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

Reception	<p>This week we have started our brand new topic about the Three Billy Goats Gruff and the children are doing very well learning the story with all of the actions. Linked to this topic the children have been building their own bridges, writing some fantastic sentences and retelling the story in their own way. In maths, I have been so impressed with the way the children have been adding groups of numbers together and some children even had a go at recording their work. Next week, we will be moving on to subtraction. To help you please can you keep practicing counting forwards and backwards up to 50. It was lovely to see you all at parent's evening this week and I hope you were pleased to see all the work that your children have been doing. Have a lovely weekend! (Phonic sounds taught: qu, ch, sh, th, ee, oo, ai, ow, oa, ar)</p> <p>VIP: Bella-Grace Dixon</p>
Year 1	<p>What a busy week in year 1! We have enjoyed lots of different things this week. The play at the Beggars was good and we were very well behaved in Church for our Ash Wednesday Mass. We have had a visit from the three bears this week, made their porridge and wrote a letter to Goldilocks. This will be our text for the next couple of weeks. Our main topic is Toys and we will be looking at how toys have changed over the years. If you have any old toys that we could use as part of our topic I would be very grateful if you could bring them in. In maths we have covered measuring, next week we will be looking at numbers to 20 and addition and subtraction within 20. In RE we have been making lent promises. We will look at the Easter Story over the next few weeks.</p> <p>VIP: Charlie Wilson, Isaak Kelly</p>
Year 2	<p>We have had a very busy week back after half term. It was lovely to meet you all at parents evening and discuss your children. In maths we have been looking at word problems and using addition and subtraction operations to find the answers. I have sent some of this to repeat for homework. In Literacy we are starting new fiction work. Next week we are going to start learning our new text and start looking at settings and characters in stories. In RE we are looking at The Mass. Our science topic is animals including humans. We have completed our investigation about shoes and heights this week. Our athletics and spellodrome programmes are both great resources funded for by school and aimed at the class objectives, if you can encourage your children to use them at home they will really help their skills, both programmes use the same password and logins. Have a great weekend.</p> <p>VIP: Aaron Redhead</p>
Year 3	<p>We have had a very busy week back at school! We had a lovely time at Mass on Wednesday receiving our ashes. It was lovely to speak to you all at Parents' evening this week – we hope you found it useful. As always, if you ever want to speak to us, catch us on the door or make an appointment through the school office! Thanks for your support. Have a lovely weekend!</p> <p>VIP: Rylee Pattinson</p>
Year 4	<p>It's been a lovely first week back at school with the children! In maths, we have been focusing on converting the time between the 12-hour clock and the 24-hour clock. The children have found this quite difficult, so any practice at telling the time at home would be a great help to their learning. In literacy, we have started a new unit of work writing losing tales and we are focusing on the story 'David's New Watch'. The children are looking forward to writing their own losing tales in the coming weeks. We have continued with our topic work on the Stone Age to the Iron Age. This week we have explored how Stone Age people adapted to seasonal changes as well as creating our own cave art; the children really enjoyed these tasks! It was good to see you all at Parents Evening this week. As always, if you have any questions or concerns about what was discussed, please do not hesitate to come and see me. Just a reminder that, for the rest of this term, Year 4 have swimming on Wednesdays and PE on Thursdays. Please ensure that your child comes to school with the relevant kit on these days. I hope you all have a lovely weekend!</p> <p>VIP: Reien Weightman</p>
Year 5	<p>The children have settled back into school really well after the half term break! In Maths, we have been adding and subtracting fractions and converting improper fractions into mixed numbers and vice versa. This coming week we will be moving on to multiplying fractions and in writing, we will be watching the video 'Chaperone Rouge' and focussing on describing the setting in the forest.</p> <p>In RE, we will begin a new unit of work on Reconciliation. Thank you to all of you who came to see me at parent's evening; it was great to see you all and have a chat about the progress your child is making. Can I politely remind everyone that homework is due in on Wednesdays and is expected to be completed to the best possible standard. Some homework is looking a little rushed and untidy. Thank you for your help in this matter. Have a great weekend!</p> <p>VIP: James Cloudsdale, Harvey Burch</p>
Year 6	<p>It was good to see you all this week at our parents' evenings; thank you for coming. We have been working hard this week, learning about ratio and area in maths and in literacy, perfecting the way in which dialogue is punctuated. We have started a new class book called Beetle Boy, which links in with our science based topic, 'Darwin's Delights'. Much of the science work will be done with Miss Cannon, my PPA teacher, although we will continue to work closely together. On Monday we will be going to Mass at 9am, so I would be grateful if the children could be in school by 8:45, so that we have time to do the register and check lunch orders before we go. It is also our turn to provide refreshments for the parishioners and so any donations of cakes or biscuits will be gratefully received. Have great weekend!</p> <p>VIP: Isabelle Steele</p>

ATTENDANCE AWARD WEEK ENDING 3 March 2017:

1st – Year 3 – 100%
 2nd – Year 5 – 99.3%
 3rd – Reception – 99.2%
 4th – Year 6 – 98.6%
 5th – Year 1 – 97.4%
 6th – Year 2 – 96.4%
 7th – Year 4 – 94.3%

Congratulations to Year 3 who are the Attendance Award Winners for this week with an amazing 100%!

