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St James Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Monday 5 December – Christmas

Week Beginning: Thursday 5 January 2017

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

Reception	<p>This week the children have worked very hard on our show 'Lights, Camel, Action!' and they are looking forward to showing you their hard work next week when we perform it to you all! The children have produced fantastic writing about the Little Red Hen which we have now finished, and they have also worked very hard on 2D shapes. Next week the children will be looking at 1/2 more and less in maths and in Literacy we will be looking more closely at the Christmas story and having a go at writing some parts of it. Please could we also ask for any spare white t-shirts, black leggings, tights etc. as we are running short of spare clothes – thank you! We hope you have a lovely weekend!</p> <p>(Phonics taught so far: s,a,t,p,i,n,m,d,g,o,c,k,ck,e,u,r,h,b,f,l Tricky Words: the, was, my, me).</p>
Year 1:	<p>This week we have been very busy with our play practice 'Lights, Camel, Action!' We are looking forward to showing you all next week. This week 'Buddy' our class elf has arrived, the children are very excited to find out what he has been up to in our classroom. Next week we will be writing letters for him to take to Father Christmas.</p> <p>This week we have started working on subtraction in Maths and looking at how to solve problems. We have been practising drawing the number sentence and crossing off to solve. I have sent some out as homework for the children to practice. In RE we have made advent promises and looked at the Christmas story. Have a lovely weekend.</p>
Year 2:	<p>We have another very busy week practicing our play ready for next week. The children have worked hard learning all their lines, songs and dances.</p> <p>Next week we are going to complete our science work looking at different food chains which we started this week. We are writing the Nativity story in RE and looking at the different people who visited baby Jesus. In maths we are going to complete our subtraction work renaming which I will send home next week for extra practice. We are writing lots of different instructions in Literacy and are going to try them out to see if they are correct. Have a great weekend and we look forward to seeing you all at our play.</p>
Year 3:	<p>We have had another busy week in school as we have started practising hymns and carols ready for our Carol Service on Thursday at 6pm. We hope you can all join us as this is always a lovely evening. Further details will be given next week including what time we would like the children to be back at school on the evening. In class, we have been looking at division – both grouping and sharing. Children have brought home their division fact cards for homework to practice and learn. In Literacy we have been learning about report writing and the features of these. Children have then been researching for information linked to our Science topic as the basis for writing a report next week.</p>
Year 4:	<p>We have been getting into the Christmas spirit this week! On Tuesday, we went along to Advent mass and all week we have been rehearsing for our church carol service. We hope that you will all be able join us for this next Thursday at 6pm. It will be a lovely evening and the children have been working hard on their singing! We've still found time to do some work though. In maths we have been looking at multiplying multiples of 100 and 3-digit numbers. The children have worked really well on this and are ready to move on to looking at division next week. In literacy we have completed our work on writing tales of fear and have begun looking at instruction writing by learning the text 'How to trap a dragon'. I hope you all have a lovely weekend!</p>
Year 5:	<p>Year 5 have been working hard this week and will continue with our work next week. We have started to practice for the KS2 Carol Service which is in Church on Thursday 8th December at 6pm. We will be having a dress rehearsal at 2pm, which you can come to if you are unable to attend in the evening. Thank you for your donations for our stall at last weeks Christmas Fair, we raised £112 towards our Lockerbie trip! We will be continuing our fund raising efforts on Tuesday 6th December by Carol Singing in Tesco with year 6 from 1pm – 3pm. Please come and support us if you possibly can and tell your family and friends that we will be there! Have a lovely weekend.</p>
Year 6:	<p>It might only be the 2nd of December, but preparations for Christmas are in full swing! On Tuesday we celebrated our Advent Mass in church. We have been rehearsing the nativity ready for our Carol service in Church next Thursday. All children who are wearing costumes need to be back at school for 5.30pm. Readers need to wear choir uniform, and should be in school for 5.45. We hope you will all be able to join us as we celebrate the Christmas story. Next Tuesday, Year 6 will be attending Mass at 9.00 and afterwards we will be providing refreshments for the parishioners. As usual, you are very welcome to join us. We would be very grateful for any donations of cakes to serve after the service. On Tuesday afternoon, some of the children will be carol singing at</p>

Tesco to raise money for the residential trip to London. The children involved will be back at school before the end of the school day. There will be no more homework sent until the new school year! I look forward to seeing you over the next two weeks. Have a great weekend!

