



St James Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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

Reception: We have had another brilliant week in Reception! At the end of the week we finally met our buddies from Year 6; the children will have a friend from Year 6 who will look out for them during lunch times and as the year progresses we hope to have sessions where our two classes meet up. Next week, the children will be in from 8:45 until 1:30 and will be having their dinner in school. If your child is having a hot school dinner, please can you make sure that you have ordered their meal for the day (logins have been sent home this week!) We hope you have a lovely weekend!

Year 1: What a lovely week. We have enjoyed changing the story of 'Little Red Riding Hood' and created some fantastic ideas. In maths we have worked hard with our number bonds to 5 and we are now looking at number bonds to 6. Miss Carter's phonics group have recapped 'oa' 'or' 'ar' and 'ow'. Mrs South's phonics group have recapped 'ar' 'or' 'ur' 'er' and learnt the new tricky words 'like' and 'they'. Miss Cook's phonics group have recapped 'm' 'd' 'g' 'o' and 'ck'. Next week we begin our space topic with the book 'How to catch a Star'.

Year 2: Thank you to everyone who came to the Parents meeting. I hope this gave you some insight into what happens in Year 2 and the expectations for the year. The parents who missed the meeting will be given the same information at Parents Evening. In literacy we are looking at 'How the World was Made', we are going to change the text and will be looking at nouns, adjectives and similies. In maths we are completing out numbers to 100 and will be moving on to adding. In RE we have been reading about Moses and why he was chosen; then we acted out the story.

Year 3: Children have enjoyed writing the starts of their stories based on the structure of 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' this week. We have particularly been focusing on using adverbs in our writing and the correct use of inverted commas. In Maths we have completed some assessments on our counting and place value unit and have begun some addition work. Children have some addition homework, they do not have to complete all the sums – choose one column – they increase in difficulty with each column. On Thursday next week, we hope to be taking a walk to Hodbarrow to look at the area we are studying in class. Children need to be wearing non-school uniform and suitable shoes for walking – they may get muddy. We will spend the morning out, but be back in time for lunch so dinners will be as normal. Children should also bring their uniform to school in case they need to change. Many thanks.

Year 4: It has been another busy week in Year 4! We have been looking at rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000 in maths. The children have found this a little tricky so we will continue with it next week as well. In literacy we have been focusing on describing settings. On Thursday we went up to the top of the 'Slaggy' to sketch and describe the views we could see up there. The children really enjoyed this outing and produced some great setting descriptions. At the beginning of the week the children were given their brass instruments and are very excited to take them home to practice. Please can you ensure that the permission slip for taking home the instruments is returned to me by Monday as the children cannot take them home until I receive this. Also this week, we had a visit from the Osiligi Maasai Warriors. The children enjoyed this experience enormously along with learning a great deal about Kenya and the Massai culture. I hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Year 5: Another week of hard work in Y5, the children have worked at their rounding skills and in particular rounding to the nearest 1,000 and 10,000. If the children can rehearse counting 1,000s and 10,000s over the weekend, it will really help them. We will continue to work on rounding this week, looking at problems which involve rounding, then move on to negative numbers. In Literacy, we will move in to the innovation stage of our story writing which will involve us changing details of the original story to make it our own. In RE, we will take our work on creation into the fall and think about what this tells us about the world today. Thank you to those of you who managed to come along to the information evening in Monday; it was great to see you all. Can I please remind you all that you may begin to pay instalments for your child's Lockerbie trip in the school office should you wish to do so. Have a great weekend!

Year 6: It's been another busy week in year6! In Literacy this week, the children have begun to write stories with suspense; they should be brilliant when they are finished. In maths, we have finished our work on place value and have begun a short unit on addition and subtraction. By year 6, the children should be confident with this area of maths. For those who need a little more practise, we will be organising a catch-up group, which will meet after school on a Wednesday and Thursday, from 3.15 to 4.00pm for approximately 3 weeks. If we feel your child would benefit, you will receive a letter of invitation.

