



SJS NEWSLETTER

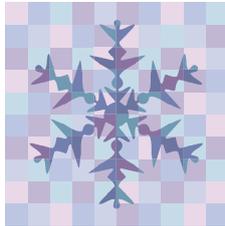


January 2018

School website www.stjamesjun-bif.cumbria.sch.uk
Twitter [@SjsBarrow](https://twitter.com/SjsBarrow)

WELCOME BACK !

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The end of last term was packed with all sorts of celebrations but now we need to look forward to 2018 and the new Spring Term.



WINTER WEATHER CONDITIONS

It is impossible to say what the weather may bring but please be advised for the future that if we are going to close this news will be immediately put on:

Bay Radio (96.9, 102.3 and 103.2 FM)

www.thebay.co.uk

Radio Cumbria (95.6, 96.1 and 104.1 FM)

www.bbc.co.uk/cumbria/local radio

***Check the list of school closures on the Cumbria County Council Website.
www.cumbria.gov.uk/landing_page/schoolsandlearning.asp***

Check the school's website www.stjamesjun-bif.cumbria.sch.uk

Check your e-mail / text from school through ScholarPack

I have also asked the children not to arrive at school too early during bad weather, school doors open at 8.45 am.

YEAR 5 RESIDENTIAL TO CONISTON WATER PARK

Monday 11th - Wednesday 13th December 2017

This annual visit supports many areas of the curriculum especially geographical study, orienteering, outdoor adventurous activities, team building and personal challenge.

Lots of photographs were taken and put on Twitter [@SjsBarrow](https://twitter.com/SjsBarrow) and the School Website so you can see what a great time they had.

Thanks to Mrs Merritt and all the staff who went.





YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL CITY EXPERIENCE

This will take place in the Summer Term and will be an excellent opportunity to celebrate the end of SATs and to spend time away, with

friends, before moving on to Secondary School. After last year we had been looking into alternatives to a Manchester / Liverpool visit and are able to offer a one night visit to York on 10th July 2018.

The 2 day, 1 night visit could include visits to Jorvik Viking Centre, York's Chocolate Story Tour, a Ghost Walk and other attractions that are available in York.

CANDLEMAS

On Friday 2nd February it is Candlemas.

Candlemas is special in the Christian Calendar when we remember when Jesus was taken to the Temple in Jerusalem. Simeon was waiting for him and said he would be the '**light of the world**'.

School will be holding a Candlemas Service in Church with Father Jack and Father John at 2pm. Please come and join us.



LOWER SCHOOL TOPIC **BODIES AND BATH HOUSES**



UPPER SCHOOL TOPIC **ENTERPRISE AND AMBITION**



During the Spring Term pupils will be undertaking these topics plus there will be two **READING FOCUS** days during the first week back.

There will be a **SHAKESPEARE WEEK** and a **DRAMA PRODUCTION** during the second part of the term.

Topic sheet summaries for your information will be sent home and are on the school website.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS (SPRING TERM 2018)

Proposed School Clubs - more information to follow.

MONDAY

KARATE CLUB – WHOLE SCHOOL	3.30 - 4.30PM
ART CLUB (WHOLE SCHOOL)	3.30 - 4.30PM
(STAFF MEETING)	

TUESDAY →

GYMNASTICS – LOWER SCHOOL	3.30 - 4.30PM
NETBALL (UPPER SCHOOL <i>starts February</i>)	3.30 - 4.30PM
COOKING CLUB (YEAR 5)	3.30 - 5.00PM

WEDNESDAY

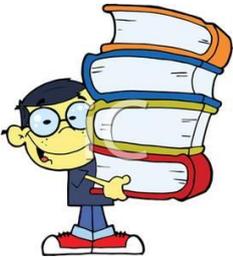
STUDY CLUB	3.30 - 4.30 PM
FILM CLUB	3.30 - 4.30PM
FOOTBALL (YEAR 5 & 6)	3.30 - 4.30PM

THURSDAY

CHOIR	3.30 - 4.30PM
FOOTBALL (YEAR 3 & YEAR 4)	3.30 - 4.30PM
GYMNASTICS – KEY STEPS TEAM	8.20 – 8.50AM

FRIDAY

CHIME BARS GROUP	LUNCHTIME
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HOMEWORK, SPELLINGS, TIMES TABLES AND READING

We are always very grateful to Parents/Carers when they make sure homework is completed and help with learning spellings, times tables and reading.

Just to remind you that **spellings** are put on the school website and children can practice them online.

School website → Spellings (Read Write Inc) → your child's Year Group → Spelling Lists There are also **Statutory Spelling Lists** to practice as well.

This is the same for **times table practice**.

School website → Mathsanywhere → tables 1 to 12

Children need to know all their times tables (up to the 12 times table) and there will be SATs Tests for Year 4 starting 2018.

Learning **phonics / letter sounds** is another important aspect of school and to help we have added **Phonicsanywhere** to the website.

