



St James Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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

Reception: The children have transitioned into school really well and are ready for starting full time next week! We have been very busy practicing our counting forwards and backwards to 10 and 20 and we have also started learning our first three sounds (s, a, and t). So next week the children will have their phonics home books sent home so that you can work with your child saying these sounds (with actions!) as well as practice writing them. Thank you to everyone for ordering your child's dinner online every day, it makes mornings a lot easier with this done at home! I hope you have a lovely weekend!

Year 1: This week we have been describing the star. We enjoyed making our own star using lots of sequins. We will continue with the book 'How To Catch A Star' next week and I have sent home a piece of homework related to the book; can it please be completed by Wednesday.

In maths we will be ordering numbers and creating fact posters about numbers. This week in phonics, Miss Carter's group have recapped s,a,t,p,i,n,m,d,g,o,ck and learnt the following tricky words, 'the' 'go' 'no' 'me' Mrs South's phonics group have learnt 'said' 'have' 'so' and 'do'.

Please can I remind you to continue reading with your child every day at home it will help them progress.

Year 2: Unfortunately at the time of print we do not have the year 2 newsletter item available. Mrs Carter will update our school facebook page to advise you of what is happening this coming week. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

Year 3: What a busy week in Year 3! Unfortunately we had to postpone our Hodbarrow trip due to the weather. Fingers crossed for next week! Some children had a go at the trying out for our cross country team. If they weren't successful this time, there are always more opportunities. In Maths we have been working on adding tens and hundreds onto 3 digit number and completed the week with some column addition. In RE we have been thinking about baptism and we have asked the children if they have any photographs of their own baptism to share with us. Also on Monday, Year 3 will be attending Mass at 9am. Can we please ask that children are in school at 8:45 am and can come straight into class to get ready. We have also asked for contributions of cakes as we will be providing refreshments for the parishioners. Many thanks in advance for this – have a lovely weekend.

Year 4: It has been an exciting week in Year 4! The children took their instruments home for the first time on Monday and I know they have been very excited about sharing all they have learnt so far with you. On Friday we had a visit from Charlie Lupton for a World War Two workshop. The children had great fun and learnt a lot about the war which will help them in their topic work. In maths, we have finished our work on rounding and the children have some consolidation tasks to do on this for their homework. Next week we will move on to addition of numbers up to 10,000. The children have begun reading the books from the Year 4 reading list. I have stuck a table in the front of their homework book so that the children can record when they have finished reading a book and to write a comment about what they thought of each one they read. There is also a section for parents to sign to confirm that the children have read these books fully and understood what they have read. Please encourage them to take care of these books and to read them to you at home as well as their book band books. Year 4 afterschool games club will start again on Wednesday. I hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Year 5: The children have worked hard in school this week and have begun to write their own mystery stories which we will continue to work in his coming week. Maths has seen the children consolidate their understanding of rounding and their homework (p10) of their books will further reinforce this. Next week, we will be working with negative numbers. To help, the children could have a go at drawing some number lines and exploring what happens when numbers extend into the negative range. In RE, we will be thinking about how we can be stewards of the earth. We had a great afternoon on Thursday learning all about light and sound waves with the BAE roadshow. This coming week will also be busy with a trip to The Beggar's Theatre and on Wednesday, we will be enjoying a visit from The Magic Carpet theatre company. A quick reminder that children need to have pumps in school at all time. Thanks and have a great weekend!

Year 6: The children have been busy again this week. We have finished our suspense writing and will be learning more about journalistic writing next. In maths, we have spent the week consolidating addition and subtraction skills before moving onto multiplication and then division. On Thursday afternoon, the children enjoyed a visit from the BAE Roadshow. Next week is very busy. On Monday, the children are taking part in a pilgrimage at Lancaster Cathedral as part of the Year of Mercy and then on Tuesday, they will be returning to Lancaster to visit the Castle and find out more about crime and punishment to support our history topic. Please ensure that all permission slips have been returned for these two visits. On Friday, the children will be going to Millom School to watch a science show brought to Millom by the Science Museum in London; this will take place within the normal school day. I hope you all have a good weekend!

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

Sadly the football festival which was planned for Monday was cancelled due to the poor weather, we do not know if this will be rearranged in the future. Year 3's trip to Hodbarrow which should have taken place on Wednesday was also cancelled as it was far too windy. Our Parents Guild had their AGM on Tuesday evening, unfortunately no new parents came along and although the few remaining parents are going to try to carry on they desperately need help from others. They are arranging a Christmas Fair and some discos which I hope other parents will volunteer to help out with please. If you can help please contact our school office. The 100 Club draw which the guild run was drawn on Thursday morning, a list of winners is on the

newsletter. If anyone would like to join the 100 club please contact our school office for details. On Thursday 29th year 5 and 6 enjoyed a workshop from BAE Systems which was all about light and sound waves. On Friday Year 4 had a great day with Charlie Lupton who brought his world war 2 workshop to school.

