



# St James Catholic Primary School Newsletter

## Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017

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

<b>Reception</b>	<p>What a fantastic half term we have had! The children have all settled into the school routine really well. We have had a busy week this week. We have recapped the letters 's, a, t, p, i and n' we have been playing lots of different listening and matching games too. In Literacy we have been looking at the nursery rhyme incy wincy this week and completed some lovely tasks. The children enjoyed finding spider webs around the outside classroom and investigating the autumn things in our tray. We have also had fun making leaf decorations. In maths we have started looking at one more and one less within 5 and 10. The children have enjoyed investigating this using number lines and different resources. In RE we have been looking at our special qualities and what makes us special.</p> <p>As homework this week I would like the children to find a picture of themselves as a baby to bring into school for after half term for our prayer and liturgy sessions. I have also sent home an autumn task that I would like completing as it is for our autumn theme display! Thanks have a lovely weekend.</p>	VIPs Hetty Young Logan Walker
<b>Year 1</b>	<p>We have completed our diaries from the point of view of the wolf this week – the children worked so hard on them and were so proud of their work! In maths, we have come to the end of our addition and subtraction unit which the children really enjoyed working on, they have been very busy with their numbers. Next half term we will be moving onto our new RE topic, Mary our Mother, where we will be looking at how important Mary is for our Church.</p> <p>I have sent home PE kits to be washed over the half term, please could these along with book bags, be back in on Monday. Thank you so much for your continued support by reading with your children.</p> <p>I hope you have a lovely holiday! <b>(PHONICS: ay, ie, ou, oy, ir and ea)</b></p>	VIP Skyla Thompson Hayden Brierley
<b>Year 2</b>	<p>We have completed our literacy work this week. Writing poems linked to our Autumn work. In maths we have been comparing numbers and adding. We will continue with adding after Half Term. In RE we have been reading the story of Joseph and created our own coloured coats. We have completed our castle work which everyone has enjoyed. Science continues next term. Spellodrome is now set up for our children and has lots of games which will help their spelling. The login for Spellodrome is the same as the Athletics login.</p> <p>Thank you to all parents and carers who came to the information meeting and I look forward to seeing you all at Parents Evening.</p> <p>Have a great Half Term!</p>	VIP Meara Pattinson
<b>Year 3</b>	<p>We have come to the end of a busy half term. Well done to all the children in Year 3 for settling so quickly and working hard. Thank you also to parents for supporting children with their homework and reading.</p> <p>For homework over half term children have a Maths sheet in their folder. It would also be useful if children could complete 3 read theory puzzles and the 3 Athletics tasks I have set for them.</p> <p>Most of all, enjoy the lovely half term break and we will see you at parents evening when we return.</p>	VIP Olivia Shaw
<b>Year 4</b>	<p>I can't believe how fast the first half term has gone! I have really enjoyed it, and I would like to say a huge thank you to all of the children for working so hard!</p> <p>After the holiday, we will be carrying on with Addition and Subtraction in Maths and in English we will be looking at Newspaper articles. In RE, we will be starting a new topic: Trusting God and in Science, we will be conducting an experiment to see how quickly chocolate melts at different temperatures.</p> <p>Have a lovely well-earned rest and a great half term!</p>	VIP Diamond Lambillion
<b>Year 5</b>	<p>The children have had a great first half term and have settled into Year 5 really well. We will be able to discuss how your child is progressing at parent's evening on the first week back. Our maths work will be looking at Data Handling and in literacy, we will be thinking about using our writing to entertain through stories and poems. In RE we will be learning about Inspirational People.</p> <p>Have a good break!</p>	VIP Aimee Redhead
<b>Year 6</b>	<p>It's been a busy half term and I know that the children are ready for a well-earned rest. After the holiday, we will be learning about changes in medicine over time. In Literacy we will be thinking about writing to inform and in maths we will be refining our skills in division. Extra tables practice would really help! In RE, we will be learning about the Kingdom of God and our invitation to join. I look forward to seeing you at Parents Evening after half term.</p> <p>I hope you all have a restful break.</p>	VIP Aoife Crocker

<b><u>ATTENDANCE AWARD WEEK ENDING 20<sup>th</sup> October</u></b>	<b><u>BIRTHDAYS 15<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> October 2017</u></b>
1 <sup>st</sup> – Year 2 – 97.8% 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Year 5 – 97.1% 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Year 6 – 96% 4 <sup>th</sup> – Year 4 – 94.6% 5 <sup>th</sup> – Year 1 – 94.4% 6 <sup>th</sup> – Reception – 93.7% 7 <sup>th</sup> – Year 3 – 90%	Imogen Brown, Lauren Thompson, Summer-Louise Benson, Mason Garratt
Well done to our Year 2 class who are the winners of the Attendance Trophy this week. Let's see if any class can manage 100% after half term! ☺	<b><u>AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS</u></b>
	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

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

We have reached our half term holidays and we are sure that the children are ready for a rest after all of their hard work throughout the last six weeks. On Tuesday KS1 and KS2 had special assemblies from CAFOD, where we heard all about the work they do around the world. We do support the work of CAFOD with our Harvest Fast Day in October. Mrs Carter would like to thank those parents who came to her information evening on Tuesday. She hopes you found it interesting and was pleased to meet you all.