School website → Phonicsanywhere → Login →

User name [phonics_stjames](#)

Password [64577](#)

→ and then choose a phase to practice.

Children can also use the online learning platform - Espresso

<https://home.espresso.co.uk>

Pupil user name - [student9831](#) Pupil Password - [summer2013](#)

SKOOLBO – another free site on the school website for the children to practise Maths and English skills and gain reward points.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS

Every month Newsletters are sent out via ScholarPack email and hard copy on request to keep parents / carers informed about events in school. Any other letters sent home are put in schoolbags and also sent by email. Please check bags for letters or visit the school website to read newsletters online at:

www.stjamesjun-bif.cumbria.sch.uk

HOLIDAYS In Term Time

As a school we have a duty to remind parents and carers at the start of each year / new term that holidays during term time cannot be authorised.

Any unauthorised absence from school for holidays may lead to the issuing of a Fixed Penalty Notice. Any leave of absence should be discussed with school prior to booking any holiday. Application forms for leave of absence can be obtained from the Main Office and should be accompanied with **a letter** detailing the **exceptional circumstances**. Please see the school website for more information.

Our Attendance Target this year is 96% and so far whole school attendance is 95.46%.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CLASS 5/6MS AND YEAR 6 ATTENDANCE WINNERS FOR AUTUMN TERM 2017



DINNER MONEY REMINDER

School dinner - £2.30 per day

School dinner - £11.50 per week

All school dinners should be paid for on **Monday** of that week. **School can no longer carry any debt for dinners and so meals must be paid for on a weekly basis. You may be entitled to free school meals, please contact the office for advice and help.**

The dinner menu is on the website and is a 4 week cycle. All our meals have to comply with the new **School Food Standards**.

A ScholarPack text is sent out each morning to inform parents of that day's meal.

If your child does not like a particular meal during the week, all you have to do is ring school before 9.30am (dinner numbers are sent to the kitchen) and order an alternate meal:

- **Baked potato with filling (tuna, cheese or beans)**
- **Sandwich (brown or white bread) – cheese, chicken, ham, egg or tuna**

PE KITS

Please can parents make sure that all PE Kits are in school now after the holiday break. Thank you



IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM NHS ENGLAND

There is an increase in measles in Liverpool and Leeds and some countries across Europe, affecting young unimmunised children. Measles is highly infectious. It can cause serious illness and can sometimes be fatal. Vaccination with 2 doses of MMR is the safest way to protect children and young people.

The first MMR vaccine is given to toddlers at the age of 13 months and the second vaccine at around 3 years and 4 months before your child goes to school. MMR can be given to older children, teenagers and young adults if they missed their injections when they were younger.

Contact your GP practice if your child needs an MMR vaccine.

The vaccine is free. If you are not sure if your child needs an MMR vaccine, you can contact the GP practice to ask.

Measles is not just a little kid's problem. Teenagers, young adults and anyone who has missed their MMR vaccination can get measles. The first signs of measles are fever, cough, runny nose and red sore eyes. After a few days, a spotty rash will appear. It starts on the face and neck before spreading to the rest of the body.

If you think your child has measles:

- Ring your GP practice for advice
- Please don't turn up to the surgery, walk in centre or to accident and emergency without calling ahead. The doctor will make special arrangements to see your child so that if your child has got measles they won't pass it on to others.
- Keep people with symptoms of measles away from others to avoid spreading measles, and stay away from school, nursery or work for 5 days after the onset of rash.

If you would like more information, see <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/>

Yours sincerely,

Dianne Draper
Screening and Immunisation Lead

Yours Sincerely,

Dr John Astbury
Consultant in Health Protection



DATES TO REMEMBER

SPRING TERM (FIRST HALF) 2018

January

- Thurs 4th Pupils back to school
READING FOCUS DAY
- Fri 5th **READING FOCUS DAY – DRESS UP DAY**
(CHARACTER FROM A BOOK)
- Wed 10th Swimming lessons start for Year 3
- Thurs 11th SAFEGUARDING TRAINING for all STAFF and GOVERNORS
- Mon 29th **National Story Telling Week**

February

- Fri 2nd **Candlemas Service in Church 2pm**
- Tues 6th **SAFER INTERNET DAY**
- Fri 9th **GREAT SJS BAKE OFF**
Break up for Half Term Holiday 3.30 pm

Upper School will have golf lessons on Tuesday afternoons.

SPRING TERM (SECOND HALF) 2018

Back to school Monday 19th February

**Parents Open Evenings Wednesday 28th February
and Thursday 1st March**

SHAKESPEARE WEEK Monday 12th- Friday 16th March

Decorated Egg Competition Tuesday 27th March

**Easter Service in Church and break up for Easter Holidays
Thursday 29th March**

YEAR 6 SATS MONDAY 14TH - FRIDAY 18TH MAY 2018