



March 6th 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been another busy week, on Wednesday we welcomed a large delegation of teachers and leaders in education from the Netherlands. Their particular focus was to gain insight into questioning and pupil talk. They were hugely impressed with how well our children can articulate their ideas and understanding as well as question others. The delegation were also very interested in our School Direct programme and hope to set up a similar model to support their current shortage of teachers. As always, it is so interesting to hear about a different education system and also a useful opportunity to reflect on how supportive and inclusive our school is.

Defibrillator

Thank you to all of our families who contributed to the purchase of our school defibrillator. Hopefully we will never need to use it; but it is now here and located on the wall next to the entrance to the main office, just in case we do. A group of staff are going to be undertaking training next week. We purchased the defibrillator through Aero Healthcare who support the NHS Supply Chain Defibs4Schools project.



Cross Country Runners

Our intrepid Cross Country runners did so well on a hilly course at Alnwick Castle on Saturday. Well done everyone, on a bitterly cold morning. Our children showed resilience and high level of enjoyment.



Greggs Children's Cancer Run

Our school is again taking part in the Greggs Children's Cancer Run which is on Sunday May 17th at Gosforth Park. This is a great family event and our school usually has over 120 children, parents and staff running, and raising money for a wonderful cause. For more information and to register please visit Greggs Children's Cancer run website. It would be wonderful to see you there!

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Sports Relief Reminder

Next **Friday 13th is Sport Relief** and we have a very exciting and sporty day planned here at WJPS, to help raise as much as we can for such a brilliant and worthy cause!

Non-Uniform

Please can children **come to school dressed in their sports kit** for a small donation to Sport Relief.

Wristbands

From Monday, we will be selling Sport Relief wristbands in school. Reception and KS1 can purchase them from the main office and KS2 will be able to purchase them on the yard every morning break time under the undercroft. There is one design and they are **£1 each**. We only have a limited amount of these for sale - so sadly once they're gone, they're gone!

Football Raffle

Mrs Finnegan has kindly donated a football signed by Steve Bruce, which we will be raffling off next week. Class teachers will be selling raffle tickets in classrooms on Wednesday and Thursday next week, priced at **50p each**. Children can buy as many tickets as they wish. The lucky winner will be drawn in our Sport Relief assembly on Friday morning!

Cake Stall

We will also be holding charity cake stalls after school on Friday 13th March in the Undercroft and in the Y3 playground. This time it is **Reception and KS1 turn to bake**. Please send any **donations into school on the Friday morning** and if you would like your container returned, please ensure it is clearly labelled with your child's name and class. No nuts please. It would be fantastic to see some Sport Relief themed bakes too!

Many thanks for your continued support,
Mrs Oades, Mr Farooqi and Mr Cook

Secondary School Places

This week secondary school places have been allocated. Whilst this is an exciting time it may also feel a little daunting. In school we will continue to support children and there will be an additional letter going out to Year 6 parents and carers to gain further information ahead of transition.

ECO TOP TIP!



Kiana Y5M: Litter picking in your local area can make you feel really happy and is a great way to do your bit for the environment! The more people that go out picking, the cleaner our local streets will be!

Friends of West Jesmond – Quiz Night

Tonight is Quiz Time!!

It's a fun night out with Persian food and a cash bar! You'll be having fun and supporting the school!



With my very best wishes for a positive and exciting week ahead,

Rebecca McVittie

Young Achievers	
Lucy 1B	Fantastic Dance Homework Poster
Halle 2E	Fantastic Science Homework
Ioanna 3C	Raised £8481 doing Mathematics!
Annabelle 4C	Level 8 Swimming Award
Harry R1	Fantastic Writing
Vali R1	Fantastic Writing
Chloe 2E	Stage 7 Swimming Award
Scarlett 1C	Fantastic Writing
Alfred 2S	Trophy for Gymnastics