

St James Catholic Primary School Newsletter- Monday 13 February 2017

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


Reception	<p>The children have said good bye to our mystery robot this week; they have produced some fantastic descriptions of the rocket that the robot could travel home in as well as write a goodbye card to him too! In maths, we have been looking at capacity and trying to use the correct words to describe how full or empty the containers were. We will be carrying on with this next week! Next week will be thinking more about the miracles that Jesus performed. The children have no reading books next week; instead I have sent home a sheet with 100 High Frequency words and the children should know some of these words. Please could you support us by having a look at which words your child can read (or even spell) and tick them off as you go! Please can everyone make sure that they have put their child's name clearly in all items of clothing as we are having a lot of confusion with missing jumpers – especially on PE days! Have a lovely weekend! (Phonics taught this week: ai, ng) VIP: Hayden Brierley & Livvi Kershaw</p>
Year 1	<p>What a wonderful week in Year One! We have had lots of fun learning our new story 'the three little pigs' we have created posters, questions and developed the story opener. I have been very impressed with all the writing this week. On Tuesday afternoon we had a lovely craft afternoon making stick houses. We enjoyed pretending to be the big bad wolf and blowing the sticks. In Maths we have finished positions and moved onto shape. We have been looking at 2d and 3d shapes in our classroom and their properties. We have enjoyed labelling the classroom. We will continue with this next week looking at pattern and grouping shapes in different ways. We will also begin to look at length and height. In RE we have been looking at baptism and special family celebrations. We had a lovely visit from one of governors this week, Mr Rodgers it was lots of fun sharing our work with you. Hope you all have a wonderful weekend. VIP: Maddox Dawson</p>
Year 2	<p>This week we have been researching information about China. Next week we are going to write a non-chronological report to complete our topic. We are also going to create some descriptive poems. In maths we are completing our multiplication and division work. In RE we are looking at signs and symbols linked to Lent and how we prepare for Easter. Our science topic this term is Animals including Humans and we have been matching pictures of babies and older animals, seeing how some are similar and others like frogs and butterflies are different. Can I ask you to encourage the children to use our Athletics and Spellodrome programmes at home. They are fabulous resources with easy access funded by our school. They both use the same user name and password logins. Have a great weekend! VIP: Anderson Heavyside</p>
Year 3	<p>We have had a good week in Year 3 this week. Children have enjoyed their measuring activities in Maths, especially finding out how far one kilometre is! Hopefully children have a better understanding of this now. In Literacy, we completed our final piece of story writing based on the warning tales that we have been studying. We have now started looking at a different type of writing – News Reports – based on a mysterious creature! Ask your children about it! Thank you to all children that are completing homework, reading and using our online programme at home – this really does have a positive impact on your child's progress and work in school. VIP: Isabelle Thompson</p>
Year 4	<p>Year 4 have had a busy week! In maths, we have been looking at adding fractions and the children got the hang of this really well. Next week, we will be looking at subtracting fractions as well solving word problems. In literacy, the children have been doing lots of good work on non-chronological reports ready to write their own next week. In our RE lessons, we have been looking at Jesus' teachings through the parables. We are now fully subscribed to the Spellodrome site which the children can access using their Athletics username and password. A list of new spellings will be put on regularly that relate to what we are focusing on in class. Please encourage the children to log on and have a go at the different games and activities. I hope you all have a lovely weekend! VIP: Leah Wilkinson</p>
Year 5	<p>We have had a great week this week in Y5. The children have worked hard on their ability to order and simplify fractions. This coming week, we will be moving on to adding and subtracting fractions. In Literacy, the children will be planning and writing their own set of instructions, showing what they have learnt these past few weeks. In RE, we will be learning about how we can be inspirational people and how we are all called to be Saints. Have a great weekend! VIP: Jayden Woodburn</p>
Year 6	<p>The children have worked hard this week, grappling with converting fractions to decimals in maths and using colons correctly in their writing. We have also completed some assessments to check how the children are progressing. In the week after half term, there will be a parents' evening, where we can talk about how you can help your child further; I look forward to seeing you all. Next week we will finish our discursive writing in Literacy and in maths we will be learning about ratio and proportion. We have a trip to the Beggars Theatre to look forward to on Wednesday. I understand that there are a number of horrible viruses doing the rounds at the moment, but please try to ensure your child is at school every day: it is very disruptive to their learning when they miss work- it can be difficult for them to catch up. Have a good weekend. VIP: Leyla Brown & Blaze Lambillion</p>

ATTENDANCE AWARD WEEK ENDING 10th February 2017:

1st – Year 3 – 99.4%
 2nd – Year 2 – 99.3%
 3rd – Reception – 99.2%
 4th – Year 4 – 98.2%
 5th – Year 5 – 95.4%
 6th – Year 1 – 93.4%
 7th – Year 6 – 89.3%

How close the top three classes were this week! Well done to Year 3 who are this week's winners of our Attendance Trophy ☺

Birthdays 6/2/17 to 12/2/17

Leyla Pattinson
 Harvey Burch
 Jack Barker
 Myla Ball
 Emily Dawson
 Darcy Rowe
 George Rocca
 Charlie Wilson
 Maddox Gerrish

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

What's been happening? On Wednesday we were very happy to welcome the members of our school governing body who joined us for the day. They spent time in each of the classes and enjoyed having their lunch with the children in the school hall at dinner time!

