



St James Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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

Reception: We have really enjoyed the Beebot workshop this week. We learnt lots of new skills. We will be finishing off the Gingerbread Man story next week by changing elements of the story and making a new version. In maths we are going to look at patterns. The dates for our spring 'Stay and Play' are Thursday 17th March and Wednesday 23rd March, both are afternoon sessions. In these sessions you will have the chance to watch and be part of a lesson and hopefully be able to access our outside area. Please let me know if you want to attend. Please note if your child has turned 5 and wants milk then you need to register and pay via the Coolmilk website. Have a lovely weekend.

Year 1: We have had a great week in Year 1 where we have been working hard adding two digit numbers. Next week we will be looking at subtracting using bigger numbers. In Literacy, the children will be looking at writing a mini autobiography about Goldilocks which will be great fun! In RE we will be carrying on with looking at the Year of Mercy and 'feeding the hungry'. I am looking forward to seeing you all at parents evening and discussing your child's work since the last meeting! We hope you have a lovely weekend!

Year 2: Year 2 have had a good week and have been working hard with our literacy, working on sentences in stories, we will continue this next week. In maths we will be solving money problems, adding and finding change. We will also be doing some work on fractions. Fair Trade fortnight is coming up and we will be looking at 'water for the thirsty' in RE. We will be designing and building castles in class too. Thank you for your prompt replies to parents evening. I look forward to seeing you all next week. Have a great weekend!

Year 3: Children have been completing their reports on 'The Missing Gladiator' this week and hopefully you will be able to see some of them on the wall when you visit for Parents evening next week. We have also completed the unit on multiplication and division this week. In Science we have been investigating forces and comparing how toy cars move on different surfaces. On Friday, we were lucky enough to have Mrs Marmion in our class to work with us and complete some RE Art work to go in the hall. A big thank you to Mrs Marmion! We look forward to seeing you all next week, please do some if you possibly can.

Year 4: We have had a busy week in Y4 this week, and the children especially enjoyed the day on Wednesday when Mrs Marmion spent the whole day doing some Art work linked to RE. In Maths this week, we have been looking at decimals and the children have worked on their understanding of tenths. In this coming week, we will be extending their understanding and looking at hundredths. In English, the children will be using all that they have learnt during our unit on instruction writing to write their own set of instructions; this will be their big chance to show off their skills! On Monday morning, at 9.30 am we will be going to Mass over in church so anybody who is able to join us is more than welcome to do so! This week we will be having parents' evenings on Wednesday and Thursday; I look forward to meeting with you all to discuss your child's progress. Have a great weekend!

Year 5: We have had a fantastic week in Year 5! Monday was the beginning of RE week and Year 5 created some beautiful art work with Mrs Marmion based around our current RE theme; 'Give Drink to the Thirsty'. On Tuesday we went on our school trip to Windermere and the whole day was absolutely superb! We had lots of fun exploring the outdoors as Stone Age hunters along with making Stone Age tools, weapons, string and art work. All of these things are now decorating our classroom so please take a look when you come to school for Parents Evening; the children will have a great deal to tell you about them! Please encourage your child to complete their homework carefully with thoughtful, detailed answers. This will not only help them to consolidate their knowledge of what we are learning in class, but it will also be good practice for completing SATs in Year 6 and moving on to secondary school. I hope you have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you at Parents Evening next week.

Year 6: It's been another busy week in year 6! In maths we have begun to revise all the calculation work that we have studied this year, ready for the calculation paper in May. We have learned about BIDMAS (the conventions we use when carrying out different operations within a calculation); we will be moving on to learning more about percentages next week. In Literacy, we will be writing a narrative, based on a short animation. We will be learning about fossils, and how animals have evolved over time in science and in music we will be composing. I look forward to talking to you next week at parents' evening.

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

LAST WEEK: We welcomed Jasmine Heasley from Millom School to our Reception Class this week to complete her work experience. The staff and children have loved having Jasmine in class and we hope she has thoroughly enjoyed her time with us. Thank you Jasmine for all of your hard work and help this week. Year 3 attended Mass at Church on Tuesday, thank you to those parents and parishioners who joined us. On Tuesday, year 5 went on their trip to

Windermere for a stone age experience! They all had a really good day making stone age equipment and experiencing life as a stone age person. On Wednesday, Mrs Orchard accompanied the children who were taking part in the Young Voices to the Manchester Arena. What a wonderful experience they had. Thank you to Mrs Cullen and Mrs Orchard for organising the trip. Sadly the planned Beebot workshops for Reception and Year 1 were cancelled due to the snow but we have rearranged this for Thursday 21st April when hopefully the weather will be better.

