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# St James Catholic Primary School Newsletter

## Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017

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

<b>Reception</b>	This week we have been basing our work around the story, What the Ladybird Heard and the children have produced some fantastic writing from this, including speech bubble and thinking of more exciting words than writing 'said'. In Maths we have been completing maths assessments and the children worked very hard in these. Next week in Maths, we will be looking at length and capacity and the language of maths that goes with it, bigger/smaller, full/empty etc. In RE we have listened to the events of Pentecost, the children really enjoy listening to the stories from the Bible each week, and this topic will continue next week. Have a lovely weekend; let's hope that the sunshine comes back!	<b>VIP</b>  <b>Mika Jakubowski</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	What a wonderful busy week we have had in Year 1. We have just started a new unit of work in Maths, looking at multiplication. The children have enjoyed solving lots of problems around this. In Literacy we have been planning and creating our own story. Next week we will begin looking at Beatrix Potter and story of Peter Rabbit. In RE we have just started a unit of work on Miracles, the first story we have covered is Jesus and the Storm. Next week we will be completing the phonics screening test. Have a lovely weekend.	<b>VIP</b>  <b>Mason Garratt</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	This half term we are starting a new topic about 'Seasides' in the Past'. We are going to look at how seaside holidays have changed and what is the same, if you have any old seaside photographs we would love to copy them to use and would send them back. In Literacy we are going to have a try at working instructions using lots of creative ideas. In math we have been revisiting some of our previous work and next week we are looking at time which would be great for you to practice at home. We are continuing with our plants science work which we should complete in a couple of weeks. Have a great weekend.	<b>VIP</b>  <b>Bella Pedley</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	We have had a very busy week back in school this week. In Literacy we have been completing our work on 'The Tunnel' and children have been writing their own stories based on this. In Maths we have continued to work on time and we still have a wide range of capabilities in this. Please try to look at both the analogue and the digital clock as much as you can home. There is some 'time homework' this week as well as another comprehension for those children that do these. For those children who don't bring a comprehension home, please make sure you are focused on reading as much as you can. This is vital to help them progress. Have a lovely weekend.	<b>VIP</b>  <b>Ben Oliver Logan Bradley</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	It has been a busy first week back after half term! In literacy, we have started to look at writing warning tales that end with a cliff-hanger. The children have enjoyed coming up with possible resolutions for our class text 'The Pylon' and they are looking forward to writing their own story with a cliff-hanger ending. In maths, we have finished our unit on measurement and have started learning about money. As you are aware, Year 4 need to know all the times tables by the end of the year. We practice these daily in class and I regularly send times table work home with them. It would be a great benefit to the children's learning if you could encourage and help them to practice their times tables at home as well. This can be just for a few minutes each night, but it will really help the children. I hope the weather improves and you all have a lovely weekend!	<b>VIP</b>  <b>Finlay Wilson Charlie Wilson</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	The children have made a great start back after the half term break and have done some great work already. This coming week, we will be thinking about regular and irregular shapes in Maths and in English, we will be writing a persuasive letter to Mrs Nicholas – I'm sure that the children will tell you all about this. In RE, we will be thinking about different ways of praying. <b><u>Please can you return the slips for our upcoming taster day to John Ruskin School in Coniston.</u></b> There are still some children who are not returning their homework. This is due in on Wednesdays. PE kits are needed on Thursdays and Mondays; if the children have no kit, then they will be unable to take part. Have a great weekend!	<b>VIP</b>  <b>Sol Jackson</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	The cancellation of the residential trip to London has been disappointing for everybody, but we are looking into alternative options at the moment and hope to have news for you very soon. Thank you for the offers of help and suggestions that we will follow up. In the meantime, school goes on! The children have been looking at line graphs this week and next week will be moving on to learn how to convert between miles and kilometres in maths. In literacy, the children have begun to write a narrative based on the film clip, 'Roads End', which they will continue next week. Next Friday, the children will be hosting a Cupcake Day to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society. More information will follow early next week. Have a good weekend!	<b>VIP</b>  <b>Louie Jackson</b>
<b><u>ATTENDANCE AWARD WEEK ENDING 9<sup>th</sup> June 2017</u></b>		<b><u>BIRTHDAYS 5<sup>th</sup> June to 11<sup>th</sup> June 2017</u></b>
1 <sup>st</sup> – Year 6 – 99.3% 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Year 5 – 97.9%		Faith Brunskill, Jack Park, Kaya Jackson, Hayden Brierley

3<sup>rd</sup> – Year 4 – 97.1%  
4<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 – 97%  
5<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 – 97.9%  
6<sup>th</sup> – Year 3 – 96.4%  
7<sup>th</sup> – Reception – 90.4%

Well done to our **YEAR 6** who are the winners of the Attendance Trophy for this week with a brilliant 99.3%! ☺

#### **SCHOOL DISCO**

##### **DATES:**

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July

KS1 – 5.30pm –  
6.30pm

KS2 – 7.00pm –  
8.15pm

*If any parents would be prepared to help out at our school disco, please contact our School Office. Your help would be very much appreciated.*

#### **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.

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

We hope you all enjoyed the half term break and are looking forward to the last half term of the school year.