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

What's been happening! We had our whole school Mass for the start of Advent on Tuesday morning, thank you to those parents and family members who joined us at Church. On Tuesday afternoon we had our Open Afternoon for parents of children due to start school in reception class in September 2017. Thank you to all of those who came along and it was lovely to meet you and show you around our school. The Young Voices had their practice at Millom School on Wednesday morning. Our Parents Guild held our Autumn Term Discos on Thursday, these were very well attended and the children really enjoyed themselves. Thanks to those parents who came along and helped out. KS1 have been practicing for their Nativity Play throughout this week and we are all looking forward to watching it next week! KS2 have started to practice for the Carol Service.

The girls Blackburn Rovers trip is this Saturday 3rd December, please can you be in the Market Square ready to leave at 9am. We will return at about 7pm.

What is happening during the last two weeks!

Week commencing 5th December:

On Monday the school nursing team will be coming to give the Flu Vaccines to those children from years 1, 2 and 3 who returned their forms. Tuesday sees our Christmas celebrations begin! Year 6 will be going to Mass at 9am; they will be providing refreshments afterwards in the Columba Room for parishioners and those who have joined us for Mass. We would be grateful for any donations of cakes and biscuits from year 6 for this - please take these to the office on Tuesday morning. You are all very welcome to come and join us at Church. A group of year 5 & 6 children will be singing carols and Christmas songs in Tesco from 1pm – 3pm to raise money for their residential trips, please do support them if you possibly can. In the morning KS1 perform their nativity play for KS2 before performing it for parents at 6pm. There will also be other performances at 2pm and 6pm on Wednesday. Tickets have been sent home for these performances but any spares will be available from the office at 9am on Monday morning. On Thursday KS2 have their Carol Service in Church, there is a dress rehearsal at 2pm which you may go to if you are unable to attend the Service in the evening at 6pm. As always there will be raffles at all of the nativity plays and Carol Service, all monies raised helps towards the cost of costumes. Little Jimmy's Toddler Group have their Christmas party on Friday morning. Our school choir will be singing at the Blind Society Christmas Party in the afternoon. We will have our last assembly on Friday when VIP's, Certificates and Birthday Cakes will be given out.

Week commencing 12th December:

On Monday 12th we have our school Christmas Dinner, **if you have not already done so please order this today on lunchshop as Karen, our cook, needs to complete her food order.** Year 5 will be going on a trip to Ulpha on Tuesday 13th, leaving school at 9.15am and returning by 3pm. Mrs Marmion will be sending a letter home with further details. KS1 have their Christmas Party in the afternoon. Years 3 & 4 have their party on Wednesday afternoon and Year 5 & 6 have theirs on Thursday afternoon. Letters will be sent home about what food to send in for parties. On Thursday evening, year 6 will play hosts to the elderly parishioners for their annual Christmas Dinner. Thank you to Martin Cairns for raising the money to pay for this through the sports trips he organises throughout the year. On Friday 16th we have our Christmas Jumper Day when we all come to school in uniforms but wear Christmassy jumpers. **We break up from school at 1.30pm.**

Children return to school on Thursday 5th January 2017.

Week commencing 9th January:

We have a whole school Mass on Monday 9th January at which you are all welcome to join us. Swimming starts again for years 3 & 4 on Wednesday 11th. On Friday 13th we have the pantomime 'Sleeping Beauty' being performed in school, this is a professional production and we would like to ask for a donation of £2 per child towards the cost of this please.

School Christmas Fair

A big thank you to the members of our Parents Guild and all who helped out at our school Christmas Fair last Sunday, it was a brilliant day and enjoyed by so many people. Just short of £1800 was raised on the day, which is a fantastic amount – well done everyone! Thank you to those who baked and sent in prizes and thank you to Father Christmas for taking time out of his busy schedule to come and visit the children.

