



# St James Catholic Primary School Newsletter

## Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017

### + Spring Bank Holiday to Monday 5 June 2017

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

<b>Reception</b>	We have been so busy this week learning our new story, Little Rabbit Foo Foo; the children have loved learning this story and may even sing it to you over the weekend! From this story we have produced some fantastic independent writing, it is amazing to see how far the children have come this year. In Maths we have been working on subtraction, the children are trying really hard to use the language of maths when working. Over the holidays the children will not have any reading books in their bags, but please do keep reading with your child, it really does help your child in all areas of our curriculum. PE kits will be sent home after PE next week to be washed, please could these be sent back on the Monday after the holidays. We hope you have a lovely weekend and holiday!	<b>VIP</b> <b>Amy Date</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	What a busy week we have had in Year One. The children really enjoyed our May procession on Tuesday; thank you for the lovely flowers. We have been working hard in Literacy creating new exciting story openers, posters and writing about healthy food. In Maths we have been working hard with ordering numbers and solving different number patterns on a 100 square and in 2's, 5's and 10's. In Science we have been looking at ways to keep our bodies healthy and what food we should eat. In RE we have been writing about the May Procession. Have a lovely weekend.	<b>VIP</b> <b>Keanna Bradshaw</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	Next week we are completing our shape work and working at data on graphs. In literacy we are writing information about Lowry and looking at his paintings. As part of our science work we are going to plant some beans, watch them grow and keep a diary of how they develop. In RE we are looking at Pentecost. We are going to start mixing paint following examples from Lowry, which I am sure everyone will enjoy. Have a great weekend.	<b>VIP</b> <b>Lauren Thompson</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	This week on Tuesday the children enjoyed our May procession. Thank you to our May Queen, Emily and crown bearer Seamus – you both did a brilliant job! Thank you to all of you also for the wonderful flowers that you brought in to lay before the statue of Our Blessed Lady – your support, as always, is greatly appreciated. We now look forward, as many of our class prepare to take their first holy communion on Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> May. In Maths we have made a start on our time unit and this will continue next week. In Literacy, we have been interpreting the text in the book 'The tunnel' and using this to write some predictions. Can we ask again that you make sure you continue to read with your child at home as often as possible and record in your child's reading diary. Thank you.	<b>VIP</b> <b>Jack Bagshaw</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	Year 4 have been working hard this week. In maths we have moved on from measuring mass to measuring capacity. Thank you to everyone who sent measuring jugs in on Friday, the children really enjoyed estimating the capacity of different containers and measuring out water. The children began writing up their own explanation texts in literacy based around endangered species. They have really enjoyed this unit of writing and I am looking forward to reading the final drafts of their work next week. On Friday we got very creative and made our own Egyptian necklaces and collars. The children did a fantastic job with these and they are now displayed in our classroom. Please remember to send your child in with their brass instrument on Monday mornings. After half term the children will need to decide whether or not they want to continue with brass lessons in Year 5. So please keep encouraging them to practice at home. I hope you all have a lovely weekend!	<b>VIP</b> <b>Roisin Ruddy</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	Year 5 have had their residential trip to Lockerbie this week. We have been looking at the pictures and videos that have been posted on Facebook and it looks as if everyone is having a great time.	<b>VIP</b> <b>Alana Hartley</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	Y6 have been working hard today. In maths we have started looking at co-ordinates and next week we will look at translating and reflecting shapes on a co-ordinate grid. In literacy we have been writing a short story inspired by 'The Giant's Necklace' by Michael Morpurgo. Next week we will be writing a diary entry based on the same story. The children have made a start with their topic on the Ancient Greeks and they will continue this after half term. I hope you all have a great weekend!	<b>VIP</b> <b>Declan Tyson</b>

#### ATTENDANCE AWARD WEEK ENDING 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017

1<sup>st</sup> – Year 5 – 100%  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Reception – 98.4%  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Year 2 – 98%  
4<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 – 97%  
5<sup>th</sup> – Year 4 – 96.4%  
6<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 – 95.2%  
7<sup>th</sup> – Year 3 – 93.4%

Well done to our **YEAR 5** who are the winners of the Attendance Trophy for this week with a brilliant 100%! They are away this week on their Residential Trip so the trophy will be waiting for them in the classroom ☺

#### BIRTHDAYS 15<sup>th</sup> MAY 2017 to 4<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Nikki Teeley, Faith Brunskill, Callum Harrison, Charlie Garnett, Thomas Farren, Eliot Jakubowski, Elissa-Lea McKnight, Amy Date