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. Year 3 will be going to Mass on Monday at 9am. Year 3 will be providing refreshments for parishioners in The Columba Room afterwards, if any parents of year 3 children would like to contribute some cakes or biscuits towards this we would be very grateful. Please bring any donations to the office on Monday morning. If any parents or grandparents would like to join us at Mass you would be very welcome to come along. 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. There is an inter school Cross Country competition planned for years 3, 4 and 5 on Tuesday. Children who are involved in this have had letters sent home from Mrs High. 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. Year 3 will hopefully be going to Hodbarrow in the afternoon, again this is weather permitting! Year 3 children will need to wear old clothes for this, not school uniform. 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 (brightly coloured cakes would be brilliant!). 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.

There is a nasty sickness bug going around at the moment which has resulted in one of the schools in our area having to close for a couple of days. We have had several cases of this on Friday and we would just like to remind parents of the advice concerning sickness and diarrhoea bugs. **Please do not send your child in to school if they have been vomiting or had diarrhoea. They need to be kept at home for 48 hours after the last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea. Could you also remember to contact school to let us know that your child is off ill please.** Many thanks for your help.

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.
Friday: STEM Club Project Year 6 – 3.15pm – 4.15pm

VIP'S WEEK COMMENCING 26th SEPTEMBER

Reece Acott – Year 6
Samuel Hoccom – Year 5
Hannah Thompson – Year 4
Tye Young – Year 3
Elissa-Leigh McKnight – Year 2
Kyle Brockbank – Year 1

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 PE days. And also on Swimming days. Children will not be allowed to take part in PE lessons if they are wearing their earrings. Our school policy is that staff do not remove earrings for the children and that a plaster covering the earring is not sufficient. Thank you.

DON'T FORGET TO ORDER - SCHOOL MEALS:

3 October 2016 is Menu No.2.

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

The website address is www.lunchshop.co.uk

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.

Birthdays 26th September to 2 October 2016:

Olivia Shaw, Oscar Rawsthorne, Skyla Thompson

PRAYER INTENTIONS: We ask you to pray for all of the children and adults who have been affected by the sickness bug that it doing the rounds at the moment. We ask Our Blessed Lady to make them all feel better soon and pray that the bug will soon be gone.

(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

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 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

Thursday 3rd – Year 2 Play in a Day

Wednesday 9th – Choir Concert at Ulverston pm

Thursday 10th – KS2 Remembrance Service 10am / KS1 Remembrance Service 10.30am

Saturday 12th – Parish Christmas Fair 2pm

Monday 14th – Drama & Musical Workshop for KS1, Y3/4, Y5/6 also after school dance class

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.saintfranciscumbria.com

TERM DATES 2016-2017

Autumn Term 2016: **Tuesday 6th Sept. 16 - Friday 16th Dec. 16**

Half Term: Monday 24th – Friday 28 October 2016

Spring Term 2017: **Thursday 5 Jan. 2017 – Friday 7 April 2017**

Half Term: Monday 20th – Friday 24th February.

Summer Term 2017: **Monday 24th April – Thursday 20th July.**

Bank Holiday: Monday 1 May 2017

Half Term: Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June

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

<p>Friday 18th – Children in Need Wednesday 30th – Young Voices practice December Tuesday 6th – KS1 Xmas Play 2pm & 6pm Wednesday 7th – KS1 Xmas Play 2pm Thursday 8th – KS2 Carol Service 6pm Friday 9th – Little Jimmy’s Toddler Group Party Monday 12th – School Christmas Dinner Tuesday 13th – KS1 Xmas Party Wednesday 14th – Y3&4 Xmas Party Thursday 15th – Y5&6 Xmas Party Thursday 15th – Elderly Parishioners Annual Christmas Dinner at 6.30pm Friday 16th – Xmas Jumper Day Friday 16th – Break up at 1.30pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>CLASS MASSES</u></p> <p>Monday 3rd October – Year 3 Mass at 9am in Church with refreshments afterwards in the Columba Room Monday 10th October – Year 4 Mass at 9am in Church Monday 17th October – Year 5 Mass at 9am in Church Monday 31st October – Year 6 Mass at 9am in Church with refreshments afterwards in the Columba Room Monday 7th November – Year 3 Mass at 9am in Church Monday 21st November – Whole School Mass at 9.30am in Church Monday 28th November – Whole School Advent Mass at 9.30am in Church Monday 5th December – Year 5 Mass at 9am in Church with refreshments afterwards in the Columba Room</p> <p>Parents, family, friends and parishioners are very welcome to join us at any of our Masses in Church. It is always lovely to see you.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MOORE ARTS:MILLOM @ The Beggar’s Theatre</u></p> <p>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</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>WHAT’S ON AT THE BEGGAR’S THEATRE</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">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</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 <u>9.15am to 11.00am</u>. We always welcome new parents and toddlers/babies and it is a nice way to make new friends. Everyone welcome ☺</p>	
<p><u>NO DOGS IN THE PLAYGROUND. THANK YOU:</u> 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.</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 style="text-align: center;"><u>PARENTS GUILD – LIVERPOOL BUS TRIP</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">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 <u>22 October 2016</u>. Thank you.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">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</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>IMPORTANT - SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS & INFORMATION</u></p> <p>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</p>	