In RE, we have continued learning about the Kingdom of God by looking at some of the parables Jesus told, and

what they mean for us today. The class have been very excited to meet their buddies this week; over the course of the year we will arrange to meet up to share books and other activities. I hope you all have a great weekend!

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

Thank you to the parents who came to year 5, year 1 and year 2 parents meetings at the beginning of the week, I hope you found them informative and worthwhile. The teachers and staff were all happy to meet you. Our after school clubs have now all started although the year 4 games club was not on this week nor will it be on next week as our staff have some training they need to attend after school. Choir started on Monday and they are busy learning new songs for the concert at The Coronation Hall in Ulverston. This will now be held on Wednesday 9th November from 6.30pm – 8.30pm, further details will be sent home once we have them. The Athletics clubs have both filled up quickly and there is a waiting list in the office. Children who are on the waiting list will have a place when the clubs change over in January. There are still a lot of places in the KS1 Multiskills after school club which is held on Thursday from 3.15pm – 4.15pm and a few places left for the KS2 Multiskills which is on Wednesdays both of these cost £3 per session. George still has places left at the Tennis After School club on Tuesday which is held at the Recreation Centre from 3pm – 4pm, this too is £3 per session.

Many thanks to the parent ambassadors from Sellafield who are coming in to school on Friday evenings to run the STEM club for year 6. It is lovely when parents are able to come into school through their work to help us with these special activities.

The whole school enjoyed watching the Osiligi Massai Warriors on Thursday afternoon, everyone had lots of fun learning the songs and dances.

Week Commencing 26th September:

On Monday 26th September there will be a Football Festival at Millom School, Year 2 will be in the morning and in the afternoon teams of children from year 3 & 4 and year 5 & 6 will take part. **Our Parents Guild has their start of year Annual General Meeting at 6.30pm on Tuesday 27th; please do come to this if you possibly can. We really do need some new people to join the guild to help raise much needed funds for our school. It isn't too much work, just helping out with events such as discos, fun days etc. but without your support our guild will not be able to continue. Some of the things our parents guild have paid for are: - the Wednesday swimming bus to Millom School, donation towards the coach for year 5 and 6 residential trips, year 5 Liverpool trip bus, a wide range of books and educational equipment for school, workshops and theatre visits in school. Each class received a donation of £200 last term to spend however they wished, some of this was used towards school trips which reduced the overall costs to parents, and others used this for equipment for class. We have been very lucky to have had such a proactive group of parents but unfortunately as their children left our school some are no longer part of our guild so we really do need some new parents to join the remaining group. Please, please do come to the meeting and see if you can help in any way. Many thanks.**

On Thursday 29th year 5 and 6 will take part in a workshop from BAE Systems and year 3 will be visiting Hodbarrow – weather permitting! On Friday 30th Year 4 have a world war 2 workshop with Charlie Lupton. There will be no assembly on 30th September.

Week Commencing 3rd October:

Year 6 will be going to Lancaster on Monday 3rd as part of a pilgrimage for the Year of Mercy. The bus will be leaving school at 7.45am and should be back at school at about 5pm. Children will need to wear their school uniform and bring a packed lunch. Years 3, 4 and 5 will be watching a performance of Bardolf's Box at The Beggars Theatre in the afternoon.

On Tuesday 4th year 6 will have another trip to Lancaster, this time to visit Lancaster Castle. The bus leaves school at 9.15am and should be back by the end of the school day. Again children need a packed lunch and wear school uniform. A more detailed letter will be sent home by Mrs Orchard. There is an inter school Cross Country competition planned for years 3, 4 and 5 on Tuesday. On Wednesday 5th we have a whole school performance of 'The Magic Circus' from the Magic Carpet Theatre Company. Please could we ask for a donation of £1.50 per child to go towards the cost of this visit. On Friday 7th we have our Harvest Fast Day in aid of CAFOD. The theme this year is 'Brighten Up For Harvest' – we are planning to have a non-uniform day but would like the children to wear something bright please. Please could we ask for a donation of £1 per child towards CAFOD. We are also having a cake sale and would like to ask if parents would donate cakes for us to sell to the children on the day please. Children can bring money in and are able to buy cakes during the morning break. Any left over cakes are sold to parents after school. Please do support our fund raising effort for CAFOD. Many thanks.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend!

