

St James' Catholic Primary School Newsletter – 26 February 2018

| Class | Weekly News |
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| Reception | This week we have had a mysterious suitcase arrive in our class. It's been very exciting trying to work out where it has come from and who it belongs to. We enjoyed looking inside and finding out the person it belongs to has been in London there were lots of interesting things inside the box. We have been investigating London and finding out about different places to visit in London. We have also been writing about what we would pack in our suitcase and take on holiday. Next week we hope to find out more about the suitcase and its owner. In Maths we have been learning about 2d and 3d shapes. It's been great fun making patterns and hunting around both classrooms to find them. We will continue with this next week. Have a lovely weekend. |
| Year 1 | Year 1 have enjoyed the start of their new writing topic, information texts on Neil Armstrong! They have enjoyed gathering facts about him and hopefully we will start to plan writing our own next week. In Maths, the children have been focusing on counting in 2s and 5s; it would be really helpful if you could continue this practice at home to help with your child's confidence. In RE we have started thinking about how we can be good followers of Jesus and what good qualities we need to share Jesus' message. Have a lovely weekend! |
| Year 2 | We have completed our statistics work in Maths and are now going on to 2D and 3D shapes work. In literacy we have started our new text, The Magic Paintbrush, which is set in China, our new topic this half term. In RE we are looking at signs and symbol of Lent and what we do to get ready for Easter. Our Science topic – animals including humans will continue until the end of term. Have a great weekend and we look forward to seeing you all at Parents Evening this week. |
| Year 3 | We have had a very busy week back to school this week and children have settled in well. We have started looking at statistics in Maths – which includes pictograms, bar charts and tables. In Literacy, we have been looking at the story of St. George and the Dragon – thinking especially this week about using noun phrases to describe the dragon. We have enjoyed making some Roman shields and have also been thinking about magnets! We look forward to seeing you all next week at Parents evening to discuss your child's progress. |
| Year 4 | Year 4 have had a productive first week back, in Maths we have started our new topic fractions and looking at equivalent fractions. In English we have been looking at persuasive writing and focusing on imperative verbs and rhetorical questions, we have also started a new topic in Science: Sound, we have been looking into how sound is created and heard. For homework this week there is a Reading Comprehension and a fractions worksheet, children should also be reading at least 3 times a week. I am looking forward to seeing you all at parents evening next week, have a good weekend year 4. |
| Year 5 | Year 5 have had a great time on their residential trip! We hope you enjoyed the photos that have been posted on the class facebook page, there will be more to add once they get back and Mrs McKendrie has had a chance to catch her breath! They had lovely weather and were able to pack in many activities. It has been a really good three days ☺ Year 5 will be going to Mass on Monday, please could we ask children to be at school for 8.45am so we can complete our morning registration and be in Church for 9am. Parents, family and friends are as always, very welcome to come and join us. It is Parents Evening on Tuesday and Thursday, Mrs High has kindly arranged the time slots and appointment times will be sent home on Monday as year 5 were not here. Most people have been given the time slots they requested. If anyone did not return their appointment request slip or contact us via facebook or email and would like an appointment, please contact us on Monday. Have a good weekend! |
| Year 6 | It's been a busy week back after half term in year 6. We have been learning all about the jaguar ready to write a non-chronological report and in maths we have started learning the rules of algebra. I am looking forward to meeting you all at parents evening next week. I will also be holding a meeting on Wednesday evening at 6pm to tell you more about SATs. Have a good weekend! |

Attendance Award - Week ending 23rd February 2018

| 1 st | 2 nd | 3 rd | 4 th | 5 th | 6 th | 7 th |
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| Year 1 99.6% | Year 2 99.3% | Reception 98% | Year 6 96.6% | Year 4 94.8% | Year 3 94.3% | Year 5 93.7% |

Well done to our year 1 class who have won the attendance award for the second week running with a brilliant 99.6%. KS1 have taken the top three places this week so well done to all of them. Can year 1 do the treble next week!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:-**February**

Friday 23rd – KS1 Assembly
 Tuesday 27th – KS1 Gymnastics Festival Yr 2
 Tuesday 27th – Parents evening
 Wednesday 28th – Year 6 SATS information meeting at 6pm

March

Thursday 1st – World Book Day
 Thursday 1st – Parents evening
 Friday 2nd – KS2 Assembly
 Wednesday 14th – NSPCC Safeguarding Workshops
 Monday 19th – South Cumbria Musical Festival week begins
 Wednesday 21st – Quicksticks Hockey Millom School Yr's 3 & 4
 Tuesday 27th – Tag Rugby Festival
 Thursday 29th – Break Up at 1.30pm

NOTE TO PARENTS: PLEASE READ THIS SECTION AS ALL SCHOOL INFORMATION IS IN HERE**What's been happening this week:**

We have had a good week at school, we came back refreshed and rested after our half term break. Year 5 have had a great few days at Low Bank Ground in Coniston, the weather has been beautiful for them. The children have taken part in lots of outdoor activities and have really enjoyed their time away. KS1 had their Assembly today.