WEEK COMMENCING 7th MARCH: On Monday, Year 4 will be joining the parishioners at Mass in Church at 9.30am, as always parents, family and friends are very welcome to join us. Thank you for your prompt replies for our parents evenings. The teachers are busy planning appointments and your times should be sent home shortly. All of the staff are looking forward to meeting you next week to discuss your child's progress in school. Please could you try to ensure your appointment does not run over the 10 minutes allocated. If you think you may need longer than this please let your child's teacher know and they will arrange an alternative appointment for you.

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 turnout. 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.

RESIDENTIAL TRIPS: Please could you make sure that payments are made promptly for your child's residential trips please. School does need to pay upfront for accommodation so it is vitally important that we do get all of the money in for the trips please.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend!

SCHOOL MEALS: The menu for week beginning 7th March is number 2.

Please remember to order your child's school meals or cancel them by 9.30am

The website address is: -www.lunchshop.co.uk.

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&6on

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 ☺**

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: Kyle Brockbank, Leah Young, Ben Oliver, Cobey French, Trent Ruddy, Adam Ryce, Ella McKendrie

Birthdays 29th Feb. to 6th March 2016: Cade Heavyside, Jimmy Mossop, Rome Lambillion, Rio Walker, Bailey Hulse, Ellen Armitage, Evie Turner, Rowan McMeekin

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March 2016

Wednesday 9th – Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6pm

Thursday 10th – Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6pm

Tuesday 15th – Autism Awareness (8 children) with Jakki Moore

Thursday 17th – Reception Stay & Play session 1

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

Wednesday 23rd – Reception Stay & Play 2

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

Monday 11th – Start back at school
 Wednesday 13th – Cricket coaching y5 & Y6
 Thursday 14th – Tempest Photography Class Groups
 Tuesday 19th – Y3&Y4 – Quicksticks Hockey @ Millom School
 Tuesday 19th – Parents Guild meeting 6.30pm
 Thursday 21st – Beebot Workshop Reception & Year 1
 Monday 25th – Life Education Bus Visit
 Tuesday 26th – Life Education Bus Visit
 Wednesday 27th – Viking Longship Workshop
 Thursday 28th – School Discos

May 2016

Thursday 5th – School Closed – Elections
 Monday 16th – Parents Guild Meeting 6.30pm
 Wednesday 18th – Y5&Y6 – Hi Five Netball Tournament
 Wednesday 18th – Friday 20th – Y5 residential trip to Lockerbie
 Monday 23rd – Tempest Photography Individual and family group photos
 Tuesday 24th – Mini Tennis Competition y3 & y4 teams
 Wednesday 25th – Friday 27th – Year 4 residential trip to Ilkley
 Friday 27th – Break up for half term at 3.15pm

June 2016

Saturday 4th – Our Lady & St James RC Church Parish Fair
 Monday 6th – Start back at school
 Monday 13th – Wednesday 15th – Year 6 residential trip to London
 Tuesday 14th – Parents guild meeting at 6.30pm
 Wednesday 22nd – Year 5 taster day at John Ruskin
 Tuesday 28th – Y6 induction day John Ruskin
 Wednesday 29th – Rounders festival

July 2016

Wednesday 6th – KS1 & KS2 Athletics at Millom School
 Thursday 7th – Egyptian Workshop Y3 with Charlie Lupton
 Thursday 7th – Y6 induction day John Ruskin
 Friday 8th – End of Year Awards Mass at 10am
 Tuesday 13th – Parents Guild meeting 6.30pm
 Wednesday 20th – School Discos
 Thursday 21st – Break up at 1.30pm

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

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

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.

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 £14 per seat on the coach. There are still tickets left for this game.

PRAYER INTENTIONS: We ask you to pray for Norma Date who is recovering from her hip operation. We pray that her operation has been a success and that she will soon be up and about again soon. We send Norma all of our love and best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Please remember in your prayers this week, Keith (Tibby) Sowden who very sadly died last week. We ask God to welcome Tibby into His Kingdom. We pray especially to Our Blessed Lady to comfort Catherine, David, Danielle, Jade and all of his family at this very sad time. Please join us as we pray: *Eternal rest give unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he 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)

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



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