What's happening this week? On Monday morning Year 6 and Reception Class will be having their height and weight checks. Miss Mullan will be having a meeting for year 4 parents at 3.30pm in her classroom. She will be telling you all about the forthcoming trip to Castlerigg so please do try to come along if you possibly can. On Wednesday afternoon year 5 and 6 will be going to The Beggars' Theatre to watch a production of 'The Saga Of Ernest'. We break up from school for our half term holiday at 3.15pm on Friday.

What's happening after half term? On Monday 27th January, year 5 will be going to St Bernard's Catholic High School to watch their performance of The Sound Of Music in the afternoon. On Tuesday morning KS1 will be sending some teams to compete in the gymnastics tournament at Millom School. Wednesday 1st March is Ash Wednesday, KS2 will be attending Mass in Church at 9.30am. KS1 will have their own service in school at 11am. Our Parents Evenings are on Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd March. On Thursday 2nd in the afternoon, year 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be going to The Beggars Theatre to watch a production of 'Jason and the Golden Fleece'. Please could we ask for a donation of £2 per child for this to help us offset the cost.

Swimming: The swimming pool is now open so the children from years 3&4 will be swimming on Wednesday's. Please be aware that Swimming is a curriculum subject and it is mandatory for all of the children to attend and so parents should always send swimming kit to school for their child. If your child is not able to go swimming please could parents send in a signed note in the morning.

Sunday Mass: We have started to attend Mass on Sunday mornings every other week; 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. The next date for the Children's Mass is **Sunday 12th February 2017**. 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 contact you to let you know if your child's attendance is between 90 – 95% and will monitor it more closely in the future. Parents of children whose attendance falls below 90% will receive letters from Mrs Mallinson inviting them to meet with her. 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.

Parents Evenings: Our Parents Evenings for the Spring Term will be on Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd March from 3.30pm – 6pm. Letters have been sent home today and we ask you to please complete and return the form by Wednesday 15th February. This will enable us to let you know the time of your appointment before half term. Thank you for your help with this.

Headlice: We appear to have a problem with headlice at the moment. Please could we ask you to check your child's head regularly – we recommend that you look once a week. There are various lotions available at the local chemists, and the pharmacists are always available for advice and recommendations.

Threadworms: There have been some instances of children having Threadworms. If you think your child has threadworms (your child may have a very itchy bottom at night and may be scratching more; and you can see them in their poo!) please visit the chemist who can give you some medication to treat your family. Please encourage your children to wash their hands after going to the toilet! Thank you.

Football Kits: Please can children who went on the Blackburn Trip return their football kits and tracksuits to school as soon as possible. If anyone has any of or school kits or VIP jumpers at home, please return them to school. Many Thanks.

Have a good weekend everyone!

PRAYER INTENTIONS As we approach half term, please could we ask you pray for all of the staff of our school who work so hard for your children. We thank God for their patience and care, and for the opportunities they provide for the children. We ask Our Blessed Lady to take care of them and keep them safe and well during the holiday period. (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)

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.

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 **9.00am each morning**. You can also order meals the night before or 3 weeks in advance.

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FEBRUARY 2017

Mon. 13th – Y4 Parents Meeting – 3.30pm (Castlerigg Trip)
Wed. 15th – Y5 & Y6 – Beggars Theatre 'The Saga of Ernest'
Fri 17th – Year 5 'Three Shires' Trip
Fri. 17th – **School Breaks up at 3.15pm: Half Term Hols.**
Mon. 27th – School Starts.
Mon 27th – Year 5 at St Bernard's, Barrow – 'The Sound of Music'
Tues 28th – KS1 Gymnastics tournament at Millom School

MARCH 2017

Wed. 1st – KS2 Ash Wednesday Mass in Church at 9.30am / KS1 Ash Wednesday Service in School – 11.00am
Wed. 1st – Parents Evening
Thurs. 2nd – Y's 1, 2, 3 & 4 – Beggars Theatre 'Jason & The Golden Fleece' (Donation of £2 per child please)
Thurs. 2nd – Parents Evening
Mon 6th – Sportshall Athletics Final – Westlakes Academy
Mon 6th – Work Experience Week from Millom School
Tues 14th – Year 4 Stone Age Trip to Windermere
Wed 15th – Year 5 Stone Age Trip to Windermere
Mon 20th – Wed 22nd – Year 4 Residential Trip to Castlerigg
Thurs 30th – School Disco

APRIL 2017

Tues 4th – Choral Speaking at Ulverston Festival
Thurs 6th – Choirs at Ulverston Festival
Friday 7th – **Break up from school at 1.30pm**
Mon 24th – Back to School
Wed 26th – Year 4 Egyptian Workshop
Thurs 27th – Year 3 Viking Workshop

MAY 2017

Mon 1st – **Bank Holiday**
Fri 5th – Year 6 Tag Rugby Festival – St Bees
Mon 8th – Thurs 11th Year 6 SATs
Mon 17th – Fri 19th – Year 5 Lockerbie Trip
Thurs 25th – School Disco
Fri 26th – **Break up from school for half term at 3.15pm**

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

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 ☺

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

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 KIT

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

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.

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

Monday 13th February – Year 5

Monday 6th March – Year 6 (refreshment afterwards)

Monday 13th March – Year 3

Monday 27th February – Year 4 (refreshments afterwards)

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.

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.

MADS

Present

‘THE KING AND I’

AT MILLOM SCHOOL

15th, 16th & 17th February at 7.30pm

18th February matinee at 2.30pm

Tickets – Adults £8 / Juniors & Concessions £6 On sale at Spoilt For Choice now!

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

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.