



St James Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Monday 3 April 2017 & Easter Holidays

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

Reception	<p>The children have had yet another busy week in Reception where we have been planting sunflower seeds and writing about what they did...next week we will be sending the seeds home to see if the children can follow their own instructions to make the sunflowers grow nice and tall! In Maths we will be continuing our unit on 3D shape into next week and we will be identifying the properties of shape. Our focus for writing next week will be the Easter Story and the children will be completing lots of activities linked to this time. PE kits will be sent home after PE next Wednesday, please make sure that they are back in the first day back after the holidays – thanks! We hope you have a lovely Easter holiday! (Phonics taught: qu, sh, ch, th, ng, ai, ee, igh, oa, oo, ar, or, ur, ow, oi, ear, air, ure, er,)</p> <p>VIP: Zoe Thompson</p>
Year 1	<p>We have had a lovely, enjoyable week. We have been writing about the toy museum and made some lovely posters advertising a new exhibit! Next week we will look at 'We are going on an Easter Egg Hunt' book. In maths we have been looking at number; one more one less, greatest, smallest, ordering and begun addition and subtraction involving two digit and one digit numbers. We will continue with this next week. In RE we will be looking at the Easter story. We have enjoyed Autism Awareness week and competed lots of lovely tasks around autism. We enjoyed the talk from Gemma Swales and our virtual experience. We have had a couple of pants mixed up after PE, please can you check your child's uniform. Have a lovely weekend!</p> <p>VIP: Marni Thompson</p>
Year 2	<p>We are coming to the end of a very busy term. We have completed our long story writing and have been doing short reading and maths assessments his week. We have completed our science topic and castles work which has been very popular. Can everyone please continue using the Mathletics and Spellodrome programme during the holidays to help the children remember what they have learnt. Let's enjoy our last week of the spring term and have a great Easter holiday.</p> <p>VIP: Jack Patton</p>
Year 3	<p>Year 3 have been starting to write their own myths based on our class story 'Rainbow Bird' this week. We have been working on using expanded noun phrases in our descriptions and revisiting the use of inverted commas for speech. Children came up with some great ideas for their stories. In Maths, we have completed some assessments on our measurement unit and starting a unit on money. Any work on money, shopping, finding change, making amounts etc. will all help the children develop their understanding on money. Next week, we will be thinking about the Easter story, and completing some Easter crafts as well as continuing with our Literacy and Maths lessons. Have a lovely Easter break.</p> <p>VIP: Sarah Blastock</p>
Year 4	<p>The children have had a busy week. In maths, we have started a new unit of work on decimals and in literacy we have been looking at the poem 'The Door' by Miroslav Holub. We will continue with this work next week, as well as focusing on the events of Holy Week in RE. Please encourage the children to continue using the Mathletics and Spellodrome programmes over Easter, as these will really help the children to consolidate their knowledge of what we have been learning in class. I hope you all have a lovely Easter holiday!</p> <p>VIP: Sharona Hornby</p>
Year 5	<p>The children have worked really hard on fractions and decimals this week and they should find their homework no problem at all! Next week in Maths we will be looking at adding and subtracting with decimals. In English, the children have been learning about the present and past progressive tenses; we had a mini test in class and I was impressed with their understanding. This coming week, they will be planning and writing their own adventure stories. In RE, our thoughts turn to Easter and the events of Holy week. Have a great Easter holiday!</p> <p>VIP: Carys Gill</p>
Year 6	<p>The children have had a busy week, practising different skills ready for the SATs in May. They have brought two papers home today and I have asked them to go through each one and make as many corrections as possible. Next week, we will review the papers and look at other papers. In RE, we will turn our thoughts to the events of Holy week before we break up for Easter at 1:30pm on Friday.</p> <p>VIP: Nikki Teeley</p>

ATTENDANCE AWARD WEEK ENDING 31ST March 2017:

1st – Year 5 – 98.2%
 2nd – Year 6 – 97.4%
 3rd – Year 1 – 97.2%
 4th – Year 2 – 95.9%
 5th – Reception – 95.5%
 6th – Year 3 – 92.8%
 7th – Year 4 – 89.3%

Well done to year 5 winners of the Attendance Trophy for the second week running! Can they do the treble and win it again next week?
 (Please not Fridays closure does not affect children's absence)

Birthdays 27/3/2017 to 23/4/2017

Kai Aston, Rueben Hornby, Louie Jackson, Hayden Jackson, Jayden Woodburn, Leah Wilkinson, Jack Bagshaw, Tye Young, Joe Mullender, Alfie Waters, Lola Jones

PARENTS GUILD DISCO DATES:

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

Firstly we would like to thanks parents for their understanding today when we had to close our school unexpectedly this morning. Our fire alarm was activated at 8.40am and we had to evacuate the school. Typically this was just when there was a horrendous downpour of rain! We alerted the Fire Service who attended and checked the building but thankfully there was no fire. Our fire alarm had developed a fault and it would have been unsafe to have the children in the building without our fire security system working. Thank you all for collecting your children so promptly ☺

What's been happening? Thank you to all parents, children and staff for their support and donations for Autism Awareness Week. We had our Autism Awareness day on Monday; the children looked lovely in their bright t-shirts. Thank you to all children and parents who baked cakes for our cake sale, we raised £160, which has been given to Autism Around The Combe. Jemma Swales came in to school on Monday to talk to everyone about Autism and children took part in activities to support this. The Quick Sticks Hockey tournament which was postponed from last week took place on Monday morning at Millom School, both of our teams played really well and we are pleased to say that our first team won the tournament and are through to the Copeland Final next week. Well done all of you ☺ On Wednesday morning Reception Class and Year 6 had a visit from the school nurse to have their heights and weights checked. We would like to say a big thank you to our Parents Guild for holding the Easter Discos on Thursday evening. Thank you to those parents who came along and helped out on the night, it was a great success and enjoyed by everyone.

