



St James Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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

Reception	Well what a fantastic start the children have made this week. We have all settled into school really well and joined in lots of new activities. We have really enjoyed getting to know all the children and finding out about them all. We have been busy completing our initial assessments. Just a reminder for next week, children will swap sessions. Morning session is 9 - 11.45am and the afternoon session is 1.15 - 3.15pm. Have a lovely weekend.	
Year 1	We have had a lovely week in Year 1! We have started learning the story of The Three Little Pigs with the actions and hopefully by the end of next week we will be able to show you on Tapestry. In Maths we have been thinking about one more and one less, as well as sorting objects and pictures. We will be recording a lot more numbers this year, so please could I ask you to practice writing numbers 1-20 with your child and just make sure they are recording them correctly – I would really appreciate your support in this! Our new RE topic is 'God's Wonderful World' and we have produced some lovely work for it already. I hope you have a great weekend!	VIP Mika Jakubowski
Year 2	Everyone has made a great start to year 2 and we are beginning to settle into the new routine. We have started Maths this term looking at number and their place value. In literacy we have started learning our own version of The Three Billy Goats Gruff. In RE our topic this half term is 'The Chosen People'. We started this work by looking at why we are unique and our special qualities. Our topic work is Castles and Science is Materials. PE days are Tuesday and Thursdays, children can wear trainers as we are outdoor PE on Thursdays. Earrings need to be removed please. Have a great weekend!	VIP Khiya Weightman
Year 3	We are very impressed with how Year 3 have settled into their new class. They have had a very sensible and mature attitude to their work. This half term our main theme is 'Under our feet'. This includes a local area study of Hodbarrow and the Science topic 'Rocks'. In Literacy we will be writing to inform; including recounts and news reports. In Maths we have started a unit on place value. Our RE topic is 'The Christian Family'. We will be holding a meeting on Monday 25 th September to give a little information about Year 3. This will only last approximately 30 minutes; we hope to see lots of you there. Have a lovely weekend!	VIP Anderson Heavyside
Year 4	The children have worked really hard this week. We have started our topic for this term which is, World War 2 and I am so pleased all the children are really enthusiastic about learning about how the war started. In Maths, we have been looking at Roman Numerals and we have started on Place Value and the value of 4 digit numbers and in English, we have been looking at Recounts and how we can use time connectives within sentences. Our RE topic this half term is 'The Bible'. Next week, we will be continuing our work on Place Value and looking at writing a recount on being a child in WW2. I'm delighted to see so many of the children eager to learn, and have been reading at home each night, keep up the good work Year 4!	VIP Jimmy Mossop
Year 5	The children have worked hard this week. In Maths, we have been thinking about the value in 5 and 6 digit numbers and in writing, we have been having a go at changing the order of our sentences and learning out text about the planet Mars. In RE, we have been thinking about Creation and this week, we will be beginning to think about the creation as told to us in the book of Genesis. In Maths, we will be thinking about numbers up to 1million; ordering, comparing and partitioning them. In writing, we will be using the learnt text to write about our own planets. We will also be continuing with our topic work on 'The Solar System' It's great to see that so many of the children have been reading at home; this will form an important part of their homework in Y5. Have a great weekend everyone!	VIP Roisin Ruddy
Year 6	The children have made a great start to year 6. Well done everyone! In Literacy, they have been thinking about persuasive writing and the language techniques used to persuade. In maths, we have been focussing on place value and rounding- we will be continuing with this next week. The children have brought home some maths homework and spellings to practise. As well as this, they should be reading every night and recording just a sentence or two in their reading log. This should either focus on what has happened in the book in the section they have read, or be a reflection on how they are feeling about the plot or characters so far. In RE we have started learning about the Eucharist and the children were lucky to spend a day with Mrs Marmion doing some art around this theme. Have a great weekend!	VIP Cade Heavyside

