



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 a great start back at school this week! We have been celebrating 'Room on the Broom' week, where we have been making wands, brooms, and acting out the story. The children have really enjoyed it! In Maths, we have been looking at numbers that can make 10 and also one more/one less. Please could you practice counting forwards and backwards with your child up to 20, this will really help them with our maths jobs. In RE we have been thinking about families and how we are part of a school family as well as God's family! Thank you for all the hamper donations that have been sent into school – we really appreciate them. Have a lovely weekend! **(Phonic sounds taught this week: o, c, k, ck. Tricky words: I, me, my).** **Class Hampers:** *The Parents Guild have asked us to make some Hampers to raffle at the Christmas Fair they have given each class a different theme for their hamper and we would be grateful for donations for our hamper. Our theme is: Cinema / Movie Night.*

Year 1: We have had a great start back this week! We have enjoyed our 'twinkle twinkle little star' week and created some lovely nursery rhymes; they are now on display in our class book! We have been looking at counting on from a given number to solve addition number sentences in maths. I have sent some home for homework to help secure the children's knowledge of this. In RE we have been thinking about Noah's ark and promises; we have made our own rainbow promises too. Phonic sounds covered this week: Miss Carter – ay ea i3. **Class Hampers:** *The Parents Guild have asked us to make some Hampers to raffle at the Christmas Fair they have given each class a different theme for their hamper and we would be grateful for donations for our hamper. Our theme is: Chocolate & Sweets.*

Year 2: We have had a very busy week for our first week back. In maths we are continuing adding two digit numbers in different ways and it would help if you can practice this at home. In Literacy we have started a new text 'The Bird in the Forest' which will continue this half term as our Talk for Writing text. The children all enjoyed the play in a day yesterday and have remembered lots of the facts. We used this work to start our new topic books. In RE our topic this half term is Mysteries which will link into the Nativity story as the term progresses. Please keep up the daily reading practice as this is helping the fluency as the children need to be able to read 90 words a minute fluently by the end of the Year. I will send some homework home during the week when we have completed some more of our maths work. **Class Hampers:** *The Parents Guild have asked us to make some Hampers to raffle at the Christmas Fair they have given each class a different theme for their hamper and we would be grateful for donations for our hamper. Our theme is: Bathroom.*

Year 3: Welcome back after the half term break! We hope you all had a lovely time with your children. This week we are continuing with our subtraction in maths and have started a new unit in Literacy – using the story of 'St. George and the Dragon' to look at tales of defeating the monster. This week we have looked at using expanded noun phrases to make our writing as interesting and descriptive as possible. For homework, children have some new spellings and a reading comprehension about Bonfire Night as well as some Maths. For the reading comprehension, if the reading is too difficult for your child to manage on their own, as always, please support and help them to do this. Working together is fine! Finally, we are collecting items for a **Class Hamper** to be won at the Christmas fair on the 27th November. Our theme is 'Around the World' and any donations would be greatly received. Many thanks. Have a lovely weekend

Year 4: It has been a great week back to school for Year 4! On Tuesday we went to Tullie House in Carlisle for our school trip. The children had a brilliant time dressing up as evacuees and investigating what life was like during World War Two – I'm sure they had lots to tell you. In literacy we began a new unit of work on writing a tale of fear and we have been looking at the story *The Nightmare Man* to help us. In maths we started looking at subtraction and, so far, the children have grasped this well. We will move on to thinking about word problems involving both addition and subtraction next week. The Parent's Guild has asked us to create a **Class Hamper** to raffle at the Christmas Fair. The theme for Year 4 this year is 'Arts and Crafts'. Any donations of items based on this theme would be greatly appreciated. I hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Year 5: The children have made a great start back after the half term and have worked really hard this week. Well done to the children who took part in Cyclewise this week; the feedback about them was great! In Maths, the children have worked hard to develop their subtraction skills and next week we will be moving on to solving problems with more than one step. In Literacy, we will be looking at our learnt text about alien invasions and changing details to make it our own. In RE, we will be thinking about God's covenants; we will begin this learning by learning what a covenant is. Have a great weekend everyone! **Class Hampers:** *The Parents Guild have asked us to make some Hampers to raffle at the Christmas Fair they have given each class a different theme for their hamper and we would be grateful for donations for our hamper. Our theme is: Bake Off.*

Year 6: It's been lovely to see the children back at school after the half term holiday; I hope you all had a good break. We have been finishing our work on news reports in Literacy and multiplication this week. Next week we will be beginning writing explanations and in maths we will be extending understanding of division. On Monday morning, we will be attending Mass at St Mary's in Barrow with other year 6 children from the area. We will travel by coach, leaving at 9am and returning to school before lunchtime. Please make sure your child is at school promptly. PE lessons on a Thursday will be outside whenever it is dry, so please remember to send your child with suitable warm PE kit and trainers. Have a good weekend! **Class Hampers:** *The Parents Guild have asked us to make some Hampers to raffle at the Christmas Fair they have given each class a different theme for their hamper and we would be grateful for donations for our hamper. Our theme is: Christmas.*

