



Weekly Newsletter: Friday 25th October 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

There has been a tremendous buzz around school this week as the children have explored and learned about coal mining and its links to the North East. Each year group has been working extremely hard to answer their big question and have thoroughly enjoyed learning about their local heritage. We have welcomed visitors from Woodhorn Museum, Newcastle University and have watched a live drama performance! Some children have also visited the Discovery Museum studying their coal mining archives and all classes have enjoyed The Coal Mining Box of Delights (including the chance to dress up as a coal miner). Thank you so much for the tremendous response to the homework task. It will be displayed in school after half-term. Your support has been really appreciated.



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Cross Country Success for Key Stage 1

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On October 16th, 23 runners from Years 1 and 2 took part in the Ouseburn KS1 Cross Country Competition. It was a fantastic afternoon with the children taking part in races against 6 other schools. It was great to see so many people smiling and enjoying competing against others. Everyone did really well and we were very impressed with everyone's running. To pick out a couple of special performances... Avi won the Year 1 Girls' race with Otilie coming second while Eli came second in the Year

2 Boys' race. However it was a team competition and the final standings were...

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| 1. Ravenswood | 4. Chillingham Road |
| 2. Benton Park | 5. Hotspur |
| 3. West Jesmond | 6. Christ Church |



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Applying for a Secondary School Place for Year 7 September 2020

Please see below a message from the Local Authority Admissions Team at Newcastle Civic Centre.

"The closing date – 31 October - is quickly approaching for parents to apply for a secondary place for September 2020. As the deadline is during half term, we would appreciate your help in encouraging all parents to apply on-line NOW.

Our latest information shows that **51%** of your leaving Year 6 cohort have currently submitted an application. As you know, secondary places are extremely tight with larger cohorts of pupils and parents who don't apply on time are extremely unlikely to be offered a preferred school.

Thank you for the work that you and staff in your school do to help parents make applications, which we know can be difficult. Anything extra that you can do to help parents make applications this week is appreciated.

Please get in touch with the admissions team if we can help further.
Closing Date: **31 October 2019 (12 noon)**

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.



Second Hand Uniform

The next pre-loved uniform sale will be on Tuesday 5th November in the undercroft at pick up time. Come and grab a bargain, or take the opportunity to clear out your wardrobes ...we love to accept good quality, clean, used West Jesmond uniform which can be handed in at the office. Please ensure that donations have name labels removed. Also, as a new initiative to support families, some donated stock has been taken to the Community School Clothing Scheme where it can be accessed at no cost:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/CommunitySchoolClothingScheme/>

The Friends



Y6 Robinwood

Last week, children from Year 6 had a fantastic time on their residential visit to Robinwood. Throughout the three days they were facing their fears, challenging themselves and working well as a team. Staff were busy taking lots of photographs and we look forward to sharing these later in the school year.

Diary Dates

Our Year 6 cast have been working hard in rehearsals ahead of their **Shakespeare Schools Festival performance at the Northern Stage** on Wednesday November 6th!

Friends of West Jesmond Clothes Swap – Friday 8th November

Parents Consultations – Wednesday 13th November

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 best wishes for the half term break,

Gary Wallis-Clarke

Young Achievers	
Jonathan Y2O	Beaver Scout Certificate
Lily Y6S	1 Mile Swimming Award
Christos Y2O	Completed the Mini Stampede in Gosforth in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support
Harry Y1C	Rugby Medal
Dillon Y1C	25m Swimming Award
Robyn Y3ST	50m Swimming Award
Toby Y1C	50m Swimming Award
Rahaf Y4C	Arabic Certificate
Raffy Y1W	The 30 Club Certificate
Chloe Y2O	Taekwondo Certificate
Harith Y4F	50 Dojos