very sad time. Please join us as we pray especially for Jeanette: *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)

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 - 9.30am
 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: Wigan v Leeds: Any Leeds fans wishing to go 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**

Year 4 classroom at 6.30pm

Tuesday 22nd March

Tuesday 19th April

Tuesday 16th May

Tuesday 14th June

Tuesday 12th July

Parents Guild Disco's

will be held on Thursday 28 April 2016 and Wednesday 20 July 2016.

Liverpool Shopping Trip: Saturday 12 November 2016. £79.00 per seat. Staying 1 night at Jurys Inn, Liverpool Albert Dock to include breakfast and bus travel. £10 deposit (non-refundable) asap to reserve a place. We have 50 seats and 25 rooms. Seats are selling fast, book now to avoid disappointment. Payment can be made to Claire Young or Karen Hughes. Please do not leave money at school. Claire Young can be contacted via Facebook for any further information. Please pay the £69.00 balance by Friday 30 September 2016. Payments can be made when we hold our Parents Guild meetings. You are welcome to come to the meeting or just to come to school reception on those days. Meetings are at 6.30pm. Dates are: 22 March, 19 April, 16 May, 14 June, 12 July.

MADs Summer Show

Rehearsals start on Tuesday 1st March at St James RC Primary, Millom
Children 6.30-7.30pm – Adults 7.30pm

Next show is July 13th – 15th 2016

New Members Welcome

Quiz Night & Raffle

At the Cons Club

Thursday 24 March 2016 at 7.30 (Teams of Four)

In aid of Rosemere Cancer Foundation

Please phone: Lisa Cloudsdale to enter your team: 771556

Coffee Morning with Tombola & Raffle

10.00am to 12.00pm

At the Haverigg Prison Visitor Centre

Friday 1 April 2016

In aid of Rosemere Cancer Foundation