



St James Catholic Primary School Newsletter

16 May 2016

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

Reception: Well we have had a lovely sunny week in reception. We have produced instructions on how to brush your teeth and how to wash your hands. We have also looked at crossing the road safely. The children produced a good set of instructions for this; we will put it into practice next week and if weather is nice will have a trip to the park. We will continue with instructions next week. This week we have had fun sharing amounts of different things in different ways, we will be looking at estimating how many each group may receive next week and reasoning our estimations. Have a lovely weekend.

Year 1: This week the children have worked very hard to reinvent the story 'Monkey See, Monkey Do' by switching the main character to the Gingerbread Man – we have loved hearing about their ideas and are looking forward to reading them next week in Literacy. In Maths, we have been working on number sequences and the children have enjoyed trying to complete my 'Challenge' questions! We will be moving on to addition up to 100 next week. In RE we have been thinking about how we can carry out Jesus' good work in our own lives. From this the children created a lovely display to share their work. We hope you have a lovely weekend!

Year 2: We have had a great week in Year 2 and produced some lovely ideas for our new writing. Next week we are going to have a try writing letters as different characters in books. We have started looking at time and the children have made a good start. We have looked at times past the hour and the linked digital times. They need lots of practice with this which would be helpful to do at home. Next week in maths we are also looking at 2 and 3 D shapes the properties and differences. We are continuing with our topic work about Lowry next week and are going to start some art work linked to his methods. I hope we are going to create local pictures in his style which could be very interesting. Have a good weekend.

Year 3: We have had a great week in year 3. Children have starting looking at the book 'The Tunnel' and we have been thinking about characters descriptions. In Maths we have been looking at formal methods of multiplication and our 8 times tables. Children have been doing really well with this and have got some homework linked to this. We also had some great games of Rounders in PE this week. Can I please ask that children have the correct kit for PE, especially footwear. Children need to have pumps, or even better, trainers as school shoes are not appropriate for this! Many thanks.

Year 4: We have had another busy week in Y4 and the children have been thinking hard about shapes and their properties in Maths. They should now all be able to talk about acute, obtuse and right angles within shapes. They should also be able to talk about the properties of different triangles including scalene, right angled, isosceles and equilateral. The children's homework will be linked to this. Next week, we will be looking at symmetry in shapes and thinking about how to complete symmetrical figures. In Literacy, the children have been writing an ending for 'Living on Ice' and this week, they will be having a go at using the structure of the original story, but changing some of the details to make up their own story with a dilemma. In RE, our thoughts turn to the early Christians, especially St Paul and his conversions to Christianity. Have a great weekend!

Year 5: We have had a lovely week in Year 5. In literacy we have finished our narrative poetry unit and the children have produced some fantastic pieces of writing with wonderful descriptions. To accompany the poems we have begun working on a piece of artwork in the style of L. S. Lowry which will depict the setting of the children's poems. We began working on transformations in maths and the children have gotten to grips with this really well. As you are aware, next week is our residential trip to Lockerbie. The children will need to come to school at the normal time on Wednesday and bring their luggage with them. If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to come and see me. I will be available after school on Monday from 3:15pm to 4pm. Also, on Tuesday, we will be taking part in a workshop with the Young Enterprise Programme. This is a brilliant opportunity for the children to learn some key life skills and develop an understanding of working in business; we are very much looking forward to it! I hope you have a great weekend.

Year 6: SATs are done! I have been really impressed with how well the children have responded to the challenges they have faced this week. As you know, the government have raised the expectation for children at the end of primary school, and the new tests have been much more demanding than before. This was particularly evident in the reading paper on Monday; many of your children will have told you they didn't finish, most schools in the country report the same for their classes. Everyday, the children came into school and showed determination to do their best; we couldn't ask any more of them. They have thoroughly deserved a couple of relaxing days at the end of the week! Next week we will begin our topic work about Ancient Greece and our thoughts will turn to preparing for our trip to London in June. Have a wonderful weekend!

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

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING: It's been a busy week with our Year 6 SATs test taking place from Monday to Thursday. Well done to all of the children in year 6 for all of their hard work also for the way you approached the sats and conducted yourselves during them. You certainly deserved to enjoy Thursday afternoon and Friday! Thanks to Mrs Orchard, Miss Fry and Miss Toman for preparing the children so well.

Mrs Jarvis had a big birthday this week and celebrated this with year 2 on Thursday afternoon. We would all like to wish Mrs Jarvis a very Happy 60th Birthday and hope she enjoys her birthday celebrations.

WEEK COMMENCING 16th MAY: Our Parents Guild have their meeting in year 4 classroom on Tuesday 17th at 6.30pm, everyone welcome to attend. Year 5 have the busy week this time – they will be taking part in a Young Enterprise Workshop in school on Tuesday 17th, before going on their residential trip to Lockerbie on Wednesday 18th returning on Friday 20th. A last minute reminder note will be sent home to year 5 parents on Monday night so please do look out for this. Some of Year 6 will be taking part in the Hi-5 netball tournament on Wednesday 18th. Reception and Year 1 will have the twice rearranged Beebot Workshop on Thursday 19th – hopefully it will go ahead without any change this time!