BREAKFAST CLUB: Our Breakfast Club runs every week day when we are at school from 8am and costs £1 per child per day, which is payable daily or weekly / termly in advance please. Children are able to choose from a wide range of cereals, drinks and toast. They can play games, read and socialise with the other 'breakfast clubbers' before going in to class or they can take the opportunity to do their homework. Breakfast club is open to children from any class. (If your child does not usually come to breakfast club, please let our school office know that they will be coming - just so that our staff have an idea of how many children to expect. Thank you.)

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS:

Monday: Choir – 3.15pm – 4.00pm

Tuesday: Tennis Club – 3.00pm – 4.00pm at the Sports Hall

Tuesday: KS2 Drama – 3.15pm – 4.15pm

Wednesday: KS2 Multi Skills - 3.15pm to 4.15pm.

Wednesday: Board Games for Year 4 – 3.15pm – 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.

VIP'S WEEK COMMENCING 26th SEPTEMBER

Kallie Wright – Year 6

Charlie Farren – Year 5

Eliot Jakubowski – Year 4

Seamus Peck – Year 3

Jessica Thompson – Year 2

Naya Goodwin – Year 1

Friday: STEM Club Project Year 6 – 3.15pm – 4.15pm	
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 ☺	
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.	
<p>SCHOOL UNIFORM: Just a reminder of our official school uniform which should be worn by all pupils;</p> <p>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.</p> <p>BOYS UNIFORM: Grey trousers or Shorts. Blue polo shirt. Maroon jumper with school logo. Black shoes (not trainers) or sandals. Grey socks.</p> <p>All shoes worn to school should be sensible and appropriate for the weather.</p> <p>LABELS: All uniform should have your child's name on it. Please also label coats and pumps.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>PE KIT: White top (with or without school logo). Black shorts. Black pumps.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p><u>DON'T FORGET TO ORDER - SCHOOL MEALS:</u> 26th September 2016 is Menu No.1. Please remember to order your child's school meals or cancel them by 9.30am The website address is www.lunchshop.co.uk</p>	
<p>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 a link to this is on our school website.</p>	
<p>Birthdays 19th to 26th September 2016:</p>	
<p>Drew Heasley, Connor Mason, Aimee Redhead, Martha Allington, Imogen Jackson, Jack Patton, Jessica Thompson, Millie Chapples</p>	
<p>PRAYER INTENTIONS:</p>	
<p>(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)</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY</u></p> <p>September Monday 26th – Football Festival at Millom School Morning – Y2 Afternoon Y3/4, Y5/6 Tuesday 27th – Parents Guild AGM 6.30pm Thursday 29th – BAE Systems workshop Y5/6 pm Friday 30th – Year 4 WW2 workshop with Charlie</p> <p>October Monday 3rd – Year 6 Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to Lancaster Monday 3rd – Years 3, 4 & 5 watching Bardolf's Box at The Beggar's Theatre Tuesday 4th – Year 6 Lancaster Castle Trip Tuesday 4th – Cross Country Competition Y3,4,5 Wednesday 5th – Magic Carpet Theatre Company Wednesday 5th – Governors Meeting Friday 7th – CAFOD Harvest Fast Day Friday 7th – Year 6 REACT Science Show at</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MASS TIMES</u></p> <p><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</p> <p><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.saintfranciscumbria.com</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>TERM DATES 2016-2017</u></p> <p>Autumn Term 2016: Tuesday 6th Sept. 16 - Friday 16th Dec. 16 <i>Half Term: Monday 24th – Friday 28 October 2016</i> Spring Term 2017: Thursday 5 Jan. 2017 – Friday 7 April 2017 <i>Half Term: Monday 20th – Friday 24th February.</i> Summer Term 2017: Monday 24th April – Thursday 20th July. <i>Bank Holiday: Monday 1 May 2017</i> <i>Half Term: Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June</i></p>

