



St James Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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

Reception: This week we have been practicing our songs for the Christmas play, they are sounding very good and we are very excited about performing them to you! Next week, we will be having lots of play practices. In writing this week, the children have really impressed us with their work on the Little Red Hen and have written the story themselves! In Maths, the children have enjoyed finding shapes around the classroom, making patterns and making lots of shape pictures. This topic will continue into next week. The weather has become a lot colder, so if you haven't been, please could you send your child in with a hat and gloves to keep them warm at playtime! We hope you have a lovely weekend!

Year 1: A lovely, busy week in Year One! We have really enjoyed our new book 'Night Monkey Day Monkey'. We have had lots of lovely writing and craft work from this book. In maths we have completed our addition section and will move onto subtraction next week. We have been really busy with play practices this week and are looking forward to our performance. Homework this week – science related. Look for light sources in your house. Research Nocturnal animals – find some information and pictures to share with the class. Have a lovely weekend!

Year 2: Next week we are completing our subtraction work and moving to adding 3 numbers in different ways. Then we are looking at some word problems. In Literacy we are redrafting our long writing from this week and then we are moving on to instruction writing. We are going to follow some instructions and then write our own. In RE we are looking at the beginning of the Nativity story. We are looking at life cycles of plants and animals in Science over the next few weeks to complete this unit of work about living things. Our end of term musical is improving every day. Can you please keep practicing the words even if the children know them because they need to be fluent so they don't need to use the scripts. Thank you for your help. Have a great weekend.

Year 3: We started the week off with a lovely mass on Monday morning. Thank you to those that came and joined us. We have an Advent Mass on Tuesday morning this week – again, it is lovely when parents and grandparents can join us for this. This week in Literacy we have completed our story writing unit and next week move onto a non-fiction unit looking at non-chronological reports. Children have been doing well with their x3 and x4 tables. Well done to all that have been practising at home! This really helps! Next week, we will also be starting learning hymns and practising for our KS2 Carol Concert which is the following Thursday 8th December! Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Year 4: We have had lots to do this week in Year 4! In literacy, we have been writing up our own tales of fear. The children have had some fantastic ideas and I am really looking forward to reading their final drafts next week. Once we have finished these stories, we will move on to writing instructions. In maths, the children have been working hard with multiplying 2-digit numbers. Next week, we will move on to multiplying numbers with 3-digits in them. The more practice the children have with their times tables, the easier these tasks will become. As we get closer to Christmas, we have started to think about Mary and the trust that she had in God. To do this, we read the story of the Annunciation. Thank you to everyone who has donated items for our class Christmas hamper; your help is very much appreciated! Our school Christmas fair is this Sunday from 11:30am – 2:30pm and it would be lovely to see you there with the children to support the school. I hope you have a lovely weekend!

Year 5: We've been really busy this week getting ready for the Christmas Fair on Sunday and working hard during our lessons. In our Literacy lessons, we have finished our work on explanations texts and the children wrote some really impressive explanations about why we experience night and day. In Maths, we have been exploring prime, composite, cube and square numbers – homework is related to this! This coming week we will be looking at narrative writing and in Maths, we will be multiplying 3 and 4 digit numbers by a single digit. Times tables practice is again essential and the children have cards for the 8 x table to learn over the weekend. We will begin our rehearsals for the Carol concert which will be held on the evening of the 8th December. Have a great weekend and I hope to see lots of you on Sunday at the Christmas Fair.

Year 6: Thank you to all the parents who have sent generous contributions for our hamper for the Christmas Fair; it looks amazing! In school next week, we will begin to turn our thoughts to Christmas: the children will start to learn the words for carols and we will be choosing roles for the Carol Service in Church. We try very hard to accommodate the children's wishes, but occasionally some may be disappointed; we can only choose one Mary/Joseph! Learning in maths and Literacy continues. In maths we will be looking at what we can do with remainders when we divide, and in literacy, we will be starting a new narrative unit of work. In RE, we will continue learning about justice, and how people like Martin Luther King fought for justice in their lives. Have a great weekend!

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

What's been happening! We had a whole school Mass on Monday morning to celebrate the end of the Year of Mercy. Thank you to the children who read so beautifully at this Mass and at the Youth Mass on Sunday. On Tuesday our Parents

Guild finalised plans for this weekend's Christmas Fair, please do support us on Sunday from 11.30am until 2.30pm. KS1 have been busy all week practising their Christmas play – it sounds brilliant and I'm sure like me, you can't wait to see it! I would just like to say a big thank you to the members of our choir who sang so beautifully last Saturday at Mr & Mrs Macheta's wedding. Everyone was so impressed with you all and we were very proud of you too.

What is happening? We have a whole school Mass for the start of Advent on Tuesday morning, parents, family and friends are very welcome to join us at Church at 9.30am. On Tuesday afternoon we have our Open Afternoon for parents of children due to start school in reception class in September 2017.

On Wednesday our Young Voices children will be going to practise at Millom School. Our School Autumn Term Disco is on Thursday evening. KS1 will be continuing with their play practise throughout the week.

Next Saturday is the Blackburn Rovers Girls Trip, the bus leaves the Market Square at 9am and will return after the match.

CHRISTMAS FAIR VERY IMPORTANT: Our Parents Guild has arranged our Christmas Fair for Sunday 27th November. Any donations of prizes, cakes or pastries can be dropped off at school on Saturday 26th between 11am - 2pm or on Sunday morning. Please do come and support our school Christmas Fair, it is our major fundraiser of the year. There will be raffles, tombola's, cake stall, seasonal food, and craft room – lots to keep everyone busy! Father Christmas will be here in his Grotto! The fair is on from 11.30am until 2.30pm.

