



St James Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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

Reception	What a wonderful busy week we have had in Reception! The children have really enjoyed making a new version of the little red hen story; watch out for the video on tapestry! In Maths we have been looking at 2d shapes and making symmetrical butterflies. The children have really enjoyed investigating shape and looking around the school for different shapes they can find. In RE we have been looking at the story of the lost sheep; we enjoyed acting out the story on Thursday afternoon our prayer and liturgy sessions have been based around the theme making good choices. I have sent home every child's individual log in details for Mathletics. Have a lovely weekend.	VIP Jenson Sim
Year 1	Year 1 have had a very busy week! We have written some fantastic stories based on How To Catch a Star; I am so proud at how hard the children have worked on their writing. In maths, the children have been learning how to partition a number into its tens and ones – for a first attempt the children did really well and we will be doing more of this next week as well as focusing on the language of maths (more than, less, greater etc.) In RE we have made some fantastic paintings about the story of Mary meeting her cousin Elizabeth and we thought about how we could be more like Mary! I hope you have a lovely weekend! (Phonics: ay, ew, ou, oe, ea, aw, oy, ie, ue, ir)	VIP Bella-Grace Dixon
Year 2	Next week we are looking at a different lost and found story. On Tuesday can all the children bring in a soft toy (not too big) so they can create some description about their toy for this work. We will complete the subtraction work this week in maths and look at number bonds to 100. Thank you all the parents that have practiced at home for a few minutes every day this has really helped consolidate the class work. Continuing with this and using the mathletics programme every day really helps the children to become quicker and more accurate with arithmetic which will help them not only in Year 2 but in the future. In RE this week we looked at the story of Creation what we do to show we are following God. We have started our new history topic about Famous people linked to nursing looking at changes Florence Nightingale made to hospitals. I am sending home a list of this weeks spelling words I would like the children to practice linked to our new spelling programme which they are really enjoying. I will test them on the words later in the week. Thank you, have a great weekend.	VIP
Year 3	We have had another good week in Year 3. We have started a unit on multiplication and have begun by looking at the 3 times tables and you will have hopefully have seen the times table cards that the children have brought home. It would be great if you can practice these for homework this weekend but please remember that children need them in school with them each day. For Maths homework we would also like children to spend 30 minutes on Mathletics. In Literacy, we have been focusing on learning a warning story called 'The Caravan'. Children have been thinking about the characters feelings and putting themselves in the characters shoes in order to write diary entries. Children have also been trying hard with improving accuracy of capital letters and full stops and their spelling. Well done to children who tried hard to learn their spellings this week. The next set is in their homework folders. Have a good weekend!	VIP Imogen Jackson
Year 4	We've started lots of things this week, a new topic in maths – measurement, length and perimeter. We have started writing our newspaper report on the book 'Letters from the Lighthouse' and we've also started learning songs for our Christmas Play, which is called The Apprentice. We've been working extremely hard on our times tables this week, especially 4, 6 and 9! It would be great if they could continue practicing these at home. Have a great weekend year 4!	VIP Frankie Kelly
Year 5	The children have really worked hard in English this week and produced some fantastic writing for 'Chaperon Rouge' we will hopefully post some of their work on Seesaw next week. This week we will be learning a story about an adventure, looking to think carefully about building tension, using a variety of sentence structures and beginning to use semi colons within sentences. In Maths, we will be looking at multiplication facts – focussing especially on multiples, factors and common factors and multiples. Extra times tables work will be invaluable to the children's understanding. Cyclewise training begins this week; the children have been given a letter if they are involved in this. Please make sure that they have	VIP Ellen Armitage

	everything that they need for each of the five days so that they are all well prepared and ready to take part. We will also be making a start on learning the songs for our Christmas play! Have a great weekend!	
Year 6	This week the children have been learning more about the Great Plague in 1665. We have read an extract from the book, At the Sign of the Sugared Plum and have used this to write diary entries. We have also learnt more about the boils or 'buboes' suffered by victims. In maths, we have started working with fractions and this theme will continue until Christmas. In RE, we have continued to learn about the Kingdom of God and our invitation to join. Have a great weekend!	VIP Reece Bridges

<u>ATTENDANCE AWARD WEEK ENDING 17th November</u> 1 st – Year 5 – 98.9% 2 nd – Year 6 – 97.9% 2 nd – Year 1 – 97.5% 4 th – Year 3 – 96% 5 th – Year 4 – 95.8% 6 th – Year 2 – 94.8% 7 th – Reception – 92.7% Well done to our Year 5 class who are the winners of the Attendance Trophy this week with a brilliant 98.9%!! Let's see if they can do the double and make it 100% next week ☺	<u>BIRTHDAYS 13th – 19th November 2017</u> Jamie Harrison, Dawson Jackson, Kayla-Mai Benson
	<u>AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS</u> 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:

This week has been anti-bullying week; children have been doing some activities in class to support this. With permission from her family, we used the photograph of our former pupil, Skye Mitchell as a focus for our anti-bullying week, as she famously launched her #Labelled campaign a couple of years ago to highlight the problem of bullying. Skye very sadly passed away tragically in the summer but our school will continue to support the anti-bullying campaign in her memory. Thank you to our staff and the parents who supported our school anti-bullying week by changing their profile pictures to the iconic one of Skye. We do appreciate your support as does Skye's family.