It was a very close one this week between the top three classes, as they were all on 100% on Thursday evening!

Well done year 3 and all of the other classes ☺

Birthdays 27/2/17 to 5/3/2017

Cade Heavyside, Jimmy Mossop, Anderson Heavyside, Rome Lambillion, Naya Goodwin

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.

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

What's been happening? We hope you all enjoyed the half term break! We returned on Monday 27th February and what a busy week it has been - on Tuesday year 5 went to St Bernard's Catholic High School to watch their performance of The Sound Of Music it was a brilliant production and all of the children (and the staff!) had a lovely time. On Tuesday we sent our KS1 team to compete in the gymnastics tournament at Millom School they were all so well behaved and did brilliantly! Well done to all of the children in the team and thank you to the staff who coached them and took them to Millom School. On Ash Wednesday we had a whole school Mass in church. Thank you to all parents who came to our Parents Evenings on Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd March, it was lovely to meet you all and discuss your child's progress. If anybody does wish to speak further to a teacher, please make an appointment through our school office. On Thursday, years 1, 2, 3 and 4 went to The Beggars Theatre to watch a production of 'Jason and the Golden Fleece'. Thank you to all of those parents who sent in a donation of £2.00 to help us offset the cost of taking the children to the Theatre. They all had a fantastic time and really enjoyed the play.

What's happening this week? We are very happy to welcome the return of some of our ex-pupils for their work experience week. Amy, Emma, Mia and Taylor will be helping us in the classrooms and Ellie will be helping in our office. We hope that they all enjoy their time during the week and it will be lovely to have them back with us for a while. On Monday Year 6 will have mass at church and refreshments will be served in the Columba Room. Children from year 6 will need to be in school for 8.45am for registration. Please could year 6 provide cakes and biscuits for after Mass, these can be brought in to the office in the morning. Our Athletics Team will be going to Westlakes Academy to compete in the Copeland Sports Hall Athletics Competition. Good luck to all who are representing our school. On Friday our year 6 Gymnastics team will be going to St Benedict's Catholic High School in Whitehaven to take part in a competition. This is the first time we have sent a team so we wish all of the children good luck! Thanks to Andrew Marshall and Mrs High for preparing the children and we must say a special thank you to Millom Recreation Centre for bringing Gymnastics to Millom children.

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.

Swimming Costume: All children should have either a pair of swim shorts (boys) or for girls a one piece swimming costume. Sometimes children do forget to bring them - If any parents have a swimming costume (especially girl's swimming costumes) that their child no longer uses, we would be very grateful if they could bring them to school, so that we can put them in our spare kit box. We do have some towels and one or two pairs of boy's shorts, but we have no girl's costumes at all. We would be very grateful for any help that you can give us.

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 March 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.

INHALERS: Please can parents ensure that children have their inhalers at school if required. We have had incidences recently where children who use inhalers do not have one available. Please can you ensure that your child has a current prescription if necessary. Thank you.

Have a good half term break everyone!

PRAYER INTENTIONS We ask you to remember in your prayers this week Mrs Fisher's Mam, Brenda Clark who very sadly passed away during half term. We ask God to look after and welcome Mrs Clark in to His Kingdom. We pray especially to Our Blessed Lady to comfort Mrs Fisher and her family during this sad and difficult time. We send them all of our love and deepest sympathy. Please join us as we pray especially for Mrs Clark –*Eternal rest give unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she 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)

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

MARCH 2017

Mon 6th – Sports hall Athletics Final –Westlakes Academy
Mon 6th – Work Experience Week from Millom School
Friday 10th – Y6 Gymnastics Team competition – St Benedict's School, Whitehaven
Mon 13th – Tempests Photography – Class Photographs
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

Mon 3rd – 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 15th – Tempest Photography – Individual & Family Photos
Tues 16th – May Procession at 10am in Church
Tues 16th – 150th Celebration of Our Lady & St James RC Church (in school at 7pm)
Wed 17th – Fri 19th – Year 5 Lockerbie Trip
Thurs 25th – School Disco
Friday 26th –Athlete in school all day.
Fri 26th – Break up from school for half term at 3.15pm

JUNE 2017

Mon 5th – Start back at School

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.

