



West Jesmond Primary Newsletter 1 Autumn Term 2023



Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all of our children and families for such a happy first week back to school. It has been lovely to see the enthusiastic and happy faces of our children and the great start they have all made to their learning.

Welcome to the West Jesmond Family

We would like to welcome to the West Jesmond Family our new families who have joined us in Reception and further up the school. I am sure your child's time at West Jesmond Primary School will be happy and successful and I know all of our children, parents and staff will make you very welcome. We look forward to working in partnership with you in the learning and development of your child. All of our team are there to speak with you at any time if you have any questions or concerns.

Staffing News

We are very pleased to also welcome a number of staff to our West Jesmond Family. We have four new members of our excellent LSA (Learning Support Assistant) team.

Emily McDermott



Jenny Finck



Kitty McKay



Ryan Mills



Congratulations Mrs Peggs!

We also welcome Mrs Peggs to the school. However, some of you might spot similarities to Miss Smith our year 6 teacher and Assistant Head! We would like to congratulate Katharine on her marriage over the summer.

A Message from Mrs Peggs: *I would just like to say a huge thank you to all of the families and children that wished us well and sent cards and gifts for our special day. We had an amazing time and I'm so happy to be back to school as Mrs Peggs this year.*



RAAC Concrete

Many of you will have shared our concerns hearing about the schools who have had to close or have possible risks due to RAAC (Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete). We would like to reassure all of our parents that RAAC was not used in the construction of our building.

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Thank you Friends – Improving our School site

All of our parents are members of the Friends of West Jesmond Primary School. The Friends are a very important part of our school. They organise exciting and enjoyable events for children and parents and raise a huge amount of money to benefit our children. Our children are especially excited about the new markings on the front and back yards. With your support and generosity we have been able to give the play spaces a colourful lift and add further interest and opportunities for play and exploration for our children. Look out for more information from the Friends over the next few days and weeks and about how you can be involved.

Cake Stalls: One of the most popular Friends' activities are the weekly Cake stalls. These take place every Friday after school and each class takes a turn in supplying the cakes. Look out for the week when it is the turn for your child's class.



We Need You! Volunteer Reading Coffee Morning 20th September

We are putting together a team of volunteers to support children across the school with their reading. On Wednesday 20th September at 9am, we will be holding a coffee morning for parents, carers and grandparents who might be interested in coming into school to support our children with their reading. No experience in teaching reading is necessary as our focus is on giving children additional chances to read out loud, to enjoy and share books and to build up their confidence. If you are interested in giving a little of your time to help our children read, please come along to find out more. Many thanks!

Year Group Welcome Meetings Reminder

This is a reminder about our Welcome Meetings over the next two weeks. We invite you to come in to class to meet the staff working with your child and to find out lots of important information about the year ahead. All the meetings are held in the School Hall. Parents enter through the external hall door.

The **Reception** meetings next week are a chance for parents to meet some of our wider school team and each other at the start of the school year.

Reception	Monday 11th & Wednesday 13th New Reception Starters Coffee Mornings 9am Monday 18th Parents' Reading and Phonics Workshop 9am
Year 1	Friday 15th 9am
Year 2	Tuesday 12th 9am
Year 3	Thursday 14th 9am
Year 4	Friday 22nd 9am
Year 5	Tuesday 19th 9am
Year 6	Thursday 21st 9am

Dates for Your Diary

Next Week:

- ❖ Monday 11th September Reception Parents' Coffee Morning 8.50am
- ❖ Tuesday 12th September Year 2 Parents' Welcome Meeting 9am
Year 4MO Visit to Jarrow Hall
- ❖ Wednesday 13th September Reception Parents' Coffee Morning 8.50am
- ❖ Thursday 14th September Year 3 Coffee Morning 9am
Year 4BC/TC Visit to Jarrow Hall
- ❖ Friday 15th September Year 1 Welcome Meeting 9am

Further ahead

- ❖ Monday 18th September Reception Parents' Reading and Phonics workshop
- ❖ Thursday 19th September Year 5 Parents' Welcome Meeting 9am
- ❖ Wednesday 20th September Volunteer Reading Team Meeting
- ❖ Thursday 21st September Year 6 Parents' Welcome Meeting 9am
- ❖ Friday 22nd September Year 4 Parents' Welcome Meeting 9am

- ❖ **Week Beginning 23rd October** **Local Study Week**
- ❖ Friday 27th October Break up for half term
- ❖ **Monday 6th November** **School Closed for Staff Training**
- ❖ Tuesday 7th November Back to school

- ❖ Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th November Parent Consultation Meetings

- ❖ Friday 22nd December End of Term

- ❖ Monday 8th January Start of the Spring Term