#### PARENTS GUILD DISCO DATES:

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> 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:** On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Alison from Tempest Photography came into school to take individual and family group photos. Please could we ask that your orders be sent back to school by Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May please as this is our collection date. Our school year 5 & 6 football team took part in a tournament at Ewood Park in Blackburn; our team played really well and were so well behaved, a credit to our school. The team came second in their group so well done to all of them! On Tuesday we had our May Procession, thank you for the beautiful flowers the children bought in to lay before the statue of Our Blessed Lady. It was lovely to see parents and family at church for the service. Well done to our beautiful May Queen, Emily Dawson and to our brilliant Crown Bearer, Seamus Peck who both carried out their duties wonderfully. On Wednesday Year 5 set off on their residential trip to Lockerbie. We have enjoyed looking at their pictures and films on the year 5 facebook site, they look like they have had a fantastic time! On Wednesday Year 6 had an Archaeological Day with Stephe Cove, which was very interesting and all of the children enjoyed it. The children from year 3 who are preparing to make their First Communion, had their first confession with Father Bob after school. On Friday our netball team from year 5 & 6 went up to Blackcombe School to take part in a netball tournament. At the time of print this is still going on so we will let you know how they have done next week.

Thank you to Emilie Wright who has been working in our school office on placement from college for the past two weeks. We hope she has enjoyed the experience and wish her well in her future career.

**Week Commencing Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May:** We have a visit from the Life Education Bus on Monday and Tuesday– please could we ask for a donation of £2 per child towards the cost of this. We are sure you are all aware that school budgets have been drastically cut and we have had to cancel the theatre visits that we usually have throughout the year because of this. We do think the Life Education Bus is very valuable and are going ahead with the visit but it is expensive. Please, please do help us by sending in your donation towards the cost. Thank you. Our tennis team will be practising with George Spry during the week in preparation for the Copeland Finals on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Good Luck to all of our team ☺. Our choir will be practising for the Wednesday's concert to celebrate 150 years of Our Lady & St James' RC Church. Our Parents Guild will be holding a disco on Thursday evening, as always if anyone can help out please contact our guild on their Facebook page or leave a message at our school office. We have a visit from a professional Athlete on Friday. Year 6 have arranged a whole school non-uniform day and movie afternoon in aid of Cancer Research; a flyer has been sent home tonight. We break up for our half term holiday at 3.15pm on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May ☺

**FIRST COMMUNION:** First Communion for Catholic children from year 3 and those in other years above will take place on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May during the 10.30am Mass. Mrs Carter has started preparation classes on Sunday mornings before Mass.

**HEAD LICE:** 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.

**SWIMMING:** Swimming will be on again this week for Children from years 3 & 4.

**SUNDAY MASS:** We have started to attend Mass on Sunday mornings every other week – Our next Mass will be on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June, we will be there at the 10.30am Mass. Children will be doing the readings and the offertory as well as joining in with the singing. 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. If any children and their families would like to come to Mass on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May it would be lovely to see them as some of our children will be making their First Communion.

**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.

**URGENT! - RESIDENTIAL TRIP PAYMENTS:** Could parents of children in year 6 please pay the remainder of the money for their trips this week. Thank you.

Have a great weekend and enjoy the lovely weather ☺

**PRAYER INTENTIONS:** As this is the last newsletter of this half term, we ask you to remember all of the children who are making their First Communion on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May. We ask God to bless each one of them today and every day. We ask Our Blessed Lady to pray for them and their families as they receive the Sacrament for the first time. We say a special prayer of thanks for Mrs Carter and Father Bob for preparing the children so well.

(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](http://www.lunchshop.co.uk)

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**MAY 2017**

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> – Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> – Life Education Bus  
Wed 24<sup>th</sup> – 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration of Our Lady & St James RC Church (in school at 7pm)  
Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> – Copeland Tennis Finals (Y4 team)  
Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> – School Disco  
Fri 26<sup>th</sup> – Athlete in school all day.  
**Fri 26<sup>th</sup> – Break up from school for half term at 3.15pm**  
Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> – First Communion for Y3 Catholic Children

**JUNE 2017**

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> – Start back at School  
Tues 6<sup>th</sup> – Yrs. 5 & 6 Kwik Cricket competition at Barrow  
Wed 7<sup>th</sup> – Choir Concert in School at 6pm  
Mon 12<sup>th</sup> – Wed 14<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 London Trip  
Tues 27<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Transition Day at John Ruskin & Millom Schools

