



St James Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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

Reception	This week we have been learning the letters and sounds 'p' 'i' and 'n' we have enjoyed playing find the sounds and making words. Next week we will consolidate these letters with lots of games. In literacy we have had lots of fun creating a new version of Humpty Dumpty; the children have drawn pictures for the new nursery rhyme, acted out the new rhyme! What wonderful work. Next week we will start looking at the Incy Wincy Spider nursery rhyme. In Maths we have been working hard with recognising numerals to 10 and careful counting; we have also tried writing the numerals to 10 and finding correct amount of objects. Next week we will consolidate numbers to 10 and start looking at finding one more and one less. In RE we have been looking at Gods love for people and how we show love to people. As part of the homework this week the children should have brought home a sheet for God's love. I would like the children to draw a picture or stick a photograph in of their family. The children can also complete 'p' 'i' and 'n' in their letters and sounds book.	VIPs Katie Hillier Florence Tyson
Year 1	The children have been working very hard writing first person this week, and pretending that they are the Big Bad Wolf in Literacy. We are aiming to be writing a diary entry as the wolf next week and I am really looking forward to what the children will produce. In science, we built and then blew down some amazing houses made from bricks, sticks and straw; logon to Tapestry soon to see the children making their houses and predicting what will happen and then the big experiment! The children had great fun! Please keep helping your child write their numbers 1-20 as we are trying really hard to make sure that they are the correct way round. In RE the children are coming to the end of their topic and have been asking questions that they wonder about in the world. Have a lovely weekend! (Phonics taught: ay, ou, ie, oy, ea, ir)	VIP Lucien Munroe
Year 2	We have been looking at families and identifying inverse operations of + and -. Next week we are starting adding different numbers and reasoning linked questions. In literacy we are looking at nouns, adjectives and verbs, creating exciting poems. Our RE the chosen person next week is Joseph. For homework I would like all the children to use both our mathematics and spellodrome programmes for about 10 minutes every day. Using this daily has had some amazing effects and is linked to our class work. Our Parents Information Evening is on Tuesday at 4.30pm, I do hope you can come. Have a nice weekend.	VIP Kaya Jackson
Year 3	Well we can't believe it is the last week of half term next week and the children have had a great start to Year 3. On Wednesday next week, we will finally be going to Hodbarrow (weather depending) after all this bad weather, we are hoping for a dry day. We will send a note early next week, but children will need to come in non-school uniform and have shoes that are suitable for getting muddy. Wellies are good as long as children can walk in them! Thank you to everyone for all your support this half term. It has been great to see children reading, completing homework and using the online activities. Thank you also to all of you who have sent on christening items to share. Have a lovely weekend.	VIP Lauren Thompson
Year 4	Year 4 have had another fantastic week! We started our Science topic and an experiment with fizzy drinks to find out if carbon dioxide weighs anything. We are all very excited to find out what happens next week! In English, we have been looking at expanded noun phrases and synonyms and using all these new fantastic work in our writing. In Maths, we have been looking at column addition; we will be continuing with this next week and moving onto subtraction. It has been so lovely to see the children so excited about Read Theory; I am amazed at how many quizzes are being completed at home! Please still listen to your child read at home as this is important too. Have a good weekend!	VIP Nicole Snell
Year 5	The children have had another good week! In Maths, we have looked at formal methods of addition and subtraction – the children have impressed me with their willingness to solve problems and tackle things that at first seem tricky to them. This coming week, we will be looking at making estimations and using	VIP Tom Woodend

