



St James Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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

Reception: Well what a busy first week back we have had! We had lots of eggs left in the classroom on Monday and we had a big bunch of rusty keys. We have enjoyed investigating and discovering where they may have come from. We had some lovely ideas and have enjoyed writing about the eggs. We have also been looking at rhyming words. In Maths we have been looking at measuring with rulers and looking at ordering different lengths of string. In RE we have been finishing off our Easter week unit of work. Next week please could you ensure that for Wednesday PE the children have long jogging pants as we are going to start doing these sessions outside, trainers are optional. Please update your child's tapestry account with anything they have been busy with over the Easter break. We enjoy looking at these with the children. Can we also welcome Louise Shepherd to our class; she will be joining us every Thursday and Friday as part of her teaching assistant training. She will be with us for the next term.

Year 1: Our first week back has been very busy! We have been looking at our local environment and went for a walk on Monday; luckily the weather was great so we had a good time looking around. From this work, we wrote about Millom in an information leaflet, the children really enjoyed this mini topic. In RE we are finishing off our work on Easter week. The children gave some really thoughtful answers about how they would have felt if they had been around on Easter morning. In maths, the children have been measuring using rulers and measuring tapes, maybe they could have a go at doing that at home too! Next week, please could you make sure your child has their PE kits with them. Lessons will start to be outside with the better weather, so if you want to provide your child with trainers and tracksuit bottoms then that would be great. Finally, we say a massive thank you and goodbye to Miss Robinson who has completed a really successful placement with us over the past ten weeks. Everyone in Year 1 wishes Miss Robinson luck as she heads back to uni for the final few weeks before starting her first job in September! Have a lovely weekend!

Year 2: Well what a great start the children have made to the term this week. They have all settled back into their school routines and they have been working really hard. They have all thoroughly enjoyed making up and constructing their own unique animals. And they have also been working on their maths word problems. The first week can be tiring for the children though and hopefully after having a rest this weekend they will come in next week ready to work just as hard. Have a good weekend everyone.

Year 3: Welcome back after the Easter break – we hope you had a lovely relaxing time with your family. The children seem refreshed and have made a good start to the summer term. This half term we will have swimming on Wednesdays and PE on Thursdays which is likely to be outside whenever the weather suits so please ensure children have the correct kit and trainers for this. In Literacy we have begun a new topic looking at myths and are using the book 'Rainbow Bird' to learn all about them. We have continued with fractions in Maths and children are getting better at recognising equivalence. Over this coming half term, we will also be focusing our topic work on 'The Vikings' and learning about 'Plants' in Science. For homework this week, can we ask that children complete some of the sections on equivalent fractions on Mathletics and also see if they can find any myths (e.g. from home, library, or the internet) to share with the class next week. Have a lovely weekend.

Year 4: It's great to have the children back in school raring to go and ready learn. This week we have finished off our work on decimals by calculating and solving problems to do with decimals; especially money. This coming week, we will be thinking about co-ordinates and plotting points on a grid to make shapes. In Literacy, we have begun to look at stories where the characters face particular issues or dilemmas with a focus on the short Disney Pixar animation – One Man Band. Next week, we will be reading and learning 'The Balaclava Story.' Our topic work this half term will be all about the Egyptians and their way of life. Can I please remind you that the children need to have pumps in school at all times. Y4 will have tennis on a Tuesday afternoon and swimming on a Wednesday; please can you make sure that the appropriate kits are in school on these days. Thank you and have a great weekend!

Year 5: It has been a fantastic first week back at school in Year 5! We have started our new unit of work on narrative poetry and have been looking at the poem 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes. The children have made an impressive start with this work and are really enjoying it! We have also begun working on our new history topic; the ancient Kingdom of Benin. I'm sure the children will have lots to tell you about this as we learn more in the coming weeks. Throughout this half term the children will have cricket on Wednesday afternoons as well as their normal P.E. slot on Thursday afternoons. Please can you make sure that they have their P.E. kits in school for both of these days. Next Thursday, Year 5 will be bag packing at Tesco in order to raise money for our residential trip. Once we have the total from this fundraising event we will be able to tell you the final cost for Lockerbie. I hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Year 6: It was great to see so many of the children come to the revisions sessions in the second week of the Easter holiday. The children have said that they were helpful and most enjoyed coming along! This week we are continuing to practise the skills required to tackle the tests which are fast approaching. In maths we have been learning how to find the area of a triangle and a parallelogram, and next week we will be moving on to find the volume of cubes and cuboids. In Literacy, we have been learning to recite the poem, The Jabberwocky, and have used this poem to revise word classes. We have also been practising how to refer to the text when answering questions about a passage that has been read. I am sending practise papers as homework for the children; it is really important that they complete and return these on time. I hope you all have a good weekend!

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

Welcome back everyone for the start of our summer term. I hope you have all enjoyed the Easter break.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING: Cricket coaching in school time began on Wednesday 13th for children in year 5 and 6; please can these children remember to bring in their outdoor kits. The year 5 & 6 after school cricket club began too for those children who have returned their forms and been allocated a place. On Thursday, Alison from Tempest Photography came to take our class group photos. Proofs will be sent home for you to order from. Individual and family photos will be taken later in the term.

