



December 6th November 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is always lovely at this time of the year that our school community has so much engagement with other groups and members of the wider West Jesmond community. There are plenty of events happening where our children go out of school and share their enthusiasm and passion. Two very special events every year are with our dear friends at St Hilda's church. The festival of decorated trees and Christingle are always really special events and it is lovely to see parents and children there. These are not school organised events but it is lovely for us to show how we want to be part of the wider community. If you visit the Festival of Decorated Trees don't forget to vote for our entry from Eco Group "Merry Eco-Brick-mas" which Miss Jordan, Mrs Edwards and the Eco-Reps have been working so hard on this week.

St. Hilda's Church, Thornleigh Rd, West Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne
<http://www.sthildasjesmond.org.uk> <https://www.facebook.com/sthildasjesmond/>

A Festival of Decorated Christmas Trees



Winning Tree from Previous Year

Saturday 7th December 2019

Viewing and Voting 11:00am – 4:30pm

Decorate a tree as an individual, a group or a business. Traditional or otherwise!
Prizes for the best trees in the show... Voted for by the public

OPEN TO ALL AGE GROUPS

Come and see the spectacular trees and vote for your favourite.

5:00pm Carol Singing Surrounded by the Trees.

The winning trees will be announced during the carol singing.

Tree Entry Fee £10.00 – Admission on the day FREE

WELCOME

Contact Telephone Numbers..... 2846568 2814133



Please make a note in your diary and pop along if you can. Here is your special invitation from St Hilda's: A very warm invitation to St Hilda's **Christingle Service** on Tuesday the 10th December. The Service is for the pupils, Parents/Carers and Staff of West Jesmond Primary School. **The church will be open from 3:15pm** to accommodate the different finish times and allow time to make a Christingle... using an orange and sweets. These can of course be taken home,

after the Service. The Service begins at 3:45pm and lasts approximately 25mins.

Key Stage Two Christmas Celebration

Mrs Hague has been busy preparing our Key Stage 2 children for our new Christmas celebration event. It will take place at St George's Church on Tuesday 17th December. All Key Stage 2 parents are invited to join us at the church ready for a 2 o'clock start. There are no tickets required. We hope to see you there!

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Key Stage One and Reception Performances

You should have received your tickets for the younger children's performances this week. Just a reminder of the dates:

Reception: Whoops A Daisy Angel – Friday 13th December

Year 1: The Nativity – Wednesday 18th December

Year 2: Everyone Loves A Baby – Thursday 19th December

The performances will start at around 9.30am but you are more than welcome to join us in the hall for refreshments after morning drop off.

Multi-Lingual Library

I was at a very interesting conference last Friday to launch 'Newcastle as a City of Languages'. I was talking to a very engaging student from Newcastle University who volunteers to run a multi-cultural language library supported by the Kittiwake Trust. The library is in Eldon Garden shopping centre on the Upper Level and is open Monday to Saturday 11 am to 8 pm. They have books in 83 languages and the group is run by people from 12 countries around the world. They also host regular open conversation classes to support people learning languages. Membership is £5 and free for refugees. Do pop along and have a look at this wonderful community resource.

Nick Brown Visit

On Monday School Council welcomed Nick Brown into our school. Nick has been MP for Newcastle East since 1983 and was also a West Jesmond school governor in the 1970s. He had a tour of our school and then the School Council put questions to him in the conference room. He was asked about everything from his day to day life as an MP, his childhood aspirations, his greatest achievements in his career; to his thoughts on the bigger issues such as Climate Change and Brexit.

Congratulations!

This week Mrs Hopkins, one of our lunchtime supervisors, celebrated 25 years working at West Jesmond! The children celebrated with her on Tuesday with a music filled lunchtime. We wonder how many school dinners she has seen over the years?!



Digital Leaders

This week, Mr Jones and two Governors, Ishy and Matthew, interviewed some Year 6s for the job of Digital Leaders. They showcased their amazing skills at coding, creating digital music and presentations, controlling a remote control car and how to make a YouTube video. All were successful in gaining a position. Well done to Milo, Jack, Emma, Joe, Suleiman, Aniya and Lily! They will be assisting in lessons soon!

West Jesmond's Got Talent

Mr Rimmer, Mrs Adair and Mr Stuart are already getting things ready for our Annual talent show! We have done presentations in assembly so children need to get their application forms in as soon as possible and start rehearsing for our auditions in January 2020. Sadly we cannot accept every entry, or the performance would last over 16 hours and we do like to get a variety of acts. The more different the better!

Thank you

A huge thank you to Kai, Zainab and Mrs Corrie for helping to put the Christmas tree up in my office. It looks great!

Have a wonderful weekend and hopefully see you at the Christmas fair on Sunday between 12 noon and 2pm!

Gary Wallis-Clarke



Young Achievers	
Meg 2S	Level 8 Gymnastics Award
Natta 2E	Red Stripe in Taekwondo
Tara 2S	Stage 1 Swimming Award
Ariana 2S	Chimney Sweep Certificates
Jay 5J	Medals for Swimming Gala
Emilia 4E	Yellow Belt in Karate
Evie 4E	Medals for Swimming Gala
Maiya 4F	Taekwondo Certificate
Freddie 4F	Taekwondo Certificate
Martin 3ST	Yellow Belt with a White Stripe in Taekwondo
Cydney 2E	Showing compassion and kindness on her visit to Keelmans Way School
Emma 1C	10m Swimming Award
Daisy 4C	800m Swimming Award
Amelie 2E	Stage 4 Swimming Award
Halle 2E	Yellow Stripe in Taekwondo
Max 2S	10m, 25m, 50m, 100m, 200m and Stage 3 Swimming Awards, Purple Stripe in Taekwondo, Red Stripe in Taekwondo, Fantastic Writing and Drawing and Excellent Photography!