	<p>inverse operations to check our work. In Literacy, we will continue our work on news articles – it would be great if the children could read any appropriate newspaper articles that they can find. In RE, we will be thinking further about being Stewards of the Earth and at how we, and others, can use our God-given gifts. I have asked that you try and download the 'Seesaw' app at home so that the children, and I, can share work from home and school. I have sent log in codes for the children and you to have a go. Don't worry if you experience any 'teething problems'- it's a new venture and is likely to take time to get up and running. If you do manage to download and log on, perhaps send a photo of any news articles that the children have read. Thank you for having a go with this! Have a lovely weekend.</p>		
<p>Year 6</p>	<p>Year 6 have had a very busy week! On Tuesday, three children went to St Columba's for a maths day and another 8 took part in the Copeland Cross Country tournament. They all did very well and were super representatives of our class and school. On Thursday, we attended a special mass in Barrow with other year 6 children from the Catholic schools in Barrow. St Mary's is a beautiful church and it was a great experience for them all. We have also been working hard, writing persuasive adverts and grappling with long multiplication and multiplying with decimals. I hope to move on to division next week. One of the biggest stumbling blocks for the children is poor tables knowledge - extra practise would be really beneficial this weekend! I hope you all have a great weekend.</p>	<p>VIP James Cloudsdale</p>	
<p><u>ATTENDANCE AWARD WEEK ENDING 13th October</u></p> <p>1st – Year 5 – 99.3% 2nd – Reception – 98% 2nd – Year 3 – 98% 4th – Year 2 – 95.6% 5th – Year 4 – 93.4% 6th – Year 6 – 90.7% 7th – Year 1 – 89.6%</p> <p>Well done to our Year 5 class who are the winners of the Attendance Trophy this week. I wonder if they can manage 100% next week and retain the trophy? ☺</p>		<p><u>BIRTHDAYS 8th – 14th October 2017</u></p> <p>James Date & Jesse Evans</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: Athletics - 3.15pm to 4.00pm. Thursday: KS2 Multi Skills - 3.15pm to 4.15pm. Thursday: Active 8 Club – 3.15pm – 4.15pm Friday: Athletics - 3.15 to 4.00pm</p>	
<p><u>NOTE TO PARENTS: PLEASE READ THIS SECTION AS ALL SCHOOL INFORMATION IS IN HERE</u></p> <p>Year 3 went to Mass on Monday, thank you to those parents and parishioners who joined us. Our KS2 cross country team competed in the Copeland event at St Bees on Tuesday, sadly they didn't win but all did very well and enjoyed getting muddy! Well done to all of you and thank you to Mrs High and Mrs Mitchell for taking the children. Thanks also to Mrs McKendrie, who took four children from year 5 and 6 to St Columba's Catholic High School in Walney for a More Able Maths Course. The children really enjoyed the day and got so much from it. Year 6 joined the other year 6's from the Furness Catholic Schools at a special Mass at St Mary's RC Church in Barrow on Thursday.</p> <p><u>What is happening week commencing 18th October:</u></p> <p>On Tuesday KS1 and KS2 will have special assemblies in the morning where they will learn all about the work of CAFOD for whom we raised funds last week. Mrs Carter is holding the Year 2 Parents Information Evening at 4.30pm on Tuesday. We were going to have a disco on Thursday but due to the work which is soon to start in our school office area we have had to postpone this. Arrangements are being made with The Beggars Theatre to use this as a venue for our Christmas discos and play. We will let you know next week of access arrangements for school when the building work starts on 30th October.</p> <p>We will be leading the 10.30am Mass at Our Lady & St James' RC Church on Sunday 22nd October. Children from our school will be doing the readings, bidding prayers, taking the Offertory and singing. Letters will be sent home next week with children who have said they would like to attend. The parishioners love to see and hear the children at Mass so please do let your children come along. Parents, family and friends are very welcome to join us at Mass at any time. Refreshments are served in the Columba Room afterwards. Thank you for your support.</p>			

Please can we remind you to check your child's head regularly. There have been a few instances of headlice in school since we came back this term. Treatment for headlice is available from the local pharmacies.

IMPORTANT: If you have any data collection sheets and permission slips at home please can you sign these and send them in to school as soon as possible. It is very important that we have up to date contact information and medical information for your children.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We ask you to remember Jasmine and Samuel's great grandma, Winnie Wright who has very sadly died this week. We ask God to welcome Winnie into His Kingdom and ask Our Blessed Lady to comfort and pray for her family at this sad time. Please join us as we pray especially for Winnie – *Eternal rest give unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen*

Please remember in your prayers Tony Murning who is ill in hospital at the moment. We pray to Our Blessed Lady to take care of him and help him to recover soon. Can we also ask you to pray for Father Bob's brother who is very poorly in hospital too. Again we pray to Our Blessed Lady to take care of him and his family.