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

<p>Sunday 11th – First Communion for Y3 Catholic Children Mon 12th – Wed 14th – Year 6 London Trip</p> <p><u>JULY 2017</u> Mon 3rd – Year 5 Taster Day at Millom School Tues 11th – School Performance 2pm & 6pm Wed 12th – Year 6 Ancient Greek Workshop with Charlie Lupton Wed 12th – School Performance 6pm Thurs 13th – School Disco Thurs 20th – Break up at 1.30pm</p>	<p><u>LITTLE JIMMY'S TODDLER GROUP</u> Little Jimmy's Toddler Group is a friendly group who meet in our school hall on Fridays from <u>9.15am to 11.00am</u>. We always welcome new parents and toddlers/babies and it is a nice way to make new friends. All welcome ☺</p> <p><u>Headlice:</u> 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.</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.</p> <p><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.</p> <p><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>PE KIT</u> White top (with or without school logo). Black shorts. Black pumps.</p> <p><u>SWIMMING KIT</u> Girls should wear a one piece swimming costume and boy's swimming trunks or shorts. Long hair should be tied back or plaited. Children will need towels for drying off after swimming and they can bring their goggles if they wish to wear them during the lesson.</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.</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 details and information please visit the website www.saintfranciscumbria.com</p>	<p><u>CLASS MASSES</u> Monday 13th February – Year 5 Monday 6th March – Year 6 (refreshment afterwards) Monday 13th March – Year 3 Monday 27th March – Year 4 (refreshments afterwards)</p> <p>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.</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>MOORE ARTS:MILLOM @ The Beggar's Theatre Youth Theatre Programme</u> 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</p> <p>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</p>	
<p><u>WHAT'S ON AT THE BEGGAR'S THEATRE</u> www.beggarstheatre.co.uk</p> <p>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</p>	<p><u>KD School of Dance</u> <u>Classes held in St James' School Hall</u> 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</p>

Friday 28 th April – ‘Manford’s Comedy Club’ 8pm Saturday 6 th May – ‘The Noise Next Door – Uproar’ 8pm Friday 26 th May – ‘The Six Sided Man’ 7.30pm Saturday 3 rd June – ‘Three Half Pints – The Three Musketeers’ 2pm Thursday 22 nd June – ‘Burton’ 8pm 775677 or call in at the theatre to book your tickets. Tickets are available on the door.	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) <i>Contact Danielle Carter via Facebook or phone 01229 774466</i>
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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.

Wigan v Huddersfield – 19 March 2017
 A fantastic day out!

The day will include a training session for children before the start of the game. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Ticket Price is £24.00 per child (training session, game ticket & coach fare). £29.00 per adult (game ticket & coach fare).

Please get in touch with Martin if you want to book seats.

Please book early to avoid disappointment!!

DROP IN SESSION & ANXIETY WORKSHOP
 Nicola Brockbank is an Autism Family Worker, she is holding a drop in session and Anxiety Workshop on **TUESDAY 14th MARCH** from 6pm until 8pm at **MILLOM CHILDREN'S CENTRE**
(Please enter by the side door as the front door will be locked)
 To book a place please email: Nicola.Brockbank@carlisle Mencap.co.uk;

Blackburn Rovers Community Holiday Football / Dance Coaching Days Tuesday 18th & Wednesday 19th April 2017

Blackburn Rovers Community Football Trust have approached the school again to offer two days football and dance coaching. This will take place on Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th April which is in the Easter holidays.

Football: we can only allow 45 children per day to take part and if there is a big demand we will offer you one day only. This opportunity is open to all children of all abilities. There will be four age groups:

4-6 (Reception, Year 1 & Year 2)
 7-9 (Year 3 & 4)
 10-12 (Years 5, 6 & 7)
 13 – 16 (Years 8,9,10 & 11)

The cost will be £22 for the two days, from 10am-2pm. The venue for the football will be at Millom Football Club.

Dance: We are also going to try dance & cheerleading. This will be in school and we can only take 20 children per session. It will be split so that junior school (y3-y6) children have the morning session 10am-11:45am and children from Millom school will have the afternoon session running from 12:15pm-2:00pm.

The cost will be £12 for the 2 days (i.e. two of the sessions - one each day).

If you would like your child to have this great opportunity, please fill in the below slip and return to school.

Childs Name:	Year:	School:
Contact Number:		
SIGNED:		
PARENT/CARER		
Please return slip to school as soon as possible. Thank you.		

I would like my child/children to attend Blackburn Rovers coaching sessions on	Tues.	Wed.		
I would like my child/children to attend dance /cheerleading on	Tues. AM	Tues. PM	Wed. PM	Wed. PM