<p><u>ATTENDANCE AWARD WEEK ENDING 15th September</u></p> <p>1st – Year 4 – 99.4% 2nd – Year 1 – 99% 3rd – Year 6 – 98.7% 4th – Year 2 – 98.6% 5th – Year 3 – 96.6% 6th – Year 5 – 95.6%</p> <p>Well done to our YEAR 4 class who are the first winners of the Attendance Trophy for this school year. Let's see if you can keep it until the end of term! ☺</p>	<p><u>BIRTHDAYS 1st – 17th September 2017</u></p> <p>Braith Lupton, Reuben Lupton, Oliver Thompson, Maya Hughes, Bella Pedley, Jessica Burch, Lacey Benson, Heidi Evans, Evan Jackson, Sebastian Keough, Zoe Thompson, Tommy Gill, Freddie Jones, Farran Hawdon</p>
	<p><u>AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS</u></p> <p>Monday: Choir – 3.15pm – 4.00pm Tuesday: Tennis Club – 3.00pm – 4.00pm at the Sports Hall Wednesday: KS1 Gymnastics - 3.15pm to 4.15pm. **Wednesday: Mathletics - 3.15pm to 4.00pm. Thursday: KS2 Multi Skills - 3.15pm to 4.15pm. **Friday: Mathletics - 3.15 to 4.00pm **Mathletics Clubs start week commencing 25th September**</p>
<p><u>NOTE TO PARENTS: PLEASE READ THIS SECTION AS ALL SCHOOL INFORMATION IS IN HERE</u></p> <p>We have welcomed our new Reception Class into school this week and it has been lovely seeing them all and getting to know them. Next week those children who have done mornings this week will be doing afternoons and vice versa. Year 5 & 6 have had visits from Mr Blackburn from John Ruskin School and Mrs Drage from Millom School, inviting them to their open evenings which are coming up soon. Year 6 will have brought home letters about selecting a secondary school, this contains online logins. Applications need to be made by 31st October 2017.</p> <p>On Monday 18th September year 6 will be attending Mass at 9am in Church. Refreshments will be served in the Columba Room afterwards. Please could children from year 6 bring in cakes for refreshments, these can be left at our school office. Children will need to be in school at 8.45am ready to go over to Church. Parents, family and friends are very welcome to join us for Mass and refreshments. In the afternoon, Mr Cross, Headteacher at St Bernard's Catholic High School in Barrow will be coming to speak to year 6 children about their open evenings and what St Bernard's can offer them. Mrs High and Mrs Jardine will be having a meeting for the parents of children from year 3 at 5.30pm. We are having the Annual General Meeting of our Parents Guild on Monday evening at 6.30pm, please could we ask that as many parents as possible attend the meeting. We won't keep you long but we would like to have some new parents join us to help raise funds and run events for our children.</p> <p>On Wednesday 20th year 4 will be having a WW2 workshop with Charlie Lupton. We are sure they will have a brilliant time ☺ On Friday 22nd, year 6 will be visiting Low Bank Ground in Coniston for a team building day. They will be taking part in water based activities and activities at the centre. It should be a great day ☺</p> <p>We started to attend Mass every other Sunday during the last school year, this will continue this year and our first Mass will be on Sunday 24th September at 10.30am in Church. Children from school will be reading, singing and taking the offertory. Parents, family and friends are very welcome to join us and the parishioners of Our Lady & St James' RC Church. Refreshments are always available in the Columba Room afterwards.</p> <p>Mrs High has sent home letters about the Mathletics after school club, please can you send these back as soon as possible. Mathletics will start week commencing 25th September on Wednesdays and Fridays. Places are limited so please return your forms quickly. Choir is on Mondays from 3.15pm – 4pm for children from year 2 upwards.</p> <p>Can you please remember to send back your slip with an up to date contact email address on so we can send you an electronic copy of our school weekly newsletter.</p> <p>Have a lovely weekend everyone!</p>	
<p><u>PRAYER INTENTIONS</u></p> <p>We ask you to remember in your prayers this week, Isabelle and Jessica's nanna, Tess Thompson and Naya's nanna, Josie Jamieson who have both very sadly passed away this week. Could you also remember Ava and Anya's baby cousin, Hazel who has also very sadly passed away suddenly yesterday. We ask God to welcome them into His Kingdom and ask Our Blessed Lady to love and comfort their families. Please join us as we say: <i>Eternal rest give unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.</i> <i>(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)</i></p>	
<p><u>FACEBOOK</u></p> <p>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:-</p>	
<p><u>KS1</u></p> <p>Reception St James 2016/2017 Y1 St James 2016/2017 Y2 St James 2016/2017</p>	<p><u>KS2</u></p> <p>Y3 St James 2016/2017 Y4 St James 2016/2017 Y5 St James 2016/2017 St James Y6 Class of 2017</p>

