



# St James Catholic Primary School Newsletter

## Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017

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

<b>Reception</b>	It has been another busy week in Reception with all the children working really hard. In Maths we have started our 2d shape unit and have enjoyed looking for 2d shapes outside. We will continue with this next week. In Literacy we have enjoyed our story walk for the little red hen, next week we will be working on changing elements of the story. We will also be making bread. We will be starting our reading groups next week and the children will be bringing home a reading book to share with you. We have had some lovely prayer and liturgy sessions this week about remembrance and families. Have a lovely weekend.	VIP
<b>Year 1</b>	This week in Year 1 we have been very busy with lots of fantastic artwork linked to our RE Topic where we used chalk to draw pictures of Mary and created some Angel Gabriels; please look on Tapestry next week to see the lovely pictures and angels we have made in a display. We have also been learning about Remembrance Day and as part of our afternoon jobs, we wrote prayers and made poppies out of paper, lego and other construction equipment. Next week we will be continuing our Maths topic on teen numbers and in Literacy we will be hopefully writing our versions of 'How to Catch a Star'. I hope you have a lovely weekend! <b>(Phonics: ay, ea, ir, ou, aw, ue, ir)</b>	VIP
<b>Year 2</b>	We have been adding 1 digit numbers to 2 digit numbers and are now moving on to subtracting 1 digit numbers from 2. It would really help <u>all</u> the children to practice this at home. Next week we are going to box up our story 'Lost and Found' then change the ideas to write our own. In RE we are looking at the Creation Story. Our history topic this half term is nursing in the past and we are looking at significant people linked to this. As part of our science materials next week we are going to investigate making things with paper. Have a great weekend!	VIP Charlie Wilson & Aleecia Richards
<b>Year 3</b>	It has been another busy week in Year 3 with all children working hard. In Maths we have completed our unit on subtraction and completed an assessment on Friday. Next week, we will move into multiplication and children will be learning times tables. We will be starting with 3s and 4s and children will bring some cards home to practice these. In Literacy we have been using pictures of different settings to write descriptions and children have produced some lovely writing. Next week, we will move onto some story writing – looking at a warning story The Caravan. We have also had some lovely prayer and liturgy this week thinking about Remembrance. Please join us if you can on Sunday.	VIP Imogen Jackson
<b>Year 4</b>	Year 4 have had a fantastic week this week, we have been creating prayer cards in RE, in maths we have been finishing off our addition and subtraction work. In English we are learning about speech marks and how to use them correctly. This afternoon everyone has had golden time as they worked extremely hard this week. Keep up the good work year 4! Have a great weekend.	VIP Myla Ball & Frankie Kelly
<b>Year 5</b>	The children have had a very productive week. In Maths, we have been drawing, interpreting and solving problems with line graphs and in writing, we have started to write about a short video called 'Chaperon Rouge'. The children have been thinking extremely about all the grammar that they have learnt and how they can put it to good use in their writing. In RE, we will be learning about God's covenant with Moses and looking, in detail, at the Ten Commandments and how they affect our lives as Christians. Please remember that homework is Maths and at least three Read Theory quizzes. Have a great weekend!	VIP Olivia Robinson & Rhys Graham
<b>Year 6</b>	We've been busy in year 6 this week. In Literacy, the children have been learning to use adverbials, prepositional phrases and relative clauses ready to write diary entries next week. In maths we have been grappling with dividing by 2 digit numbers. We started our new RE topic this week, The Kingdom of God. As part of this, we have learned about the parable of the yeast and the parable of the mustard seed. To help the children to remember these, we have made bread and planted mustard seeds. Next week, we will continue with this work and we will also be finding out more about the Great Plague of 1665. I hope you have a good weekend!	VIP Sienna Jackson

**ATTENDANCE AWARD WEEK ENDING 10<sup>th</sup>****November**1<sup>st</sup> – Year 6 – 99.3%2<sup>nd</sup> – Year 3 – 98.7%2<sup>nd</sup> – Reception – 98.3%4<sup>th</sup> – Year 4 – 98.2%5<sup>th</sup> – Year 5 – 97.9%6<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 – 96.3%7<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 – 95.0%

Well done to our Year 6 class who are the winners of the Attendance Trophy this week with a brilliant 99.3%! Let's see if they can do the double and make it 100% next week ☺

**BIRTHDAYS 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

Callum High, Luka Allington, Sarah Blastock, Rylee Barker,  
Daniel Wright

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

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****What's been happening:**

We had a lovely remembrance service in school on Thursday morning with Father Bob. It was very moving and we thank him so much for coming to deliver this for us. We seem to have done very well once again selling our Poppies and Bracelets for The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Once again the slap bands proved to be the most popular item! We will let you know the total we collected once the box has been taken and counted.