We welcomed two inspectors from the Lancaster Roman Catholic Diocese on Tuesday who came into school to inspect our schools Religious Education provision and ethos. Although we haven't had the official report back yet, we do feel that the inspection went very well ☺ Thank you to our staff, governors, pupils and parents for their support before and during the inspection. We really do appreciate it.

We raised money for Children in Need on Friday by having a non-uniform day and cake sale. Thank you to all who sent in cakes for us to sell. We raised £350 which will be sent to Children in Need, well done everyone and thank you to year 5 for running the cake stall. On Friday afternoon year 5 and 6 had their Friday Assembly in our school hall. Please see the section below regarding building work arrangements.

What is happening week commencing 20th November:

18 children from year 5 & 6 children will be taking part in the Cyclewise Training during the week. Children who applied have been given places and have received a letter about next weeks course.

On Tuesday 21st, Reception Class and Year 6 will have their heights, weights and visions checked in school. On Tuesday 22nd, Year 2 will be taking part in a multi-skills tournament at the Recreation Centre. Our school will also welcome PSCO Victoria Jackson who will be giving a talk on Road Safety. Year 3 & 4 will be having their Friday Assembly at 2.45 on Friday 24th. A team of nurses from the NHS will be coming in to school on Friday to give children from Reception, year 1, year 2, year 3 and year 4 the nasal flu immunisation. Letters have been sent home to all children from these classes and we would ask that you please complete them and return them to school as soon as possible. Many thanks.

What is happening week commencing 27th November:

Year 3 will be attending Mass in Church at 9am on Monday 27th, please could year 3 children be in school for 8.45am on this day. Reception class will be having their hearing checks in the morning. In the afternoon we will be having our Open Afternoon for Parents of Children due to start school in September 2018. This will start at 2pm. Please tell any friends or family about this date if they have children due to start school next year.

Sunday Mass:

The next Mass our school will be leading is at 10.30am at Our Lady & St James' RC Church on Sunday 10th December. Children from our school will be doing the readings, bidding prayers, taking the Offertory and singing. Letters will be sent home week commencing 4th December 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 has caused disruption to our school assemblies etc we have decided to hold assemblies on Friday afternoons at 2.45pm on a three weekly cycle. The dates for the classes are as follows:

YEAR 5 & 6	YEAR 3 & 4	KS1
Friday 17 th November	Friday 24 th November	Friday 1 st December
Friday 8 th December		

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 could you remember in your prayers this week, Aoife's grandad, Brendan McCrae who is poorly at the moment. We ask Our Blessed Lady to take care of him and help in to be well again soon. *(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

Wednesday 22nd November – KS1 Multi Skills at Recreation Centre
Monday 27th November – Open Afternoon for parents of children starting school in September 2017
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 27th November – Year 3
Monday 11th December – Whole School Mass

SCHOOL SUNDAY MASSES – 10.30am in Church

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</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><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>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>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>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 style="text-align: center;"><u>KD School of Dance</u></p> <p>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</p> <p>Tuesday 5:15 – 6:15pm Adult Tap</p> <p>Thursday 5:00 – 5:45pm Introductory Class 5:45 – 6:45pm Pre-Primary Class 6:45 – 7:15pm Senior Modern Class</p> <p>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 style="text-align: center;"><u>WHAT'S ON AT THE BEGGAR'S THEATRE</u></p> <p>Saturday 18th November – The Quo Experience – 8pm Saturday 9th December – Santa'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><u>MOORE ARTS:MILLOM @ The Beggar's Theatre Youth Theatre Programme</u></p> <p>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 style="text-align: center;">A Skye Full Of Stars Charity CLOTHES SALE At The Beggars Theatre</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Come in and grab a bargain! Beautiful selection of childrens, mens and ladies clothes all at very reasonable prices. Clothes were modelled and donated for our recent fashion show. The theatre is open weekdays or you can contact Jakki on 775677 or via facebook</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">St James' Catholic Primary School OPEN AFTERNOON On MONDAY 27th NOVEMBER parents of children due to start school in Reception Class or transfer from other schools into Year 3 in September 2018 Tours of the school and meet the staff and children From 2pm. Please enter via the Queen Street gates.</p>