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St James Catholic Primary School Newsletter- *Monday 30 January 2017*

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

Reception	The children have now finished their work on the Enormous Turnip and they ended the week by writing some fantastic new stories! In maths, the children have been counting in 10s, as well as adding simple sums together – their counting is really coming along! Next week, we will be moving on to a new topic where we will be thinking about length, weight and capacity. Thank you to the parents who have dropped off any plastic or cardboard recycling, we really appreciate it as it will help with our art project next week. We hope that you all have a lovely weekend! Phonics taught: all the alphabet + sh, th, ee, qu, ch) VIP: Anya Forrest
Year 1	A lovely week in Year 1! We have brought our instructions to an end this week and the children have produced some fantastic writing. We really enjoyed making a fruit salad and writing about it. Next week we will be starting the 'Three Little Pigs' story. In Maths we have finished subtraction and we will be moving on to 'positions'. <i>Please try and read with your child for at least 5 minutes every night.</i> It does make a difference and it really helps the children with their reading progress. Have a lovely weekend. VIP: Harry Nugent
Year 2	We have been planning some new exciting stories today which we are going to write next week. Hopefully we will make them into a class book to read to Year 1. In maths we are moving on to division and multiplication work. In RE we are looking at another bible story where Jesus performs a miracle and helps a lame man to walk. Can you please make sure your children have their PE kits in school they are lots that have not been brought in since before Christmas. We are having dance with Miss Carter on a Monday afternoon and then our other PE session with Mr Marshall Thursday afternoon. Can I please also ask you to read daily with your children and encourage them to use the Athletics programme as this is a super resource to help their maths improve. Have a great weekend. VIP: Jamie Harrison
Year 3	We have had a good week in Year 3 this week. Children have been planning their own warning stories and starting to write them. Children have also started to edit and improve their own writing too – looking at spellings and punctuation and some are doing a really good job at this. In Maths we have been completing some assessments on multiplication and division using the 3, 4 and 8 times tables. For homework this week, we have some measuring to do in preparation for our new unit next week and a reading comprehension. We have also subscribed to the Spellodrome site now; I have asked children to have a little go at this if they get chance too! We are starting swimming next week finally!! Please make sure that children have their swimming kit and towel with them on Wednesday. Finally, on Thursday, we do have outdoor PE and it can be very cold. Children need to bring a warm tracksuit and trainers please. Have a lovely weekend everyone! VIP: Louisa Park
Year 4	We've been hard at work this week in Year 4. In maths, we have been looking at equivalent fractions. The children have found this work quite tricky, so we will continue working on this next week. In literacy, the children have been writing up their own conquering the monster tales. They've been using lots of good description for their monsters and I am looking forward to reading the finished stories! We will complete them next week before moving onto our new unit of work looking at non-chronological reports. In RE, we have been looking at how Jesus came to show us the way to live. To do this, the children have been researching different charities and explaining how their work follows the teachings of Jesus. On Friday, we had our first Kidsafe session. A letter has been sent home explaining what the children have learnt and we will continue with these sessions next week. I hope you all have a lovely weekend! VIP: Ellie Young
Year 5	What a busy week we have had! I would like to say a huge thank you to all who donated cakes to our cake sale. The children really enjoyed running the event to raise money for their upcoming residential trip. I would also like to thank the children from other classes who went out of their way to help us by bringing in cakes for us to sell; this was really thoughtful of you. We managed to raise £165. This week in Literacy, we will be looking at instruction writing and in Maths, we will be finding equivalent fractions; homework is linked to this. Please can you try and find some extra time to help your child to learn their times tables. This is a vital part of their maths and helps with so much of your work in Y5. Our RE work is looking at Inspirational People. We will be thinking about how we can be disciples of Jesus and about those who inspire us to do so. Have a great weekend! VIP: Cade Heavyside
Year 6	We've had yet another busy week in year 6. In Literacy, we have shared a book called <i>Flanimals</i> by Ricky Gervais, and as a result, the children are now writing reports about their own 'Flanimal'! So far, their work is looking really good. Next week, we will be learning about the Amazonian rainforest and thinking about whether or not we need to do more to save it. In maths we have learnt how to divide a fraction by a whole number and we have also looked at solving problems involving fractions. Next week, we will be moving on to percentages. In RE we will be starting to learn about the Mass and the significance of the different parts. On Wednesday, I will be taking 11 children to Manchester to sing with the Young Voices choir. If your child is involved, please check the class Facebook page, as I will post updates on our journey home on that page. Have a great weekend! VIP: Drew Heasley

Birthdays 23/1/17 – 29/1/17: Kallie Wright, Rio Walker

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

Week commencing 23rd January: Thank you to those parents and parishioners who joined Year 3 at Mass on Tuesday, it was lovely to see you. The Young Voices had their last rehearsal on Tuesday at Millom School. Year 5 raised £165 at their cake sale on Thursday in aid of their residential trip fund. Thank you to all who baked and sent in cakes, they were delicious! Thanks to everyone who bought them and helped us raise this grand total.

Week commencing 30th January: Good luck to Mrs Orchard and the children from the Young Voices who go to Manchester on Wednesday 1st February for the performance at the Manchester Arena. We hope they all have a fantastic day and enjoy the experience. The Blackburn Rovers Boys Day will be on Saturday 4th February, the coach leaves the Market Square at 9.30am.