NOTE TO PARENTS: PLEASE READ THIS SECTION AS ALL SCHOOL INFORMATION IS IN HERE

What's been happening! I hope you all enjoyed the half term break, it seemed to go so quickly! We have had Cyclewise Training all this week for our year 5 and 6 children well done to all of the children who took part and congratulations on getting your Cyclewise certificate. Can we also say a HUGE THANK YOU to Justine Mitchell, Lucy Thompson, Lisa Cloudsdale and Julie Crocker who all bravely volunteered to stand (or ride their bikes) out in the cold and help to supervise the Cyclewise training for us. Thank you to those parents of year 5 children who baked and sent in biscuits and cakes for the parishioners who joined us at the Year 5 Mass on Monday. On Tuesday, year 4 enjoyed their trip Tullie House in Carlisle, experiencing life as an evacuee. They really enjoyed their day and this will help with their topic work this term. Our Parents Guild had their meeting at 6.30pm on Tuesday evening, sadly nobody else has offered to help at the Christmas Fair or Discos. Please if you can help out, contact our school office. On Thursday we had our 'Bog-eyed Jog' to help raise funds to pay for the Christmas Dinner that we provide for the elderly parishioners. Thank you to all of the children who came so early in the morning to take part in the jog and thank you to our breakfast club staff for providing the breakfasts! Please send any sponsor money in to school as soon as possible. Year 2 had a brilliant day on Thursday when they had a 'Play in a Day' workshop.

What is happening this week? On Monday year 6 will be going to Barrow to join the other schools at a special Mass at St Mary's RC Church. The bus will be leaving school at 9am, please could children make sure they are in school promptly. They will be back at lunchtime so do not need packed lunches. Year 3 will be going to Mass at our Church at 9am, you are very welcome to join them if you possibly can. On Wednesday we are hoping that some children will join the ladies at Seascale to make up the Mary's Meals Backpacks. Our Choir will be going to the Coronation Hall after lunch on Wednesday to rehearse for the South Cumbria Musical Festival's Schools Showcase Concert. If you would like to come to the concert tickets are available from school priced at £3. The concert starts at 6pm. On Thursday morning Father Bob will be holding Remembrance Services for KS1 and KS2. On Saturday afternoon our school hall will be used for Our Lady & St James' RC Church Christmas Fair. Please do come and support our Church fundraising from 2pm.

Our Choir will be singing at Miss Haythorn's wedding on Saturday 19th November in Barrow. We are all really excited about this and will be practicing hard for this during the next two weeks.

PARENTS GUILD SHOPPING TRIP: The coach will leave the Market Square at 7.30am on Saturday 12th November, seats on the coach have been allocated and seat numbers will be given to you when you board the coach. Hotel check in information will be given to you during the journey. The coach leaves Liverpool at 3.30pm on Sunday 13th November.

MARTIN'S RUGBY TRIP: Martin has organised a trip to watch the Scotland v New Zealand rugby match at Workington on Friday 11th November leaving the Market Square at 5.15pm. He has the following tickets available – 2 adult tickets (standing) these are £20 each which includes the coach. 1 adult seated at £25 including coach and 1 child/oap seated at £17.50 including coach. If you would like any of these tickets please contact Martin asap.

We welcome Summer Benson and Sarah Blastock to our school this week. Summer has joined our year 2 class and Sarah joined year 3. We hope both girls will be happy in their new classes and we know they have made a lot of friends already.

Please remember to look out for any raffle / tombola items you could donate towards our school Christmas Fair on 27th November. Any donations can be brought in to school.

Please enjoy bonfire night and remember to keep safe!

FACEBOOK

We have made some changes to our school Facebook site. Each class now has a closed page where photos and other information will be posted by staff. Our main school page will be used to post information, reminders, links to newsletter etc. There will be no photos on here.

If you are a parent and would like to be added to your child's group ***please search for the following:-***

Reception St James 2016/2017
Y1 St James 2016/2017
Y2 St James 2016/2017
Y3 St James 2016/2017
Y4 St James 2016/2017
Y5 St James 2016/2017
St James Y6 Class of 2017

ILLNESS

Please remember to ring into school in the morning if your child is absent, stating the nature of their illness.