It was with great sadness that we had to cancel the Year 6 residential trip to London, which was due to take place from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June. It was a difficult decision but it was made in the interest of the children's safety. We feel so sorry for the children and staff who were looking forward to the trip but we hope to arrange something else for them in the coming weeks. Thank you to the parents for your patience and understanding, also for the many offers of help and assistance you have all offered to ensure that year 6 enjoy their last few weeks with us and have some lovely memories to take away. Year 6 can wear their Leavers Hoodies in school from Monday ☺ We will be contacting year 6 parents shortly about refunds and other activities for them, please do bear with us as these things do take a lot of time to sort out properly.

**What's been happening:** Year 6 children, who are transferring to Millom School in September, had a visit from Mrs Drage on Monday. They had a presentation first and then all had an individual private chat with her. Year 4 attended Mass on Tuesday, thank you to the families and parishioners who joined us. Our Netball team went up to St Benedict's Catholic High School in Whitehaven to take part in the Netball tournament and we are happy to report that they came second! Well done to all of the team and thank you to Miss Fry for taking them.

**What's happening next week:** Our Kwik Cricket Team from Years 5 & 6 will be taking part in the Kwik Cricket Tournament at Furness Cricket Club in Barrow on Tuesday. Good luck to all of the team and enjoy the day. Also on Tuesday there will be a CAFOD Assembly and a workshop for year 5. On Thursday, year 5 will be attending Mass at 9am, please could children be in school for 8.45am ready to go to Church. On Friday, our year 6 will be hosting a CUPCAKE DAY COFFEE AFTERNOON at 2pm in our school hall to raise awareness and funds for the Alzheimer's Society. If anybody could make some cupcakes we would be very grateful, hopefully if we get enough cakes we can sell these to the children too. Please do come along and support our year 6, they have had disappointment with the cancellation of their trip and this was to be a nice end to what should have been a lovely week. Tell your friends and family, all are very welcome to come along. On Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> our children will be going to Mass at 10.30am, please do come and join us if you can.

**SCHOOL TIMES:** There seems to be several children who are regularly coming to school before 8.30am, this is fine if they are coming to our Breakfast Club but these children aren't. We do not have a member of staff in the playground or in class at this time so they are not able to be supervised. Breakfast Club is in our school hall from 8am and cost £1, children are welcome to come to this if they wish to come early but please let us know so that we can ensure we have enough staff. **Please could we ask that children do not come to school before 8.45am unless they are attending Mass or breakfast club.**

**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.

**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.

**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 great weekend and enjoy the lovely weather ☺

**PRAYER INTENTIONS:** Please remember in your prayers this week, Dawn Driver's mum, June Driver who very sadly died during the holidays and Bailey's relation, Trina Hulse who has also very sadly died this week. We ask God to welcome June and Trina into His Kingdom and ask Our Blessed Lady to comfort their family and friends at this sad time. Can you also remember those who died or were injured during the terrorist attack in London last weekend, we pray for them and their families at this difficult time. Please join us as we pray especially for June, Trina and the 7 people who died in London –*Eternal rest give unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they 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:-

<u>KS1</u>	<u>KS2</u>
Reception St James 2016/2017 Y1 St James 2016/2017 Y2 St James 2016/2017	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)

<u>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY</u>	<u>TERM DATES 2016-2017</u>
<p><b><u>JUNE 2017</u></b></p> <p>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> – Kwik Cricket Tournament at Barrow Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> – CAFOD Assembly &amp; Year 5 Workshop Friday 16<sup>th</sup> - CUPCAKE DAY COFFEE AFTERNOON at 2pm Tues 27<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Transition Day at John Ruskin &amp; Millom Schools Friday 30<sup>th</sup> – End of Year Awards Mass at 10am</p> <p><b><u>JULY 2017</u></b></p> <p>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 Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> – Meeting for Parents of Children starting school in Reception Class in September 2017 – 6pm in hall Tues 11<sup>th</sup> – School Performance 2pm &amp; 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 Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Choir Trip to Blackpool Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> – Choir Concert Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> – Break up at 1.30pm</p>	<p>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</p> <p><b><u>RESIDENTIAL TRIP DATE 2018</u></b> Year 5 Lockerbie Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May</p>
	<p><b><u>AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS</u></b></p> <p>Monday: Choir – 3.15pm – 4.00pm Monday; Cricket y5&amp;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.</p>

### 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](http://www.stjamesrc.cumbria.sch.uk)

### 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)

### CLASS MASSES

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.

### 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.*

### WHAT'S ON AT THE BEGGAR'S THEATRE

[www.beggarstheatre.co.uk](http://www.beggarstheatre.co.uk)

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

### \*\*\*\*\* 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.