**We will be leading the 10.30am Mass at Our Lady & St James' RC Church on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Children from our school will be doing the readings, bidding prayers, taking the Offertory and singing. Please do encourage your children to come and be with us at these Masses. The parishioners love to see and hear the children at Mass and it makes such a difference to them. 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.**

**What is happening week commencing 30<sup>th</sup> October:**

We will be having a fund raising meeting on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October to speak to parents about working together to raise much needed funds for school. The meeting will be at 6.30pm, we won't keep you long. **Please do try to come along if you can it is really important that we have support from parents.** Our Parents Evenings are on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Thank you for returning your reply letters so promptly and we hope you have received your slips back informing you of your allocated times. If you did not return your reply letter and would like an appointment time, please post this on your class facebook page or let us know when we return to school and the class teacher will try to fit you in.

**Building Work**

When we come back to school after half term we will be unable to use the Lonsdale Road entrance to school as our office area is having major alteration work done. This work is due to last for approximately 16 weeks. During this time access to school for parents will be from the Queen Street gates and from the door on the right. There is a door bell on the door and we would ask that you ring this and wait a few minutes as our temporary offices are in the middle of the school so it will take a little longer for staff to come and speak to you. Children will come in and out through the Market Street gates as usual in the morning and after school. Breakfast club children will need to come in through this gate too and enter the building through the door nearest the staffroom which leads into the hall. The building work will cause disruption to our school assemblies, discos and Christmas plays, we will be in touch to let you know the alternative arrangements we have made for these things.

We would like to say Goodbye and Good Luck to Hayden Brierley from year 1 and his family who are moving away this week. We have enjoyed having Hayden with us and will really miss him ☺ We hope the family will keep in touch and will come back and visit us when they are in the area in the future. Love and best wishes to all of you.

This will be our last printed newsletter that we will send to everyone. When we come back after half term only those people who have requested a printed copy will receive one, everyone else will receive an email copy. Our newsletter is posted on our school website and school facebook site at the weekend, please do check this as there are important things contained in our newsletters. Thank you.

Have a lovely half term break everyone!

**PRAYER INTENTIONS**

We remember in our prayers this week, Hayden Brierley and his family who are moving away this week. We ask Our Blessed Lady to look after them all and keep them safe and well.

As we go into our half term holidays we ask you to pray for each and every member of our school, both staff and children, and their families. We ask God to take care of us all and keep us safe and well.

Please pray for Aoife's Great Uncle Jim who has very sadly died. We ask God to welcome Jim into His Kingdom and we pray to Our Blessed Lady to comfort and support his family at this sad and difficult time. Please join us as we pray especially for Jim – *Eternal rest give unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he 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:-

### **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**

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Start back at school

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Parents Meeting – fund raising

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Parents Evening

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Parents Evening

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Service in School

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – KS1 Multi Skills at Recreation Centre

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Pantomime 'Dick Whittington' at The Beggars Theatre 1.30pm

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December – School Christmas Dinner

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December – School Christmas Event 3.30pm – 6pm

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Play Dress Rehearsal at 2pm / KS2 Play at 6pm

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Play at 2pm

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Christmas Party

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Parishioners Xmas Dinner - 6.30pm

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Year 3 & Year 4 Christmas Party

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Carol Service Dress Rehearsal at 10.30am

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Year 5 & Year 6 Christmas Party

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Carol Service

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Break Up for Christmas Holidays at 1.30pm

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018 – Start back at school

## **TERM DATES 2017-2018**

Autumn Term 2017: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Half Term: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October

Spring Term: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March

Half Term: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

Summer Term: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July

Half Term: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Bank Holiday: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May

## **RESIDENTIAL TRIP DATES 2018**

**Year 5 Low Bank Ground, Coniston:**

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018

**Year 4 Castlerigg, Keswick:**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018

**Year 6 York:**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018

## **Class Masses**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November – Year 6

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Year 5

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November – Year 4

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Year 3

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Year 6

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

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December

## **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.sainfranciscumbria.com](http://www.sainfranciscumbria.com)

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

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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)

Classes held every week in St James' School Hall  
 For information contact:-  
 Danielle Varley via Facebook  
 Or email [KDSchoolofDance@outlook.com](mailto:KDSchoolofDance@outlook.com)

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

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October – The Thinking Drinkers Live 8pm  
 Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November – La'al Big Band – 8pm  
 Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Ed Byrne Spoiler Alert! – 8pm  
 Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November – The Quo Experience – 8pm  
 Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Santa's Christmas Wish – 2pm  
 Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Manford's Comedy Club – 8pm  
 Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December – The Fourmost – 8pm

Telephone: 775677 or call in at the theatre to book your tickets.

Tickets are available on the door.  
[www.beggars theatre.co.uk](http://www.beggars theatre.co.uk)

**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

## A Skye Full of Stars Charity Fashion Show

With Age UK

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 pay on the door**

**A Skye Full of Stars is a charity being set up for young people in the Millom area in memory of Skye Mitchell.**

**BLACKBURN ROVERS HALF TERM ACTIVITIES**

**There are still places available for the Blackburn Rovers Football and Dance workshops. The football is taking place at the Rugby League ground and the Dance Workshop is in St James School Hall.**

**Prices: Dance Workshop: £6.00 / Football Workshop: £11.00**

**Football: 10.00-2.00pm (Bring a packed lunch)  
Dance Workshop: 10.00-12.00pm**