There is still a nasty sickness bug going around at the moment please could we 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.*** Many thanks for your help.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS & INFORMATION

We do not distribute paper copies of our school newsletter

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SCHOOL MEALS</u></p> <p>Please remember to order your child's school meals or cancel them by 9.30am.</p> <p>The website address is: www.lunchshop.co.uk</p>	<p>but parents can specifically request to be sent one each week. 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>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>BREAKFAST CLUB</u></p> <p>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. <i>(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.)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS</u></p> <p>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.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>VIP'S</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sebastian Keogh, Lucas Sim, Freddie Allington, Ellena Brown, Emily Dawson, Trent Ruddy, Caitlin Crowther</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>BIRTHDAYS FROM 31st OCTOBER TO 6th NOVEMBER</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jansen Redhead, Olivia Robinson, Jensen Bagshaw</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SCHOOL UNIFORM</u></p> <p>Just a reminder of our official school uniform which should be worn by all pupils. All uniform should have your child's name on it. Please also label coats and pumps.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>GIRLS UNIFORM</u></p> <p>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 style="text-align: center;"><u>BOYS UNIFORM</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NO TRAINERS to be worn to school. Thank you.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>PE KITS & EARRINGS</u></p> <p>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. Please remove your child's earrings on PE days. And also on Swimming days. Our school policy is that staff does not remove earrings for the children and that a plaster covering the earring is not sufficient.</p> <p>Your child may not be allowed to take part in PE and other sports activities if they do not have the appropriate sports kit or they are wearing earrings which they cannot remove themselves. Thank you.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>PE KIT</u></p> <p>White top (with or without school logo). Black shorts. Black pumps.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SAFEGUARDING & CHILD PROTECTION</u></p> <p>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 style="text-align: center;"><u>PRAYER INTENTIONS</u></p> <p>Please could you remember in your prayers this week, Alice Hirst who is poorly in hospital. Alice is Karen our school nurse's mother in law. We ask Our Blessed Lady to take care of Alice and be a comfort and support to her family at this time. (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>Monday 7th – Year 6 at Mass – St Mary's Barrow 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,</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MASS TIMES</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Our Lady & St James RC Church, Millom</u></p> <p>Mass is celebrated on Sunday morning at 10.30am Confessions are held on Sunday morning from 10am – 10.25am</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sacred Heart RC Church, Coniston</u></p> <p>Mass is celebrated on Saturday evening at 6pm Confessions are held on Saturday evening from 5.30pm – 5.55pm</p> <p>You can contact Fr Robert Halshaw on 01229 779673 For details and information please visit the website www.saintfranciscumbria.com</p>

<p>Y5/6 also after school dance class Friday 18th – Children in Need Saturday 27th – School Christmas Fair 11.30am -2.30pm Wednesday 30th – Young Voices practice</p> <p><u>December</u></p> <p>Thursday 1st – School Disco Saturday 3rd – Blackburn Rovers Girls Day Out Tuesday 6th – KS1 Xmas Play 2pm & 6pm Wednesday 7th – KS1 Xmas Play 6pm 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><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>
<p><u>PARENT AND TODDLER FOOTBALL</u></p> <p>Every Tuesday 4.15pm – 5pm At Millom Recreation Centre Ages 2 - 5 years £3.50 per child (adults free) No booking required.</p>	<p><u>RESIDENTIAL TRIP DATES 2017</u></p> <p>Year 5 Lockerbie – Wednesday 17th – Friday 19th May Year 6 London – Monday 12th June – Wednesday 14th June</p> <p><i>You can start to pay for the 2017 trips now – please call in to our school office for details!</i></p> <p><u>RESIDENTIAL TRIP DATE 2018</u></p> <p>Year 5 Lockerbie Wednesday 16th – Friday 18th May</p>
<p><u>MOORE ARTS:MILLOM @ The Beggar's Theatre</u> <u>Youth Theatre Programme</u> 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 <i>We will take children up to the theatre from school and you can collect them there at 5pm.</i> 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><u>CLASS MASSES</u></p> <p>Monday 7th November – Year 3 Mass at 9am in Church Monday 21st November – Whole Scool 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><i>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.</i></p>
<p><u>WHAT'S ON AT THE BEGGAR'S THEATRE</u></p> <p>Thursday 10th 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 775677 or call in at the theatre to book your tickets</p>	<p><u>Mary's Meals Backpack Appeal</u></p> <p>Mrs Capstick came into school (before the half term holiday) to tell us about the 'Mary's Meals Backpack Appeal' and we are now collecting for it. Each class has some suggestions of what to bring in these are:-</p> <p>Reception - Pencils, coloured pencils, biros, pens, rubbers, pencil sharpeners and rulers. Shorts, T shirts, dresses and shoes. Year 1 – Pencils, coloured pencils, biros, pens, rubbers, pencil sharpeners and rulers. Shorts, T shirts, dresses and shoes. Year 2 – Pencils, coloured pencils, biros, pens, rubbers, pencil sharpeners and rulers. Shorts, T shirts, dresses and shoes. Year 3 – Toothpaste and toothbrushes, desert / cereal spoons, shorts, T shirts, dresses and shoes. Year 4 – Notepads and exercise books, tennis balls, shorts, T shirts, dresses and shoes. Year 5 – Hand towels and bars of soap, shorts, T shirts, dresses and shoes. Year 6 – Back Packs and Pencil Cases, shorts, T shirts, dresses and shoes. (We would also be grateful for flip flops, sandals, black pumps, crocs and trainers – in good condition please).</p> <p><u>LITTLE JIMMY'S TODDLER GROUP</u></p> <p>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. All welcome ☺</p>