What's happening week commencing 26th February:

We welcome two students from Millom School this week for their work experience. We hope they will enjoy the experience of being part of our team at St James'. Year 5 will be attending Mass on Monday; please can children be in school for 8.45am so we are able to complete registration before going to Mass at 9am. Parents, family and friends are, as always welcome to join us at Church. On Tuesday 27th, year 2 will be taking part in a gymnastics tournament. We have our parents evenings on Tuesday 27th and Thursday 1st February. Times for appointments have been send home with the children. On Wednesday 28th Mrs Orchard will be holding a SATS information evening for year 6 parents at 6pm, where she will tell you about the assessments and how we prepare for them in school. It is world book day on Thursday too. It is KS2 Assembly on Friday 2nd March.

Headlice: Please can you check your child's head carefully as we have had several instances of headlice in various classes in school. Please contact the local pharmacies who will advise you on treatment.

Have a great weekend and enjoy the sunshine!

PRAYER INTENTIONS: We ask you to pray for Bill Peck who is poorly in hospital at the moment. We ask God to take care of Bill and to help him be well and home again very soon. We pray to Our Blessed Lady that she will comfort and support his family at this time.

Can you also please pray for Ken Date (Mrs Nicholas' uncle) who very sadly passed away at the beginning of the week. We ask God to welcome Ken into His Kingdom and find him a special place there. We ask our Blessed Lady to comfort, support and be with Ken's family at this very sad and difficult time. Our thoughts, sympathies and prayers are with them all. Please join us as we pray especially for Ken – *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)

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.

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 2017/2018
 Y1 St James 2017/2018
 Y2 St James 2017/2018

KS2

Y3 St James 2017/2018
 Y4 St James 2017/2018
 Y5 St James 2017/2018
 Y6 St James 2017/2018

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

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

TERM DATES 2017-2018

Spring Term: Monday 8th 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

TERM DATES 2018-2019

Autumn Term: Tuesday 4th September – Friday 21st December
Half Term: Monday 22nd – Friday 26th October
Spring Term: Tuesday 8th January – Friday 29th March
Half Term: Monday 18th – Friday 22nd February
Summer Term: Monday 15th April – Friday 19th July
Easter – Good Friday 19th April / Easter Monday 22nd April
Half Term: Monday 27th – Friday 31st May

RESIDENTIAL TRIP DATES 2018

Year 4 Castlerigg, Keswick:
Monday 4th – Wednesday 6th June 2018
Year 6 York: Monday 25th – Wednesday 27th June 2018

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 ☺

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.

KD School of Dance

Classes held every week in St James' School Hall

For information contact:- Danielle Varley via Facebook Or email KDSchoolofDance@outlook.com

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)

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

We have spaces available and welcome everyone. £40 per term.

Wednesday

11am-12noon
Little Tots / Ages 2 – 4
4pm – 5.45pm
Beggar's Youth Theatre / Yr 4 – Yr 7

Thursday

3.30pm – 4.30pm
Little Beggars / Reception & Yr 1
4.45pm – 6pm
Little Beggars / Yr 2 and Yr 3.

WHAT'S ON AT THE BEGGAR'S THEATRE

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

Tickets are available on the door. www.beggarstheatre.co.uk

February

Saturday 24th
The Haughton Weavers –
8pm

March

Saturday 17th
Sophie Willan 'Branded' –
8pm

Saturday 31st
Bye Bye Babys – 8pm

April

Friday 20th
Patrick Monahan 'Rewind
Selector 90's' – 8pm

Friday 27th
An Evening With Jason
Robinson – 8pm

May

Saturday 12th
Elvis The Legend On Tour –
8pm

Martin is organising buses to the following matches:-

LEEDS v CASTLEFORD

Date: Friday 23 March 2018

Ticket Prices: £15.00 adult
£5.00 child
Bus seats £20.00

WIGAN v WAKEFIELD

Date: Sunday 11 March 2018

Ticket Prices: £15.00 adult
£5.00 child
bus seats £15.00

Please let Martin know if you are interested in tickets to these matches

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