



Head Teacher Newsletter

Friday 2nd March 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Is it really March?!

Thank you for the overwhelmingly positive response to our decision to keep school open during the current spell of snowy weather. A good number of staff live well outside the city boundary and

have happily battled to be here for your children. Their dedication has been much appreciated. We have made every effort to stay open to offer continuity of care for our children and also to ensure you as parents do not need to take time off work to care for them. As you will have noticed from the school Facebook feed our children have still had plenty of opportunity to get outside and enjoy the snow!



In difficult weather conditions the decision about getting your children to school safely is yours,

taking into account local weather conditions around the city and beyond. We will always fully respect the decisions that you make.

I know some children were disappointed about the **Talent Show** being postponed, however with public transport being less reliable and conditions more difficult to drive in during the evening, we felt it was appropriate to rearrange the event for next week. Besides, I'm sure that the little bit of extra time to practice will mean performances are even more polished by the time next Wednesday comes around. Again, your patience and understanding is much appreciated.

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Resilient Runners!

It was 'snow' problem for our WJPS Running Club this week who loved getting to the top of Cow Hill. It was also lovely to see Mr Cook back out running with the club following some recent injuries!



Governor monitoring visit focused on feedback



It was a pleasure to welcome members of our Governing Body into school this week to look at changes we're currently making to feedback and marking. We discussed our rationale for change and explained our current 'position' within the process of implementation. Governors then spent time with staff and pupils to look at whether the changes we are trialling have improved teacher efficiency alongside greater impact for pupils.

This week's visit is part of our regular monitoring cycle that allows Governors to check we are delivering the necessary ongoing improvements which ensure West Jesmond is the best possible school it can be!

Attendance winners

After winning the attendance award for the Autumn term, 2J enjoyed a very tasty treat at Cake Stories on Friday thanks to the Friends of West Jesmond. There wasn't a clean mouth in the house after we devoured our milkshakes and hot chocolates. Mmmmmm.

Who will be the Spring term winners?





Young Achievers



Tanida Y2S	Level 5 Swimming Award
Niamh Y4F	Horse Stance Award and Orange Belt in Martial Arts
Ada Y4M	Merit in Modern Theatre Dance
Duncan Y5G	Was the winning teams goalkeeper for the North East Hockey Tournament
Frankie Y2J	100m Rainbow Swimming Award
Jane Y2S	Has done exceptionally well with her times tables this week. She has completed her 2, 5 and 9 times tables
Otto Y3C	Gold medal for parallel skiing and Bronze Athletics certificate for achieving 2242 points.
Arshia Y4M	Achieving 250 Dojo points
Evie Y4F	Achieving her Pen Licence
Faye Y4F	Achieving her Pen Licence
Aayan Y4F	Achieving his Pen Licence
Cally Y4F	Achieving her Pen Licence

With best wishes for the week ahead,

Dominic Martin
Head of School