WEEK COMMENCING 23rd MAY: Alison from **Tempest Photography** will be coming in to school on Monday 23rd to take children's individual photos and family groups. Letters have been sent home and need to be filled in and returned to school by **Wednesday 18th May**. We will be taking each child's individual photo but do need to know if you would like a family group taking. As always we will give you a set time if you are bringing secondary school or pre-school children to join in the photo. On Tuesday 25th we have our May Procession at 10am. You are all welcome to attend, please come to school if you wish to walk over to Church with the children or you can wait in Church. Please could children bring in a small bunch of flowers to lay before the statue of Our Blessed Lady in Church. If any younger pre-school brothers or sisters are coming to the Procession and would like to bring some flowers they would be very welcome to lay their flowers in Church too. Year 4 go off on their residential trip to Ilkley on Wednesday 25th and return on Friday 27th May. Year 6 will be having a bag pack / collection in Tesco Millom on Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th to help with their residential trip funds. Please do support them if you possibly can. We are having a new telephone system installed in school on Thursday 26th May although we aren't expecting any interruption to our service I would like you to be aware of this if you are contacting us on this day just in case. We break up for half term on Friday 27th May at 3.30pm. First Communion is on Sunday 29th May during the 10.30am Mass.

ADVANCE INFORMATION – PLEASE READ! School will be closed on **THURSDAY 23rd JUNE** as our building is being used as a Polling Station for the EU Referendum. Please do pass this around to everyone as we are aware by the telephone calls we had last Wednesday, that not all parents are reading the information we send in newsletters, texts, emails or Facebook messages. We do try very hard to keep you informed, if you can, please do check our school Facebook site regularly for any updates.

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.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend!

DON'T FORGET TO ORDER - SCHOOL MEALS: The menu for week beginning Monday 16 May 2016 is number 1. **Please remember to order your child's school meals or cancel them by 9.30am**
The website address is: - www.lunchshop.co.uk.

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 3 & 4 on Wednesday 13th April 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. Summer Uniform is pink school dress with white socks, white sandals may be worn.
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.

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: Tegan Trevaskis, Isabelle Steele, Bailey Hulse, Alana Hartley, Tom Woodend, Diamond Lambillion, Jessica Thompson, Keanna Bradshaw.

Certificates: Sienna Jackson, Alana Hartley, Connor Jackson, Aimee Redhead, Louie Jackson, Lyla Shaw, Emma Ivison, Rylee Pattinson

Birthdays 2 May 2016 to 8 May 2016: Tegan Trevaskis, Madison Bickerdike, Kai Nicholas

Birthdays 9 May 2016 to 15 May 2016: Madelyn Hartley

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: Please remember in your prayers this week Sue Rowe who regularly helps in our school listening to readers. Sue has recently been to hospital and we ask you to pray to Our Blessed Lady to take care of her and help her to recover quickly. We all love and miss her so much and hope she will be back with us soon. Please also remember the children from year 5 and the staff who are going to Lockerbie for the residential trip this week. We ask God to take care of them and keep them safe and well during their few days away.
(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)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May 2016

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
Tuesday 28th – Y5 taster day at Millom School
Wednesday 29th – Rounders festival

July 2016

Wednesday 6th – KS1 & KS2 Athletics at Millom School
Wednesday 6th – Y6 day & evening at Millom School
Thursday 7th – Egyptian Workshop Y4 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

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

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

SCHOOL MASS TIMES

Tuesday 24th May – May Procession - 10.00am
Tuesday 7th June – Yr5 – 9.00am
Tuesday 21st June – Yr4 – 9.00am
Tuesday 28th June – Yr3 – 9.00am
Friday 8th July – End of Year Mass & Awards – 10.00am

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

Summer 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

Parents Guild Meetings Year 4 classroom at 6.30pm

Tuesday 17th May
Tuesday 14th June
Tuesday 12th July

RESIDENTIAL TRIP DATES 2017

Year 4 Ilkley – Wednesday 24th – Friday 26th May
Year 5 Lockerbie – Wednesday 17th – Friday 19th May
Year 6 London – Monday 12th June – Wednesday 14th June
You can start to pay for the 2017 trips now – please call in to our school office for details!

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!



MARY'S MEALS/BACKPACK APPEAL

WANTED ITEMS: Backpack/school bag, Exercise Books/Notepads, Pencils, Pens, Crayons, Erasers, Rulers, Sharpeners, Pencil Case, Towel, Shorts, Skirt/Dress, T shirt, Flip Flops, Sandals, Plimsolls, Tennis Ball, Soap, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Spoon. Blankets are always needed.

PLEASE SEND ANY DONATED ITEMS TO SCHOOL

GOLF: Friendship, fresh air and exercise; golf has it all. Learn or improve or play more. From 14 May 2016 at Silecroft Golf Club. Coaching is available. Adults: 9.00-10.00am. Juniors 10.00-10.45am. Saturdays. Equipment provided. Call: Maureen on 772831 or Keith on 770467.

STAFF VACANCY AT ST JAMES' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

APPLICATION PACKS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN SCHOOL FROM MONDAY

CLEANER - PERMANENT

OP1 Grade 1 plus Living Wage Supplement (£15,917 PER ANNUM PRO RATA) £8.25 per hour

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Required to start Monday 15th August 2016

16 hours per week

The Governing Body of St James' Catholic Primary School wish to appoint a cleaner to join our happy, hardworking school team. The successful candidate must be punctual, enthusiastic, willing, committed, have a pride in their work and have relevant skills or experience.

Full details and an application form are available by calling in at the school office or contacting us by e-mail or telephone:

e-mail: sheelaghwilson@stjamesrc.cumbria.sch.uk or head@stjamesrc.cumbria.sch.uk

Telephone: 01229 772731

Appointment to this post will be subject to a satisfactory enhanced check being sought from the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS). St James' Catholic Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.

Closing date for applications: 12 noon on Thursday 26th May 2016

Interviews will be held on: Tuesday 7th June 2016