



Weekly Newsletter: Friday 18th October 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,



Robinwood Adventures

This week our Year 6 pupils headed off to Alston for their annual Outward Bound adventure week. The children are having a great time and will arrive home on Friday tired, dirty, and smelly but full of tales of exciting events and personal achievements in the woods. This is an important week for them to bond and support each other in their last year of Primary school, before they head off from us onto the next important adventure in their life next year. The staff at Robinwood are fabulous, and having visited the centre many times I know the length they go to, to make all the activities

safe but also challenging. Sometimes it is good to challenge ourselves and just see what we can do.

"If we all did the things we are capable of, we would literally astound ourselves" – Thomas Edison

Thank you from the Friends

"Thanks to everyone who came to the Friends AGM last Tuesday. It was lovely to see so many new faces. We have some great parents and staff on the committee to oversee our fundraising efforts and work with school to disseminate funds where needed. Thanks also to everyone who contributes to all Friends work at school, it's a great community!"

Helen Ingham

Parent Consultations

Just a reminder that we will have our next Parent Consultation meeting on Wednesday November 13th from 1.30 – 7.00 pm. These will be in the school Hall and be a further opportunity to discuss your child's progress with the class teacher. Examples of your child's work so far this term will be available to be reviewed. You can book your appointment time via Event Brite and details will be posted out to you for each year group.



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Yesterday we had our Annual AGM for the Ouseburn Learning Trust. With the creation of Jesmond Park Academy as part of the Gosforth Federation of Schools Multi-Academy Trust they are no longer part of our Trust of schools.

The schools within the Ouseburn Learning Trust are:

Benton Park Primary, Hotspur Primary, Craggside Primary, Ravenswood Primary, Chillingham Road Primary and West Jesmond Primary. Christ Church C.of E. Primary is also a close associate partner school and works with our Trust.

At the AGM we agreed our exciting plan of shared events for this academic year. This will include our regular PE, Arts and Music and STEM events. Some focused work for staff including a whole Trust teacher training day in June 2020, developing our subject leadership and expertise across schools and some important peer review work looking at provision in all our Early Years classes.

The Trust may not appear to many parents to be directly impacting on our work here at West Jesmond, but I can assure you it really does. As Head Teacher this is my closest support group and together we work through many difficult and challenging issues facing schools. As Vice Chair of the Trust I remain passionate about joint working and the benefits this can offer to our staff and pupils.

School Photographs

The school photographer will be in school to take individual pupil photographs on Friday 25th October so you may want children to look extra smart that day!

Coal Mining Picnic

As part of our whole school Humanities research project into Coal Mining next week we are hoping (weather permitting) to have a celebratory Gala style picnic on the afternoon of Friday 25th October. Children will have lunch as usual that day but we are asking if children could bring in an afternoon snack or biscuit to enjoy together on Forsyth Field. If the weather is atrocious we will have a Plan B!

Congratulations !

Well done to Mr Pretswell!
He was the joint winner of the Jesmond photographic competition with this image 'A winters walk home', the competition was themed 'A year in Jesmond'.
It will be used in the production of this year's Community Forum calendar.



Christmas Diary Dates – Last week of reminders!!!!

Please make a note of the date and time of your child's performances in the School Hall and our other Festive events.

School Christmas Fair Sunday 8th December 12 – 2pm
Christingle Service at St Hilda's Church Tuesday 10th December 4 pm



Reception Christmas Performance Friday 13th December 9.30 am

Year 1 Christmas Performance Wednesday 18th December 9.30 am

Year 2 Christmas Performance Thursday 19th December 9.30 am

Key Stage 2 Christmas Concert at St. George's Church Tuesday 17th December at 1.30 pm (NEW EVENT!!!!)

Christmas Parties

Monday 16th December, Thursday 19th December and Friday 20th December

School will close at 3.20 pm on Friday 20th December and re-opens on Monday 6th January at 8.45 am as usual.

With my very best wishes for the week ahead.

Gary Wallis-Clarke

Young Achievers	
Imogen R2	Stage 2 Swimming Award
Isobel R2	20m Swimming Award
Mia Y1W	200m Swimming Medal and Certificate
Lucy Y1B	Level 3 Swimming Award
Sam Y1C	Protector Group Friendly Festival Rugby Medal
Eleanor Y1C	Protector Group Friendly Festival Rugby Medal
Molly Y3L	Irish Dancing Trophy and Medal
Jessica Y3ST	Rugby Medal
Max Y2S	Rugby Medal
Leo Y1C	Ice Skating Rosette
Sam Y5M	Completion of 4 th Course in Spanish
Sam Y5M	Completion of 4 th Course in Spanish
Abena Y5J	Completion of 4 th Course in Spanish
Will Y4E	Completion of 4 th Course in Spanish
Alex Y4F	Completion of 4 th Course in Spanish
Ben Y5M	Completion of 4 th Course in Spanish