Our Parents Guild has worked tirelessly throughout the year to raise much needed funds for school, all of which goes directly for the benefit of the children. Thank you to the guild and thank you to those parents who came and helped at the fair and discos on Thursday, it really is much appreciated by everyone.

Flu Immunisations

The School Health Immunisation team will be in school on Monday 5th December to give the Nasal Flu vaccine to those children from years 1, 2 & 3 who have had forms returned. This is the rescheduled date as they cancelled their previous appointment. They are able to offer Nasal Flu for any child in years 1, 2 & 3 - who missed out when they did the recent school sessions. They will be holding clinics as detailed below:-

Tuesday 6th December 4.00 - 6.00pm at Keswick Community Hospital Access Centre

Tuesday 6th December 3.00 - 6.00pm at Maryport Sure Start Centre

Thursday 8th December 3.00 - 5.00pm at Workington Community Hospital Speech & Language department

Tuesday 13th December 3.30 - 5.30pm at Flatt Walks Health Centre

Wednesday 14th December 3.00 - 6.00pm at Wigton Hospital (go to main Reception)

After School Clubs

Our After school clubs have now finished – except tennis which will finish on 13th December. Mrs High will be sending out forms for the new term of Athletics, please look out for these in your children's school bags as Athletics is always a very popular club. Multiskills begins on Wednesday 11th January for KS2 and Thursday 12th January for KS1 – new members are welcome to join these clubs.

This is our last full newsletter of this school term but we will send an information letter home when we break up.

Have a good weekend everyone!

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

VIP'S

Hansen Crellin, Lily Darby, Aimee Redhead, Cerys Rowe,
Kai Aston

BIRTHDAYS FROM 28th NOVEMBER 2016 – 8th January 2017

Lyla Shaw, Holly Clunie, Aoife Crocker, Sharona Hornby,
Connor Jackson, McKenna Garratt, Erin Nugent, Klayden
Wright, Molly Cairns, Thomas Garnett, Evan Pugh, Isaak Kelly,
Keira Mason

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.)*

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.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS & INFORMATION

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

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.

PARENT AND TODDLER FOOTBALL

Every Tuesday 4.15pm – 5pm
At Millom Recreation Centre
Ages 2 - 5 years £3.50 per child
(adults free) No booking required.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

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.

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.

NO TRAINERS to be worn to school. Thank you.

PE KITS & EARRINGS

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.

PE KIT

White top (with or without school logo). Black shorts. Black pumps.

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.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We ask you to remember in your prayers this week Kai, Harrison, Kallie, Klayden and Mylah's great grandad, Dennis Lobb who has very sadly died this week. We ask God to welcome Dennis into His Kingdom. We pray especially for all of his family at this very sad time and ask Our Blessed Lady to comfort them. Please join us as we pray especially for Dennis – *Eternal rest give unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.* (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)

SCHOOL MEALS

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

The website address is: www.lunchshop.co.uk

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

December

Tuesday 6th – KS1 Xmas Play 6pm

Wednesday 7th – KS1 Xmas Play at 2pm & 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

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 4 Castlerigg – Monday 20th – Wednesday 22nd March

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

WHAT'S ON AT THE BEGGAR'S THEATRE

Sunday 4th December – CINDERELLA pantomime at 2pm

Tickets £7 concessions / £9 adult

Friday 16th December – SHAPPI KHORSANDI at 8pm

Tickets £13 concessions / £15 adult

www.beggartheatre.co.uk

<p>775677 or call in at the theatre to book your tickets Tickets are available on the door too</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</i> <i>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>Tuesday 6th December – Year 6 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>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>
	<p><u>RECYCLE with MICHAEL!</u></p> <p>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.</p>
<p align="center">MADS ABOUT CHRISTMAS At St James' Catholic Primary School Saturday 3rd December 7.30pm Tickets available from Spoilt for Choice</p>	