OPEN AFTERNOON: On Tuesday 29th November we will be having our Open Afternoon for parents of children due to start in Reception Class in September 2017. Tours of our school begin at 2pm and you can meet our staff and find out more about what we can offer you and your child. If you have any friends who have children due to start school next year please do tell them about our Open Afternoon.

SCHOOL DISCO: Our Parents Guild have organised an Autumn Term Disco on Thursday 1st December. KS1 is from 5.30pm – 6.30pm and KS2 from 7pm – 8.15pm. Admission is £1 per child. Hot dogs, sweets, candy floss, drinks, crisps and glo bands will be on sale. Children can be collected afterwards in the usual way but can we please ask that children are not dropped off early. If anyone can help out at the disco we would be very grateful, please contact our school office.

KS1 MULTISKILLS: On Thursday 1st December we would like to invite children from Reception Class to join Andrew at the KS1 MultiSkills. This is a taster session for children who are interested in joining the MultiSkills after school club in the spring term. The children from year 1 and 2 who usually attend will be there too. Further details and a reply form have been sent home tonight.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS: Christmas events start in school on Tuesday 6th December – Year 5 & 6 will be raising money towards their residential trip in the afternoon from 1pm until 3pm. KS1 will be performing their Christmas Play at 2pm and 6pm; the play will be performed again at 6pm on Wednesday 7th. Details about tickets etc. will be sent home to you nearer the time. On Thursday 8th KS2 have their Carol Service at 6pm in Church; there will be a rehearsal which you can come to at 2pm. On Friday 9th our Little Jimmy's Toddler Group have their Christmas Party in the morning. Our choir will be singing at The Blind Society Christmas Party in the afternoon.

On Monday 12th we have our school Christmas Dinner, please ensure you book this using the Lunchshop system – you should be able to book this next week and I would ask that you do so as soon as possible please, it will greatly help Karen, our cook with preparations and ordering of food. On Tuesday 13th KS1 have their party in the afternoon, Year 3 & 4 have their party on Wednesday 14th, Year 5 & 6 have their party on Thursday 15th and in the evening year 6 play host to the elderly parishioners for their annual Christmas Dinner. We break up on Friday 16th at 1.30pm; this will also be our Christmas Jumper Day.

Children return to school on Thursday 5th January 2017.

Have a good weekend everybody!

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

ILLNESS

Please remember to ring into school in the morning if your child is absent, stating the nature of their illness. Please could we remind parents of the advice concerning sickness and diarrhoea. **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.

<p>Y4 St James 2016/2017 Y5 St James 2016/2017 St James Y6 Class of 2017</p>	<p><u>SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS & INFORMATION</u> We do not distribute paper copies of our school newsletter 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><u>VIP'S</u> Faith Brunskill, Harry Dawson, Libby Evans, Frankie Kelly, Nicole Snell, Isaac Dreghorn, Sam Atkinson, Tommy Gill</p>	<p><u>AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS</u> 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><u>BIRTHDAYS FROM 21 – 27 NOVEMBER 2016</u> India Jackson, Harvey Waistell, Libby Evans, Hannah Thompson, Maisie Tyson, Deacon Wilkinson, Livvi Kershaw</p>	<p><u>PARENT AND TODDLER FOOTBALL</u> 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>BREAKFAST CLUB</u> 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><u>PE KITS & EARRINGS</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. 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. 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. <u>PE KIT</u> White top (with or without school logo). Black shorts. Black pumps.</p>
<p><u>SCHOOL UNIFORM</u> 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. <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. Summer Uniform is pink school dress with white socks, white sandals may be worn. <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. NO TRAINERS to be worn to school. Thank you.</p>	<p><u>PRAYER INTENTIONS</u> We ask you to pray especially for Katherine and Jimmy's great grandma, Moyra Mossop who has very sadly passed away this week. We ask God to welcome Moyra into His Kingdom. We ask Our Blessed Lady to comfort her family and friends at this very sad time. Please join us as we pray especially for Moyra – <i>Eternal rest give unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.</i> (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><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 a link to this is on our school website.</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</p>
<p><u>SCHOOL MEALS</u> 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><u>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY</u> Sunday 27th – School Christmas Fair 11.30am -2.30pm Wednesday 30th – Young Voices practice <u>December</u></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
JANUARY 2017
 Thursday 5th – Children start back at school
 Friday 13th – Pantomime 'Sleeping Beauty' in school pm

WHAT'S ON AT THE BEGGAR'S THEATRE

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

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

ST JAMES CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS FAIR
Sunday 27th November
11.30am – 2.30pm
Admission £1
*Raffles, Tombolas, Cake Stall, Craft Room,
 Table tops, Xmas food & so much more!
 See Father Christmas in his Grotto!*

details and information please visit the website
www.saintfranciscumbria.com

TERM DATES 2016-2017
 Autumn Term 2016: **Tuesday 6th Sept. 16 - Friday 16th Dec.
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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

CLASS MASSES

Tuesday 29th November – Whole School Advent Mass at
 9.30am in Church
 Monday 5th December – Year 6 Mass at 9am in Church with
 refreshments afterwards in the Columba Room

*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.*

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. All welcome ☺

RECYCLE with MICHAEL!
**If you have any clothing or shoes that you no longer wear
 these can be put in the big green clothing bin at the main
 office entrance to school. This is for the Salvation Army
 and we do get a donation towards school fund for it.**

MADS ABOUT CHRISTMAS
At St James' Catholic Primary School
Saturday 3rd December
7.30pm
Tickets available from Spoilt for Choice