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

Monday 18th September – Year 3 Parents Meeting at 5.30pm
 Monday 18th September – Parents Guild AGM at 6.30pm
 Wednesday 20th September – WW2 Workshop for Year 4
 Friday 22nd September – Year 6 Team Building Trip to Low Bank Ground in Coniston
 Monday 25th September – Millom Football Festival for KS1 & KS2 at Millom School
 Monday 25th September – Year 5 Parents Meeting at 5.30pm
 Tuesday 3rd October – Cross Country at Millom School
 Friday 6th October – Year 6 at REACT Science Show at Millom School
 Friday 20th October – Break up for Half Term
 Monday 30th October – Start back at school
 Wednesday 1st November – Parents Evening
 Thursday 2nd November – Parents Evening
 Wednesday 6th December – Pantomime 'Dick Whittington' at The Beggars Theatre 1.30pm
 Thursday 7th December – School Christmas Dinner
 Monday 11th December – KS2 Play Dress Rehearsal at 2pm / KS2 Play at 6pm
 Tuesday 12th December – KS2 Play at 2pm
 Wednesday 13th December – KS1 Christmas Party
 Wednesday 13th December – Parishioners Christmas Dinner at 6.30pm
 Thursday 14th December – Year 3 & Year 4 Christmas Party
 Monday 18th December – KS1 Carol Service Dress Rehearsal at 10.30am
 Monday 18th December – Yea 5 & Year 6 Christmas Party
 Monday 18th December – KS1 Carol Service
 Tuesday 19th December – Break Up for Christmas Holidays at 1.30pm
 Thursday 4th January 2018 – Start back at school

TERM DATES 2017-2018

Autumn Term 2017: Wednesday 6th September – Tuesday 19th December
 Half Term: Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October
 Spring Term: Thursday 4th January – Thursday 29th March
 Half Term: Monday 12th – Friday 16th February
 Summer Term: Monday 16th April – Friday 20th July
 Half Term: Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June
 Bank Holiday: Monday 7th May

RESIDENTIAL TRIP DATE 2018

Year 5 Low Bank Ground, Coniston Wednesday 31st January – Friday 2nd February

Class Masses

Monday 18th September – Year 6 – refreshments afterwards
 Monday 25th September – Year 5
 Monday 9th October – Year 3
 Monday 6th November – Year 6
 Monday 13th November – Year 5
 Monday 20th November – Year 4
 Monday 27th November – Year 3
 Monday 11th December – Year 6

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.

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

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

SCHOOL SUNDAY MASSES – 10.30am in Church

Sunday 24th September
 Sunday 8th October
 Sunday 22nd October
 Sunday 12th November
 Sunday 10th December

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 link to this is on our school website.

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

Wednesday 11am – 12 noon Little Tots Ages 2 – 4
 Wednesday 4pm - 5.45pm Beggar's Youth Theatre School Yr 4 – Yr 7
 Thursday 3.30pm - 4.30pm Little Beggars School Yr Reception and Yr 1
 Thursday 4.45pm - 6pm Little Beggars – Yr 2 and Yr 3
 We have spaces available and welcome everyone.

£40 per term – maximum of 15 members per class

WHAT'S ON AT THE BEGGAR'S THEATRE

Friday 8th September – Tom Stude: I Swear 8pm
 Friday 16th September – 'The Great British Take Off' with John Culshaw & Bill Dane 8pm
 Friday 13th October – A Celebration of Simon & Garfunkel
 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. www.beggarstheatre.co.uk

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