



West Jesmond Primary Newsletter 4 Autumn Term 2023



Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

Ouseburn Learning Trust

West Jesmond is part of the Ouseburn Learning Trust with six other local primary schools; Benton Park, Chillingham Road, Christchurch, Craggside, Hotspur and Ravenswood. The aim of the trust is to work collaboratively and offer support and expertise in all areas of school life. This week, all teaching members of staff from the trust schools came together at the Great North Museum. This was the first in a series of training sessions on disciplinary knowledge led by the Deputy Heads. Over the course of the year we will be focusing on planning science and humanities lessons to further develop the skills our children need to be a geographer, historian and scientist. This was an excellent opportunity to share ideas and experiences in year group teams across the trust.



People's Kitchen Donations

This week Tom Baker from the People's Kitchen spoke to children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 about the work the charity does and how we can help. The charity supports vulnerable people in our city who might be homeless, at risk, unemployed, lonely or living in poverty. Next week, there will be trolleys at the entrances for you to donate to. Every year when we support campaigns like this I am always very overwhelmed and proud of the generosity of our families.

The items that the Kitchen need are: tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, soup, cooking or baking ingredients, snacks, drinks, desserts, tinned meat, cooking sauces, condiments, pasta and rice, stock and gravy, toiletries, cleaning products and pet food. A full list is on the last page of the newsletter. Please support this campaign if you are able to – every contribution makes a big difference.

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Friends of West Jesmond



Last week the Friends of West Jesmond held their Annual General Meeting where a new committee was formally elected. Our new Chair is Hazel Hall, our new Secretary is Sarah Chandler and Sally Squires takes on the role of Co-Treasurer with Susan Ashman, who has supported the Friends for many years. Many of you will have met the new members at our Year Group Welcome Meetings. Rebecca Wardle and Maria Bokahri have stepped down as Co-Chairs but are still very much involved with Friends and will be organising this year's fairs. Can we take this opportunity to thank them for the amount of time and enthusiasm they have given to the Friends over the last few years, especially organising so much in difficult circumstances during the tricky pandemic years.

Friends' events to look out for this term include, a **Halloween Disco for Years 5 and 6**, a **quiz night** for parents and the **Christmas Fair**, along with the **Cake Stalls** every Friday. Looking further forward there are more discos planned, a Storytelling Evening and a Bingo night. Other dates will be with you shortly but the **Christmas Fair** will be on **Friday 8th December** from 5pm until 7pm. Sorry for being the first one to mention Christmas this year! Every year, this event wouldn't be possible without the support of local companies, businesses and people who kindly donate raffle prizes, time and services. If you would be willing to sponsor the event, to help us fund towards this year's entertainment, please get in touch. Your business will be included in our social media posts along with a stall on the day.



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be the same. The store will then make a donation to the Friends of West Jesmond Primary School. As an example, your weekly online grocery shop alone could generate a donation of £80 a year for our school!

Black History Month at West Jesmond Primary

During October we mark Black History Month, a national celebration that aims to promote and celebrate the contributions black people have made to society. It is also an opportunity to promote an understanding of black history in our school more widely. This year the focus of Black History Month is on celebrating the exceptional achievements of black women and the theme is 'Saluting our sisters'. Over the next few weeks, we will be talking about Black History in our assemblies and within our classrooms and sharing with our children, the contributions black people have made over the centuries in shaping the dynamic and diverse community and country we have today. Although Black History Month only happens once a year, the teaching of black history does not begin and end there. We want our West Jesmond curriculum to support children's learning about it all year round.



Sporting Success

Our Year 5 and 6 Boys' Football team had a great start to the season finishing third in their group in the ESFA Jones Cup last week. We didn't get through to the next round this time but it was a really positive start for hopefully a great season. Last night, our Year 5 and 6 Girls' team had their first matches playing together and won one of their games and demonstrated great team work. Again I'm sure they'll have a great season ahead too.

Autumn is here!

Jesmond is looking very autumnal at the moment. It is Year 4's turn to visit our school allotment this half-term. This week, 4TC were very busy harvesting the last of a range of produce that we planted earlier in the year. We'd like to give a huge thank you to the volunteers who give up their time to support this great initiative in school each year.



Would you like to join our team?