Our School will be taking part in the town parade to the cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday morning. Please can any child who would like to join us, meet our staff at The Tin Chapel at 9.20am ready for the parade to set off at 9.30am. We will go to a short service at St George's Church before going over to The Cenotaph at 10.30am where Father Bob will meet us. Rio and Leah will lay the wreath on behalf of our school. Please could children wear their school uniform. Thank you for your support with this, it would be lovely to see a good representation from our school.

**What is happening week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> November:**

Year 5 will be going to Mass at 9am on Monday, please could children from year 5 be in school for **8.45am** so we are able to complete registration and check our school meals.

On Tuesday we welcome the inspectors from Lancaster Diocese who will carry out the Section 48 RE Inspection of our school. Thank you to those parents who completed and returned the questionnaires given out at parents evening. We are sure this information will be of great help the inspectors.

**What is happening week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> November:**

Year 4 will be going to Mass at 9am on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November. Reception Class and Year 6 will have their height, weight and vision checks on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>. KS1 will be taking part in a Multi Skills tournament at Millom Recreation Centre on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Sunday Mass:**

We will be leading the 10.30am Mass at Our Lady & St James' RC Church on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November. Children from our school will be doing the readings, bidding prayers, taking the Offertory and singing. Letters will be sent home week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> November 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.

**School Building Work:**

Our building work has started in our office; this work is due to last for approximately 16 weeks. Just to remind you - we are unable to use the Lonsdale Road entrance to school. 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 etc we will be in touch to let you know the alternative arrangements when they have been made.

We are very grateful to Eva and Millie's dad for helping us with the repairs to an area outside in our school grounds. Thank you to Lucien's dad for offering to help with anything we need doing. Sometimes we have little jobs that need doing and we don't have anyone on site that can do them. It is so nice to know that we can call on the help of 'our Dads' ☺ Thank you ☺

We are not producing printed newsletters for general distribution, 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. If you would like to receive a printed copy of the newsletter, please contact our school office.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

**PRAYER INTENTIONS:** Please remember in your prayers this week all of the people who have given their lives for our country. We remember those who died in the first and second world wars and in other wars and conflicts our country has been involved in. We pray for all service personnel who have been injured or affected by these wars and conflicts and ask Our Blessed Lady to comfort them and their families. We ask God to take care of the members of our armed forces as they defend our country. Please join us as we pray especially for all who have lost their lives for our country – *Eternal rest give unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen*

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.



*(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**

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 27<sup>th</sup> November – Year 3  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Whole School Mass

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

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December

<p><b><u>LITTLE JIMMY'S TODDLER GROUP</u></b>          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 ☺</p>	<p><b><u>MASS TIMES</u></b>  <u>Our Lady &amp; 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</p> <p><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</p> <p>You can contact Fr Robert Halshaw on 01229 779673          For details and information please visit the website <a href="http://www.saintfranciscumbria.com">www.saintfranciscumbria.com</a></p>
<p><b><u>SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS &amp; INFORMATION</u></b>          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: <a href="http://www.stjamesrc.cumbria.sch.uk">www.stjamesrc.cumbria.sch.uk</a></p>	<p><b><u>HEAD LICE</u></b>  <b>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.</b></p>
<p><b><u>RECYCLE with ST JAMES SCHOOL (&amp; MICHAEL!)</u></b>          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><b><u>SAFEGUARDING &amp; CHILD PROTECTION</u></b>          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: <a href="http://www.cumbrialscb.com">www.cumbrialscb.com</a> a link to this is on our school website.</p>
<p><b><u>KD School of Dance</u></b>  <b><u>Monday</u></b>          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  <b><u>Tuesday</u></b>          5:15 – 6:15pm Adult Tap  <b><u>Thursday</u></b>          5:00 – 5:45pm Introductory Class          5:45 – 6:45pm Pre-Primary Class          6:45 – 7:15pm Senior Modern Class  <b><u>Friday</u></b>          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><i>Classes held every week in St James' School Hall</i>          For information contact:-          Danielle Varley via Facebook          Or email <a href="mailto:KDSchoolofDance@outlook.com">KDSchoolofDance@outlook.com</a></p>	<p><b><u>WHAT'S ON AT THE BEGGAR'S THEATRE</u></b>          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</p> <p>Telephone: 775677 or call in at the theatre to book your tickets.          Tickets are available on the door.  <a href="http://www.beggarstheatre.co.uk">www.beggarstheatre.co.uk</a></p> <p><b><u>MOORE ARTS:MILLOM @ The Beggar's Theatre Youth Theatre Programme</u></b>          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>