Swimming: The swimming pool will be open as usual this week so children from years 3&4 will be swimming on Wednesday, please remember to send kits into school.

Sunday Mass: We have started to attend Mass on Sunday mornings every other week; the next one is this Sunday 29th January 2017 at 10.30am. Children will be doing the readings and the offertory as well as joining in with the singing. Mrs Nicholas will be checking which children would like to and are able to attend beforehand so that readings can be given out in good time. It is lovely that the children have begun to attend Mass and it is nice that parents come along to support them too. It does mean a lot to our parish community to have the children at Mass so thank you for your support. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday ☺

Educational Welfare Officer: We now have a School Educational Welfare Officer, she is Mrs Sue Mallinson and she works for the Furness Catholic Schools, which we are part of. As you know we monitor our school attendance constantly and unfortunately lots of children are falling below our school target of 95%. We do understand that there may be legitimate reasons for the absence such as illness but we do have a duty to promote and pursue good attendance for all pupils. We will be contacting you to let you know if your child's attendance is between 90 – 95% and we will be monitoring it more closely in the future. Parents of children whose attendance falls below 90% will be receiving letters from Mrs Mallinson inviting them to attend a meeting with her and Mrs Nicholas in the near future. We do have a legal responsibility to inform parents when their child's attendance drops below 90%, which is the threshold set by the local authority. Please do contact me if you wish to speak about your child's attendance.

Headlice: We appear to have a problem with headlice at the moment. Please could we ask you to check your child's head regularly but especially this weekend. There are various lotions available at the local chemists, please do contact the pharmacists for advice.

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:-

KS1

Reception St James 2016/2017
Y1 St James 2016/2017
Y2 St James 2016/2017

KS2

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. 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 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

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.)

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

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.

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 ☺

ATTENDANCE AWARD WEEK ENDING 27th JANUARY 2017

- 1st – Reception Class – 98%
- 2nd – Year 6 – 96.5%
- 3rd – Year 5 – 95.3%
- 4th – Year 4 – 95.2%
- Joint 5th – Year 2 & Year 3 – 93.3%
- 7th – Year 1 – 92.2%

Well done to Reception Class you have the trophy this week!

TERM DATES 2016-2017

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

Year 5 Lockerbie Wednesday 16th – Friday 18th May

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FEBRUARY 2017

Wed. 1.2.2017 – Young Voices
Sat. 4.2.2017 – Blackburn Rovers Boys Day Out
Mon. 13.2.2017 – Parents Meeting – Y4
Fri. 17.2.2017 – School Breaks up at 3.15pm: Half Term Hols.

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.

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

CLASS MASSES

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.

FEBRUARY 2017

Mon. 13th @ 9.00am Y5 Mass

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please remember in your prayers this week, all of our elderly relatives and members of our parish. We ask God to comfort the sick and housebound, and pray especially for those who care for them.

(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)

PARENTS GUILD DISCO DATES:

Thursday 30th March

Thursday 25th May

Thursday 13th July

KS1 – 5.30pm – 6.30pm

KS2 – 7.00pm – 8.15pm

If you would like to help out at any of our school discos, please contact a member of our Parents Guild, your help would be very much appreciated.

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.

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 +

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 to week of 17th October. 7th November to week of 5th December
Cost £40 per 10 week term

WHAT'S ON AT THE BEGGAR'S THEATRE -

www.beggarstheatre.co.uk

Friday 3rd February – 'The Thing That Came From Over There' 7.30pm
Thursday 23rd February – 'The Singular Exploits of Sherlock Holmes' 7.30pm
Saturday 25th February – 'Bye Bye Baby' 8pm
Saturday 4th March – 'Blind Date' 8pm
Friday 10th March – 'Jack The Ripper – The Real Truth' 7.30pm
Friday 17th March – 'Sophie Willan: On Record' 8pm
Friday 31st March – 'Tom Allen & Suzi Ruffell' 8pm
Saturday 22nd April – 'Big Howard's Lol-Tastic' 2pm
Friday 28th April – 'Manford's Comedy Club' 8pm
Saturday 6th May – 'The Noise Next Door – Uproar' 8pm
Friday 26th May – 'The Six Sided Man' 7.30pm
Saturday 3rd June – 'Three Half Pints – The Three Musketeers' 2pm
Thursday 22nd June – 'Burton' 8pm
775677 or call in at the theatre to book your tickets.
Tickets are available on the door.

KD School of Dance – Classes held in St James' School Hall

Monday:

4.30 – 5.00pm Nursery Class
5.00 – 5.30pm Grade 1 Ballet Class
5.30 – 6.00pm Junior Hiphop
6.00 – 6.30pm ACRO class for all ages
6.30 – 7.00pm Boys Class
7.00 – 8.00pm Senior Class

Friday:

4.30 – 5.00pm Reception Class
5.00 – 5.30pm Year 1 Class
5.30 – 6.00pm Year 2 Class
6.00 – 6.45pm Junior Class
6.45 – 7.15pm Senior Stretch Class
7.15 – 8.00pm Senior Ballet Grade Class
8.00 – 8.30pm Pointe Class (Invite Only)
Contact Danielle Carter via Facebook or phone 01229 774466

RECYCLE with ST JAMES SCHOOL (& 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 collection is for the Salvation Army and we get a donation towards school fund when the items are collected by them. There are recycling bags available from school if you have any items that you would like to put in the recycling collection.