Millom School
 Tuesday 18th – Young Voices Practice
 Wednesday 19th – Parents Evening
 Thursday 20th – Parents Evening
 Friday 21st – Choir Workshop pm
 Friday 21st – Break up for Half Term
 Monday 31st – Start back at School
 Monday 31st – Cyclewise Training Y5 all week

November

Tuesday 1st – Y4 trip to Tullie House, Carlisle
 Wednesday 9th – Choir Concert at Ulverston pm
 Monday 14th – Drama & Musical Workshop for KS1, Y3/4, Y5/6 also after school
 Friday 18th – Children in Need

December

Wednesday 7th – KS1 Xmas Play 2pm & 6pm
 Thursday 8th – KS1 Xmas Play 2pm
 Monday 12th – School Christmas Dinner
 Tuesday 13th – KS1 Xmas Party
 Wednesday 14th – Y3&4 Xmas Party
 Thursday 15th – Y5&6 Xmas Party
 Friday 16th – Xmas Jumper Day
 Friday 16th – Break up at 1.30pm

RESIDENTIAL TRIP DATES 2017

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!

RESIDENTIAL TRIP DATE 2018

Year 5 Lockerbie Wednesday 16th – Friday 18th May

Parents Guild Annual General Meeting

**Year 4 classroom at 6.30pm
 Tuesday 27 September 2016**

We desperately need more people to come along and help our Parents Guild to orgainse and run fund raising events such as disco's and Christmas Fairs which give our school & children many opportunities and equipment etc that they would otherwise not have. Please do come along and see what our Parent Guild does and how you can help. You are not committed to do anything but please do come to the meeting as it would be such a shame if we no longer had a Parents Guild.

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

MOORE ARTS:MILLOM @ The Beggar's Theatre

Youth Theatre Programme

Wednesdays:

12noon – 1pm Little Tots - Age 2 – 4 Years

4pm – 6pm Beggar's Youth Theatre – School Year 4 +
(Tuck shop is open)

Thursdays:

3.30pm – 5pm Reception – School Year 3

We will take children up to the theatre from school and you can collect them there at 5pm.

5.30pm – 7.30pm Project Shadow – Young people with additional learning needs – Age 10 – Adults

All clubs start week commencing 19th September – week of 17th October then week commencing 7th November – week of 5th December . Cost £40 per 10 week term

WHAT'S ON AT THE BEGGAR'S THEATRE

Sunday 9th October at 8pm – Sam Simmons

Saturday 15th October at 8pm – The Houghton Weavers

Friday 21st October at 8pm – Nish Kumar

Thursday 27th October at 7.30pm – Jonathan Pie Live

Thursday 20th November at 7.30pm – The Underground Man

Tuesday 22nd November – Genesis

Friday 25th November at 8pm – Croft & Pearce

Saturday 26th November at 8pm – The Sherry Babys – Oh What a Night

Sunday 4th December at 2pm – Cinderella Pantomime

Friday 16th December at 8pm – Shappi Khorsandi 'Oh My Country'

www.beggarstheatre.co.uk or 775677 or call in at the theatre to book

PARENTS GUILD – LIVERPOOL BUS TRIP

If you have paid your deposit for this trip can you please ensure that All outstanding payments for your ticket are taken to the St James School Office, or to Claire Young by **22 October 2016**. Thank you.

Parent and Toddler Football starting every Tuesday 4.15pm – 5pm
 At Millom Recreation Centre:
 Ages 2 - 5 years
 £3.50 per child (adults free)
 No booking required