



## Headteacher Newsletter Friday 30th November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, thank you for the **overwhelmingly positive response to our road safety initiative**. If you are unable to walk to school and need to use a car, I think one needs to accept there is no guarantee of a regular parking place within close proximity of the school. The town planning for our school and local area was clearly completed when most, if not all, of our children walked to school!

I appreciate moving forward **we need solutions to this problem**. We are currently talking to the council to see how they can support us. Additionally, some of our older children plan to visit some of the nearby parking options (see attached pdf map) and report back to you all on availability, parking restrictions and time to walk to school. Once we've got this information please do consider trying some of these alternative 'park and walk' solutions. I also see lots of cars trying to park and drop off one or two children. Some car sharing between parents would again reduce congestion and the need for lots of parking spaces around school. Finally, perhaps if there were enough interest we could collectively look to see about the viability of a walking bus. There are some useful ideas here:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/About-the-council/Volunteering/Schools-and-Youth-Work/Walking-buses/Walking-buses.aspx>



I'd like to make a **last ditch appeal for sponsorship for tomorrow's Cheviot Goat fundraising 55 mile run**. Perhaps you saw the news piece about the race on Tyne Tees news last night? As I've said many a time, any amount no matter how small would be greatly appreciated – the cost of a coffee, a piece of cake or an evening gin and tonic! To sponsor me click here: **secret garden sponsorship** A big thank you to everyone who has already sponsored me, we are already up to £495 – ideally I'd like to raise £1000.

Any support or encouragement on the day would be much appreciated, even its just sending me warm thoughts! You can track my progress from 6am, for all you early birds, as I set off from Ingram heading towards the Scottish border and then on to Cheviots as it starts to get dark! My race number is 140. <https://live.opentracking.co.uk/cheviotgoat18/>



Cheviot Goat 2018 - Live Tracking  
[live.opentracking.co.uk](https://live.opentracking.co.uk)  
Live event tracking and leaderboard

As I mentioned last week, with Christmas fast approaching don't forget there a couple of **easy ways to support school with fundraising** – using the following links:



[Easy fundraising](#) [Amazon Smile](#)



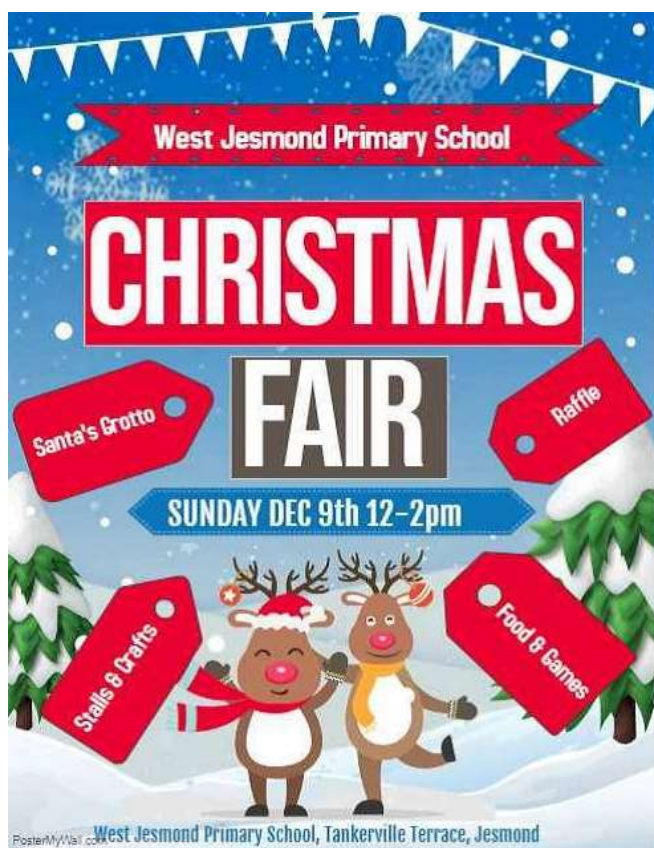
If you're around on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December** please do consider coming along to the **Christmas Tree lighting at 6pm on Acorn Road**. The school choir will be singing and seasonal refreshments will be available. There will also be a **Christmas Street Fayre on Clayton Road on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December between 5-7pm**

Moving forward, don't forget it's our own **Christmas Fayre next Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December between 12pm and 2pm**.

Santa has been on the phone this week and he's very excited to be visiting WJPS again!

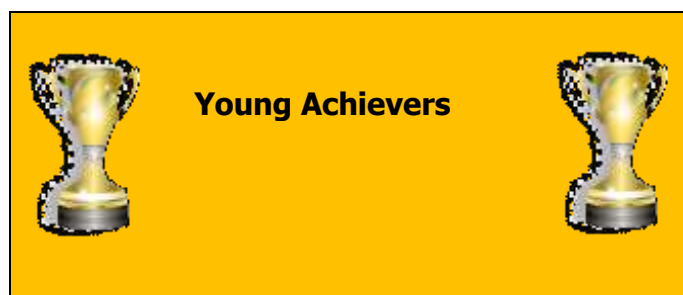


Thanks to everyone who came along to **today's coffee morning**. **The charity we supported was Myeloma UK**, the only charity that offers support and research funding for Myeloma sufferers. Myeloma is a blood cancer that develops in the bone marrow. There is currently no cure (a terminal illness), although people with myeloma can live for several years with repeated treatments keeping the disease at bay.



Finally, thanks to all our collective efforts we raised an amazing **£1904.45 total for Children in Need** – just brilliant!





Eliphe, R1	Ballet Certificate
Aaron, Y2S	'Star Team Player of the Week' - Rugby
Robert, Y6W	1 <sup>st</sup> Place – Go Karting competition
Milo, Y5R	Level 2 certificate for National Suzuki Graduation – Violin
Niamh, Y5R	Blue Belt in Jujitsu
Freddie, Y3C	200m Swimming Certificate
Jack, Y5R	Green Belt in Taekwondo
Niamh, Y5R	Runner of the Week – running club
Ella, Y3F	Skiing and treasure hunt medals
Sammy, Y3F	Brownie Guide Promise
Evie, Y2S	British Gymnastics Proficiency Award – level 8
George, Y3L	Star Player of the Week - rugby

### Christmas Key Dates

Date	Event	Time
07/12/18	Non-uniform in exchange for fair donations	ALL DAY
13/12/18	Christmas dinner and festive jumper day	ALL DAY
14/12/18	Reception Christmas Performance	9.00am
17/12/18	KS2 Christmas Sing-a-long	6.00pm
18/12/18	Year 1 Christmas Performance	9.00am
19/12/18	Year 2 Christmas Performance	9.00am

With best wishes for the week ahead,

**Dominic Martin Head of School**