Week Commencing Monday 3rd April: Year 6 will be going to Mass on Monday. Our Choral Speaking group will be competing at the Ulverston Musical Festival on Monday evening. The bus will leave school at 3.15pm and set off back from Ulverston at 7pm. Tickets are not necessary for the Choral Speaking, you are able to pay on the door at the Coronation Hall. **There will be no after school choir practice on Monday.** On Thursday 6th our Choirs will be going to the Musical Festival, their buses will leave at 3.15pm and set off back at 8pm – this will be the big bus only as many children are going home with parents. On both of these days children can either get ready at school in the afternoon or be taken home at 2pm and brought back for 3pm. Children will need a packed tea with drinks. Ties will be provided by school, children will need to wear their choir uniform please. If you do have a problem with any of the choir uniform, please let our office staff know and we will be able to help with this. If you are taking your child home after either of the competitions at the festival and have not let us know, please can you do so as soon as possible. The Quick Sticks Hockey Tournament takes place on Wednesday 5th April at 10am at Millom School. Good luck to our hockey team from year 3. **We break up on Friday 7th April at 1.30pm for our Easter Holidays ☺** We give our very best wishes to our Choral Speaking Group, our School Choirs and our year 3 Hockey Team for the competitions they are taking part in next week. We know you will do your very best as always and we hope you all enjoy the experience.

Head lice: We appear to have a problem with head lice 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.

Animal Fleas: We have had an instance of animal fleas being brought into school on clothing this week. This has resulted in several staff and children being bitten. We have had the affected classroom and surrounding area cleaned and treated professionally. Please can we ask you to be vigilant with your pets at home and treat them regularly with flea treatments which are available from the vets or over the counter at pet shops.

Swimming: Children from years 3 & 4 will be swimming again on Wednesday. When we return to school after the Easter Holidays years 3 and 4 will continue to have swimming on Wednesday afternoons. 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(s): 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 Mass we will be attending is on Sunday 9th April, which is Palm 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.

RESIDENTIAL TRIP PAYMENTS: Could parents of children in years 5 and year 6 send some money in to school towards their trips please. The London excursions have been booked now and we have had to pay for these. We will send out a letter at the beginning of the week to let you know the final cost of the residential trips. Unfortunately we have not been able to go into Tesco again this year to hold a collection so our fund raising is now complete.

WEAR A HAT BADGES:

We are supporting the Wear A Hat fund raising campaign by selling badges (priced at £1) and wrist bands (priced at £2). All monies raised will go towards Brain Tumour Research, which is a very worthy cause and one which is very dear to our hearts. The children will be taking them around the classrooms each morning; please do support our fund raising efforts.

This will be our last newsletter of the spring term as we will not have one next week. We would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a very happy & peaceful Easter.

PRAYER INTENTIONS: As we approach our last week of the spring term and go into our Easter holidays, we ask you to pray for all of the pupils, staff and governors of our school and all of our families. We ask God to take special care of us and ensure we all stay safe and well over the Easter 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

APRIL 2017

Mon 3rd – Choral Speaking at Ulverston Festival
Wed 5th – Quick Sticks Hockey Tournament at Millom School
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 5 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
Wed 17th – Fri 19th – Year 5 Lockerbie Trip
Wed 24th – 150th Celebration of Our Lady & St James RC Church (in school at 7pm)
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
Sunday 11th – First Communion for Y3 Catholic Children
Mon 12th – Wed 14th – Year 6 London Trip
Tues 27th – Year 6 Transition Day at John Ruskin, Coniston

JULY 2017

Mon 3rd – Year 5 Taster Day at Millom School
Wed 5th – Year 6 Transition Day at John Ruskin, Coniston
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

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

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 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.

SWIMMING KIT 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.

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 3rd April – Year 6

SCHOOL SUNDAY MASSES – 10.30am in Church

Sunday 26th March

Sunday 9th April

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.

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 Cost £40 per 10 week term

WHAT'S ON AT THE BEGGAR'S THEATRE

www.beggarstheatre.co.uk

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

Friday 16th June – Dave Johns 8pm

Thursday 22nd June – 'Burton' 8pm

Friday 7th July – Sean Kelly 'Sold Your Way' 8pm

Saturday 2nd September – The Music of John Denver 8pm

Friday 8th September – Tom Stace: I Swear 8pm

Friday 13th October – A Celebration of Simon & Garfunkel 8p

Friday 20th October – The Thinking Drinkers Live 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.

Millom Children's Centre – Have a new group activity session 'Boys will be Boys'

We invite dads, father figures and their sons to come along to our 'Boys will be Boys' Group. Where dads and father figures and their sons can have fun together and make some happy memories along the way. We believe the group will strengthen families and help dads to engage in parenting their children through age appropriate activities. We will provide a relaxed and welcoming environment which will include tea, coffee, juice and occasionally a treat of bacon butties! This service is a universal service but can also be referred via the Children's Centre. A morning group for pre-school (0-5) will run from 11am-12pm and an after school group for school age (6-11) will take place on Mondays from 3.30pm-4.30pm both groups will be at Millom children centre