WEEK COMMENCING 18TH APRIL: There will be a year 3 / 4 hockey tournament at Millom School on Tuesday morning, children who are involved will be notified. Our Parents Guild have their meeting in year 4 classroom on Tuesday evening at 6.30pm, as always new parents are always very welcome to attend. On Thursday Reception Class and Year 1 have their rescheduled Beebots Workshop – hopefully it won't rain or snow on this day then the lady can get through to us! Year 5 will be holding their fund raising BAG PACK in TESCO on Thursday from 10am – 12noon and from 1pm – 3pm. Please do go and support them if you possibly can as they raise funds for their residential trip. Many thanks in advance of your support.

ADVANCE INFORMATION: We will be having a visit from The Life Education Bus on Monday 25th & Tuesday 26th April. The cost of this visit has increased over the years and we will no longer receive any funding donation towards is as in previous years. The donation was given by Diane Tyson and her team who fund raised for many years to help schools benefit from the bus. Unfortunately this group has disbanded and we need to pay for it ourselves. Could we please ask for a donation of £2 per child which will greatly help towards the cost of the visit. On Wednesday 27th year 3 will be having a visit from Charlie Lupton who is bringing his Viking Longship workshop! On Thursday 28th our Parents Guild will be holding their Summer Term Disco, arrangements for these are as usual and posters etc will be out next week.

School will be closed on Thursday 5th May as our building is being used as a Polling Station for the elections.

IMPORTANT: Please can we ask you to check your children's heads thoroughly. We have had some instances of head lice in school 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.

YEAR 4, 5 & 6 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 and enjoy the lovely weather we have forecast!

SCHOOL MEALS: The menu for week beginning 18 April 2016 is number 3.

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.

SWIMMING – WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Swimming will start for years 3 & 4 on

Wednesday 13th April and continue throughout the spring term. The lessons will be in the

<p>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.</p>	<p>afternoons: Spring Term – Years 5 & 6 Summer Term Years 3 & 4</p>
<p><u>LITTLE JIMMY'S TODDLER GROUP:</u> 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 ☺</p>	
<p><u>BREAKFAST CLUB:</u> 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. <u>PLEASE CAN YOU REMEMBER TO PAY DAILY OR WEEKLY FOR BREAKFAST CLUB – THANK YOU ☺</u></p>	
<p><u>ILLNESS:</u> Please remember to ring into school in the morning if your child is absent, stating the nature of their illness. <i>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.</i> This is to help reduce the spread of infection. Thank you for your help with this.</p>	
<p><u>SCHOOL UNIFORM:</u> Just a reminder of our official school uniform which should be worn by all pupils; <u>GIRLS UNIFORM:</u> 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. <u>BOYS UNIFORM:</u> 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. <u>LABELS:</u> All uniform should have your child's name on it. Please also label coats and pumps.</p>	<p><u>PE KITS:</u> 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. <u>PE KIT:</u> 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. <u>EARRINGS:</u> 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.</p>
<p><u>SAFEGUARDING & CHILD PROTECTION:</u> 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><u>VIPS:</u> Maisie Tyson, Evan Pugh, Maya Hughes, Ellie Young, Jay Date, Reece Bridges, Katherine Mossop, Bradley James</p>	
<p><u>Birthdays 11 April to 17 April 2016:</u> Jessica Fry, Rhys Sheldon, Kai Aston, Louie Jackson, Tye Young, Lola Jones</p>	
<p><u>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY</u> <u>April 2016</u> Tuesday 19th – Y3&Y4 – Quicksticks Hockey @ Millom School Tuesday 19th – Parents Guild meeting 6.30pm Thursday 21st – Beebot Workshop Reception & Year 1 Thursday 21st – Year 5 Bag Pack at Tesco 10-12 & 1-3pm Monday 25th – Life Education Bus Visit Tuesday 26th – Life Education Bus Visit Wednesday 27th – Viking Longship Workshop – Year 3 Thursday 28th – School Discos <u>May 2016</u> Thursday 5th – School Closed – Elections</p>	<p><u>MASS TIMES</u> <u>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>

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
 Wednesday 25th & Thursday 26th – Year 6 Bag Pack at Tesco 10-12 & 1-3pm both days
 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
Thursday 23rd – School Closed – EU Referendum
 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.

PRAYER INTENTIONS: We ask you to please remember in your prayers this week, a very special grandad who is not too well at the moment. We ask Our Blessed Lady to be a comfort and support to him and his family at this worrying time. We also ask you to remember John Date in your prayers this week as he recovers from his recent operation. (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 is: www.stjamesrc.cumbria.sch.uk



Millom Mini R.L.F.C Training
 U7/8s (School years 1,2 & 3) 5.00 - 6.00
 U10s (Years 4 and 5) 5.30 - 6.30
 U12s (Years 6 & 7) 5.30 - 7.00
 All at Millom RLFC on Friday evenings.
 For more info contact Andrew James on 770066
All players welcome, new or old!



<p><u>Parents Guild Meetings</u></p> <p><u>Year 4 classroom at 6.30pm</u></p> <p>Tuesday 19th April Tuesday 16th May Tuesday 14th June Tuesday 12th July</p>	<p><u>Parents Guild Disco's:</u> Will be held on Thursday 28 April 2016 and Wednesday 20 July 2016.</p> <p><u>Liverpool Shopping Trip:</u> 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.</p>
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