This year we have welcomed a number of new members of staff to our After School and Breakfast Club and lunchtime team. Aadi, Jude and Olivia have already started with us. Millie, Evie and Jo are joining soon. We still have vacancies at lunchtime – if you, a family member or friend are interesting in working an hour or an hour-and-a-half a day to support the lunchtime experience of our children please get in touch with myself or Mr Ward and we can have an informal chat about what the position involves.

Reception Starters 2024

Although we have just welcomed our new Reception cohort to the school, we are holding school visits for prospective parents who are interested in their child joining our school in Reception next September. Dates and the sign up form are on our website. Please spread the word to anyone you know is interested!

[https://www.westjesmondprimary.org.uk/web/welcome to west jesmond /519235](https://www.westjesmondprimary.org.uk/web/welcome%20to%20west%20jesmond/519235)

I hope everyone has a great weekend.

Tom Jones (Deputy Head)

Dates for Your Diary

Next Week:

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| ❖ Monday 2 nd October | People's Kitchen Donations All Week |
| ❖ Monday 2 nd & Thursday 5 th October | Mastering Number at Home Yr1 Parents' Workshop |
| ❖ Tuesday 3 rd October | School Council Visit to Fleming Court Care Home |
| ❖ Tuesday 3 rd October 5pm | Y4 Robinwood Residential Information Meeting |
| ❖ Wednesday 4 th October | Year 2W Quayside Trip |
| ❖ Friday 6 th October | Cake Stall 5HS |

Further Ahead:

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| ❖ Saturday 14 October 1- 3.30 pm | Jesmond Community Orchard Apple Day |
| ❖ Week Beginning 23 rd October | Local Study Week |
| ❖ Friday 27 th October | Break up for half term |
| ❖ Monday 6 th November | School Closed for Staff Training |
| ❖ Tuesday 7 th November | Back to school |
| ❖ Tuesday 7 th and Thursday 9 th November Parent Consultation Meetings 3.30 - 6pm | |
| ❖ Wednesday 22 nd – Friday 24 th November Year 6 Residential | |
| ❖ Friday 8 th December 5-7pm | Christmas Fair |
| ❖ Friday 22 nd December | End of Term |
| ❖ Monday 8 th January | Start of the Spring Term |



THE PEOPLE'S KITCHEN

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HOW YOU CAN HELP THE PEOPLE'S KITCHEN



Our work is only made possible thanks to your kindness and generosity. The People's Kitchen is run entirely by volunteers, so every penny donated goes directly to helping our vulnerable Friends who might be homeless, at risk, unemployed, lonely, or living in poverty.



Items we Need

Examples

Tinned Vegetables

Tomatoes Plum and Chopped, Peas, Carrots, Sweetcorn, Potatoes

Tinned Fruit

Peaches, Pineapples, Fruit Cocktail, Pears, Mandarin, Oranges

Soup

Tinned or Instant Vegetables, Tomato, Chicken, Broth, Lentil, Potato & Leek

Cooking/Baking Ingredients

Sugar, Flour, Jam, Coconut, Cocoa, Dried Fruit, Cooking Oil, Lentils, Broth Mix, Spices

Snacks

Pot Noodles, Pot Pasta, Crisps, Biscuits, Chocolates, Sweets

Drinks

UHT Milk, Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate, Cartons of Juice, Fruit Squash

Desserts

Rice Pudding, Jelly, Angel Delight, Custard, Evaporated Milk, Golden Syrup

Tinned Meat

Ham, Corned Beef, Chilli, Curry, Mixed Beef, Bolognese, Stewing Steak

Cooking Sauces

Indian, Thai, Chinese, Italian, Mexican, Coconut Milk

Condiments

Tomato Ketchup, Brown Sauce, Mayonnaise, Salt, Pepper

Pasta and Rice

Lasagne, Egg, Noodles, Rice

Stock and Gravy

Vegetarian, Beef, Chicken & Onion

Toiletries

Soap, Deodorant, Shampoo, Conditioner, Shower Gel, Razors, Toothpaste, Toothbrush

Cleaning/Other

Washing Up Liquid, Washing Powder, Spare Carrier Bags

Pet Food

Dog and Cat Wet and Dry Food



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