



## School Newsletter

Monday 25th June 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Teachers and classes for next academic year

As ever, we have thought carefully about the placement of teachers, classes and children ahead of next academic year. If you'd like to read more about the factors we've taken into consideration please do take a look [here](#) at our Class Re-organisation policy on the school website.

Underneath each teacher you will be able to see the previous year's class name – for example Mrs Mathews will be teaching the class currently taught by Mr McGrath. You'll also notice that the current Year 2 and the current Year 4 will be mixed into new class groups for next year. To help us arrange these new classes groupings, in time for transition days in July, it would be really helpful to know as soon as possible if you and your child(ren) are moving on to pastures new. We'll obviously be very sad to see you go...

You may also have noticed that there are the equivalent to four full time teachers in Year 1 next year. We've experimented very successfully with similar models of staff deployment in Year 6 in recent years. This will allow us to enhance the crucial transition between Reception and the Early years curriculum to Year 1 and the National Curriculum. Mrs Robinson and Mrs Young will be working with children across all three classes in the Year 1 shared area. In this shared area children will have the chance to access many of the curriculum enhancements familiar to them from Reception but, where appropriate, at a more complex and challenging level; particularly as the year develops. We hope this change will prove highly effective in supporting our Year 1 children next year.

Reception		
Mr Edwards	Miss Thompson & Mrs Sanderson	Miss MacKellar
Year 1		
Miss Otsa	Miss Byatt	Miss Whitten
Mrs Young & Mrs Robinson		
R1	R2	R3
Year 2		
Mr Hopkins	Mr Snelders	Mr Jones & Miss Tomlin
1O	1YR	1W
Year 3		
Mrs Laidler	Mr Farooqi	Mr Connolly
Currently Yr2 to be mixed into new classes for Yr3		
Year 4		
Mr Cook	Miss Sykes	Miss Jordan
3OB	3L	3C
Year 5		
Mr Ginnever	Mr McGrath	Mr Rimmer
Current Yr4 to be mixed into new classes for Yr5		
Year 6		
Mrs Mathews (Miss Trickey)	Miss Smith	Miss Ward
5M	5B	5G

I am also delighted to welcome Mr Kristoffer Connelly to our staff for next year. Kris has trained this year within our School Direct

partnership at Cragside and Hotspur Primaries and will be working alongside Mrs Laidler and Mr Farooqi in Year 3 next year. He is a very keen artist, animator and loves working with Raspberry Pi computers. So next year will no doubt be an exciting and creative year for children in Y3C!

### **International Event**

Thank you so much to all the teachers – primarily our newly formed Inclusion team – and parents who contributed to creating yet another fantastic international evening. The sunshine shone, the music played and all the beautiful food, so carefully and lovingly created, was a delight to savour and enjoy. It was a wonderful showcase of the diverse and wide ranging cultures that come together so harmoniously to make our school community. I came away from the evening just feeling immensely proud to be part of something so special and unique. We think the event will have raised in the region of £1000 towards our Secret Garden project.



There are lots more lovely pictures from the evening on the school Facebook page.



On the subject of food and fundraising thank you again to all the parents and families involved in contributing to a great **Ramadan food stall** on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June. Nearly £200 was raised for the Secret Garden fund! Many thanks for all the time given to preparing the delicious food.

### GET North Training Day



We had a fantastic and highly productive training day on Friday. We visited the GET North exhibition in the remodelled Great North Museum – thanks to Adam Goldwalter for the exclusive pre-opening viewing. During our visit, we also sang our GET North anthem to Ministers from the Department of Culture and Media. Obviously, they were very impressed and tweeted a link of our performance:

<https://twitter.com/DCMS/status/1010139202145718274?s=08>

We also got chance to explore the themed cultural trails around the City which pull in all the important cultural landmarks and exhibition spaces. Why not download the APP and walk them as a family. We even bumped into the lovely Steph from BBC Breakfast, outside the Discovery Museum, who hails from Middlesborough and is a passionate advocate for the North.



Many of us also came back in the evening to witness the formal opening on the Quayside. Personally, I loved Kate Rusby's 'Hymn to the North' and the drones that lit up the darkness above Sage Gateshead. If you missed the Quayside launch event you can watch back each artist / installation via the following [link](#)



Over the coming weeks, children will be visiting exhibition spaces to take in the sights. We look forward to sharing their responses with you before the end of term.

### Photo/Video Consent

Following the recent photograph permission form that parents have returned, if you wish to change or remove consent at any time, please contact the school office directly or via email: office@westjesmond.newcastle.sch.uk

### Friends Update

This Sunday is our **Summer Fair**. Please come along, help out, buy raffle tickets and enjoy this great community event! Sunday 1st July 2 - 4pm!



Friday 29th June- non-uniform day ahead of the fair. Children can wear whatever they like in exchange for a donation for the fair tombola stall:

- new toys, books, games, teddy bears
- bottles
- chocolates
- items for the general tombola

If you could spare an hour after drop off on 29th to help sort the tombola donations, please let us know - info@friendsof West [Jesmond.co.uk](http://Jesmond.co.uk).

If you are able to help out on the day of the fair

and haven't already put your name down please e-mail the friends - we need help setting up beforehand, running stalls and clearing up afterwards. Thanks!

If you have any second-hand books or toys we can sell at the fair, please drop them off at the office this week.

Many thanks!

 <b>Young Achievers</b> 	
Evie Y1YR	200m Swimming Medal
Cassius R3	Trophy for Hebburn Town Juniors FC – made a fantastic save!
Takien Y2S	Star Player at Goals Gosforth
William Y2S	Star Player at Goals Gosforth
Isaac Y2H	250 Dojo points
Hassan Y2H	250 Dojo points

With best wishes for the week ahead

Dominic Martin

**Head of School**