(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

Tuesday 17th October – Year 2 Parents Information Evening 4.30
Friday 20th October – Break up for Half Term
Monday 30th October – Start back at school
Monday 30th October – Parents Meeting – fund raising
Wednesday 1st November – Parents Evening
Thursday 2nd November – Parents Evening
Thursday 9th November – Remembrance Service in School
Wednesday 22nd November – KS1 Multi Skills at Recreation Centre
Wednesday 6th December – Pantomime 'Dick Whittington' at The Beggars Theatre 1.30pm
Thursday 7th December – School Christmas Dinner
Friday 8th December – School Christmas Event 3.30pm – 6pm
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 Xmas Dinner - 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 – Year 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 DATES 2018

Year 5 Low Bank Ground, Coniston:
Wednesday 21st – Friday 23rd February 2018
Year 4 Castlerigg, Keswick:
Monday 4th – Wednesday 6th June 2018
Year 6 York:
Monday 25th – Wednesday 27th June 2018

Class Masses

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

SCHOOL SUNDAY MASSES – 10.30am in Church

Sunday 22nd October
Sunday 12th November
Sunday 10th December

<p>LITTLE JIMMY'S TODDLER GROUP 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>MASS TIMES <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>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>	<p>HEAD LICE Please could you remember to check your child's head regularly for head lice. You can get lotions and advice from our local pharmacies. Thank you.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>KD School of Dance Monday 5:00 – 5:30pm Nursery Class 5:30 – 6:30pm Junior Stretch Class 6:30 – 7:00pm Grade Two Tap 7:00 – 7:30pm Grade Three Tap 7:30 – 8:15pm Senior Ballet Tuesday 5:15 – 6:15pm Adult Tap Thursday 5:00 – 5:45pm Introductory Class 5:45 – 6:45pm Pre-Primary Class 6:45 – 7:15pm Senior Modern Class Friday 4:30 – 5:30pm Primary Class 5:30 – 6:30pm Grade 1 Class 6:30 – 7:15pm Musical Theatre Class 7:15 – 8:00pm Senior Stretch 8:00 – 8:30pm Senior Pointe (invite only)</p> <p>Classes held every week in St James' School Hall For information contact – Danielle Varley via Facebook Or email KDSchoolofDance@outlook.com</p>	<p>WHAT'S ON AT THE BEGGAR'S THEATRE Friday 13th October – A Celebration of Simon & Garfunkel Saturday 14th October – Tayo Aluko 'Just and Ordinary Lawyer' – 8pm Thursday 19th October – La'al Marra 'Soaked' – 7 – 8.15pm Friday 20th October – The Thinking Drinkers Live 8pm Saturday 4th November – La'al Big Band – 8pm Wednesday 8th November – Ed Byrne Spoiler Alert! – 8pm Saturday 18th November – The Quo Experience – 8pm Saturday 9th December – Snta's Christmas Wish – 2pm Friday 15th December – Manford's Comedy Club – 8pm Saturday 16th December – The Fourmost – 8pm</p> <p>Telephone: 775677 or call in at the theatre to book your tickets. Tickets are available on the door. www.beggars-theatre.co.uk</p>
<p>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.</p> <p>£40 per term – maximum of 15 members per class</p>	<p>A Skye Full of Stars Charity Fashion Show With Age UK Saturday 28th October at 7pm At The Beggars Theatre Live Musical Entertainment Clothes will be on sale throughout the evening Grand Raffle & Cake Stall Admission £5 per adult / £3 per child Tickets and raffle tickets are available from The Beggars Theatre or from Sheelagh Wilson at St James' School Office or pay on the door <i>A Skye Full of Stars is a charity being set up for young people in the Millom area in memory of Skye Mitchell.</i></p>
<p>MESSAGE FROM RICKY'S TRAVEL – Tel: 772145 Due to cold wet mornings we have had interest in running a town school bus. Starting Monday (16th) we will be providing a school bus service (Mornings only). Route will be:</p> <p>Millom Rugby league gates 8.30am (ish) Cook Rd end Tin Chapel The Square Millom School (drop off) Huddleston Rd end Fairfield Rd end (post box) Festival Rd (green) Palmers Lane Blackcombe School (drop off) St James (drop off)</p> <p>This will be on a trial basis to see how much interest it has. Please contact Carrie Spiers via Facebook for more information.</p>	