**JULY 2017**

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> – Year 5 Taster Day at Millom School  
Wed 5<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Transition Day at John Ruskin, Coniston  
Tues 11<sup>th</sup> – School Performance 2pm & 6pm  
Wed 12<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Ancient Greek Workshop with Charlie Lupton  
Wed 12<sup>th</sup> – School Performance 6pm  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> – School Disco  
Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> – Break up at 1.30pm

**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 ☺

**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](http://www.saintfranciscumbria.com)

**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](http://www.cumbrialscb.com) a link to this is on our school website.

**MOORE ARTS:MILLOM @ The Beggar's Theatre Youth Theatre Programme**

*Wednesday 12-1pm Little Tots Age 2-4 yrs*  
*Wednesday 4-6pm Beggar's Youth Theatre School Yr 4+*  
*Thursday 3.30-5pm Little Beggars School Yr Reception – Yr 3*  
*Thursday 7-8.30pm Project Shadow (theatre for young people with additional learning needs) Age 10+*  
*We have spaces available and welcome everyone.*

*Little Tots Drama £3.50 per session*

*All clubs Cost £40 per 10 week term.*

**TERM DATES 2016-2017**

Spring Term 2017: Thursday 5 Jan. 2017 – Friday 7 April 2017  
Half Term: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February.  
Summer Term 2017: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July.  
Bank Holiday: Monday 1 May 2017  
Half Term: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

**RESIDENTIAL TRIP DATES 2017**

Year 4 Castlerigg – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March  
Year 5 Lockerbie – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May  
Year 6 London – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

Monday: Choir – 3.15pm – 4.00pm  
Monday: Cricket y5&6 – 3.15pm – 4.15pm  
Tuesday: Tennis Club – 3.00pm – 4.00pm at the Sports Hall  
Tuesday: KS2 Drama – 3.15pm – 4.15pm (for the performers only)  
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](http://www.stjamesrc.cumbria.sch.uk)

**CLASS MASSES**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Year 3  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Year 4  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6

**SCHOOL SUNDAY MASSES – 10.30am in Church**

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June  
Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July  
Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July

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.

**WHAT'S ON AT THE BEGGAR'S THEATRE**  
[www.beggarstheatre.co.uk](http://www.beggarstheatre.co.uk)

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May – 'The Six Sided Man' 7.30pm  
Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – 'Three Half Pints – The Three Musketeers' 2pm  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Dave Johns 8pm  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – 'Burton' 8pm  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Sean Kelly 'Sold Your Way' 8pm  
Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – The Music of John Denver 8pm  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September – Tom Stade: I Swear 8pm  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September – 'The Great British Take Off' with John Culshaw & Bill Dane 8pm  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October – A Celebration of Simon & Garfunkel  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 (& MICHAELI)**

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.

**PARENTS GUILD NOTICE**

# DISCO!

On Thursday 25 May 2017

The times are: KS1: 5.30pm to 6.30pm & KS2: 7.00pm to 8.15pm

There will be Hot Dogs, Tuck Shop, Friendship Bracelets, Glo Bands, Ice Pops, Popcorn, Tattoos and Candy Floss!!

ANY PARENT who would like to help with the disco is very welcome, we are always glad to see you and all of your voluntary help is very much appreciated, on Disco Nights!

**PARENTS GUILD MEETING**

Tuesday 5 June 2016 at 6.30pm

Please come along to our meeting, everyone is very welcome and we are very glad to see you!!

**\*\*\*\*\* VIP JUMPERS \*\*\*\*\***

IF ANYONE HAS A VIP JUMPER AT HOME PLEASE CAN YOU RETURN IT TO SCHOOL. WE ARE RUNNING VERY LOW ON OUR VIP JUMPERS and we have had occasions recently where children are not able to have a VIP jumper because we do not have a reasonable selection of sizes and colours.

Thank you.

**\*\*\*\*\* SPORTS KIT \*\*\*\*\***

If anyone has a school sports kit at home (track suit, football kit, PE top, Shorts or Socks)

PLEASE CAN YOU RETURN THEM TO SCHOOL. WE ARE RUNNING LOW ON OUR SCHOOL STOCKS AND WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE KIT FOR CHILDREN TO WEAR TO SPORTING EVENTS IF IT IS NOT RETURNED.

Thank you for your help.