



School Newsletter

Friday 7th September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer break and had chance to enjoy the sunshine and good weather.

The children seem very happy to be back and we've had a smooth start to the new academic year. I know as a staff we really appreciated the two training days at the beginning of the week; we feel well set up for the year to come.



Many of you will only have had a chance to catch a brief word with your child's class teacher, with this in mind we've planned a series of **welcome meetings** next week to allow you to meet your child's class teacher and find out more about the year ahead. Meetings will be held at 8.30am and 5pm. Covering staff will be on hand to receive your child at 8.25am, at the usual drop off points, if you are planning to attend the 8.30am meeting.

Welcome meeting dates:

Tuesday 11th September - Y5
Wednesday 12th September -Y1
Thursday 13th September -Y4
Friday 14th September -Y3

Monday 17th September -Y6
Tuesday 18th September -Y2

I do hope you are able to attend.



Below you can also find some **key events for this academic year**. I hope it's helpful to have these well in advance.

1. **Afternoon Tea for new Reception Parents (only!)** hosted by Senior Leadership Team 24th September 2pm 2018 onwards. Two places per child please use the following link to book:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/afternoon-tea-for-reception-parents-tickets-49979238247>

2. **Robinwood Residential** 17th - 19th October 2018
3. **Open afternoon** - a chance to chat with your child's new class teacher and browse through your child's work so far - 7th November 2018 2.30pm until 6pm
4. **Reception Christmas Performance** 14th December 2018 9.30am
5. **Year 1 Christmas Performance** 18th December 2018 9.30am
6. **Year 2 Christmas Performance** 19th December 2018 9.30am
7. **West Jesmond's Got Talent** 13th February 2019 - afternoon / evening performances
8. **Open afternoon** - a chance to make an appointment to view and discuss your child's progress this academic year 26th & 28th February 2019
9. **End of year class photographs** 3rd June 2019
10. **Open afternoon** - a chance for a final look through your child's work for the year. Class teachers will be available to chat about work and reports 3rd July 2019 from 2.30pm
11. **Sports Day** Reception & KS1 am KS2 pm 16th July 2019



As we begin the academic year, I would just like to make a polite request to ask all those using cars and bikes to be mindful of pedestrians, particularly little ones, at pick up or drop off. For those using cars, there is plenty of car **parking** space within walking distance of school. Parking on pavements and double yellow lines around school puts everyone's safety at risk – so please, please don't do it!

As part of our work as a Teaching School we have a strong commitment to deliver high quality **initial teacher training**. This year our **School Direct** cohort will be working with excellent classroom practitioners and supportive mentors.



At West Jesmond Primary we will be hosting four trainees and a series of shorter placements. As a school we hugely benefit from the new and fresh ideas the trainees bring, their knowledge of the most current research and teaching initiatives and we also have the increased capacity with an additional teacher within classrooms.

Our trainees will be attending the Welcome Meetings next week, so if they are working in your child's class you will have the opportunity to meet them.

 Young Achievers 	
Lex Y2H	Stage 5 Swimming Award
Benjamin Y1W	10 Metre Swimming Award
Halle Y1W	Stage 4 Swimming Award
Elisa Y2S	Certificate for attendance and contribution at Sunday School and reached Red Stripe in Taekwondo
Rowan Y3F	Yellow Stripe in Taekwondo

Conor Y3C	Yellow Belt in Taekwondo
Vivienne Y3L	250 dojo points
Joseph Y5G	Completed a full triathlon
Nabiha Y5M	Stage 5 swimming Award
Matilda Y3F	Level 5 Swimming Award
Sophie Y5R	250 Dojo Points
Freddie Y3C	Yellow Belt in Taekwondo
Finn Y2JT	Stage 4 Swimming Certificate
Jack Y5R	Received a Blue Peter badge for his commitment to reducing the use of plastic

With best wishes for the week ahead



Dominic Martin

Head of School