



School Newsletter

Friday 8th June 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone had an enjoyable and restful half term break. It's felt like a very busy start to our final half term of this academic year after the delight of last week's holiday sunshine! So prepare yourselves for a fun packed and busy half final term with lots to look forward to.

New Appointment



I'm delighted to be able to tell you, that after a suitably challenging selection day, we appointed Linzi Taylor as our **new P.E. and Sports Mentor** to begin in September 2018. Linzi is in the final stages of completing her BSc in Applied Sport and Exercise Science at Northumbria University having already gained an extended Diploma in Sports Development and Coaching (Distinction). She also has football, rugby, gym and personal training coaching qualifications! Linzi has played in various sports to county level and regional level including hockey. But most excitingly she has represented England at U20 in rugby. Linzi impressed throughout the

interview process, but two things stood out in particular: one was her desire to encourage those who are reluctant or fearful of engaging in sport or exercise and the second was her passion to foster a sense of pride in representing our school. So look forward to seeing Linzi working with children across the school next year in P.E., running after school clubs and cheering our children on at sporting events!

Fundraiser Quiz Night

Riddle me this . . .
Whats happening on the 15th of June?

Friends of West Jesmond Presents

Answer;
You're getting a babysitter!!

Friday the 15th June
7:00 to 10:30pm
in the school hall

QUIZ NIGHT
'SUMMER SPECIAL'

Tickets on Sims Agora, door price - £10
Ann Baitle is bringing the food
bargain
Usual random bar prices

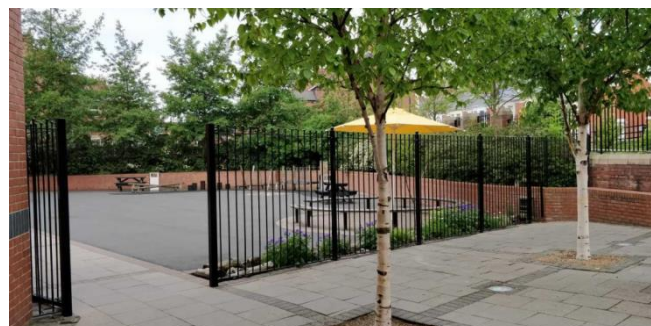
Our next quiz fundraiser is next Friday 15th from 7pm. We're well on the way with our fundraising for our secret garden, but please do think about coming along to help keep the momentum going and the money coming in!

Friends (PTA) Events

As I said it will be busy half term ahead, so here are some key dates for PTA events.

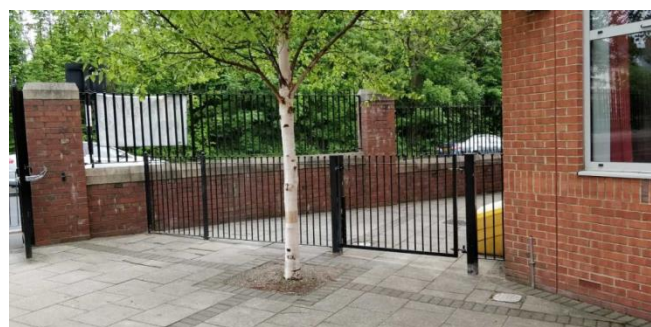
Date of Event	Details
Mon 11th June	Ramadan Celebration Stall 3.15pm The Undercroft at school All welcome
Fri 15th June	Summer Quiz Night (for parents and staff) 7.30pm School Hall £10 per ticket, includes food SIMS Agora
Thurs 21st June	International Evening at school 4.30-6.00pm School Hall Tickets on sale SIMS Agora
Fri 29th June	Non-uniform day at school Children can wear what they want in exchange for donations for the summer fair
Sun 1st July	West Jesmond Summer Fair 2.00-4.00pm School All very welcome
Fri 6th July	WJPS Summer Party 7.30-midnight Cycle Hub Tickets £15 per person SIMS Agora (while tickets are available!)
Sat 14th July	Year 6 leavers party From 5pm Northumberland Tennis Club, Jesmond Tickets £5 per person SIMS Agora

New Fencing



The safety of our children is always a high priority in school. You may have noticed that we now have a shiny new metal fence outside the KS1 yard. Though we've never had any unwelcome visitors on to site or escapee children the new fence will afford us all that little bit of extra piece of mind!

Being an eco school we've recycled the fencing that was in place and relocated to the opposite side of the path into school. We're hoping to buy some furniture and locate it in this space to allow guests to park their bikes securely when they visit.



The **International Event** is coming – 21st June 4.30 – 6pm. If you haven't signed up to be part of the event then there is still time. Please do get in touch and let us know!

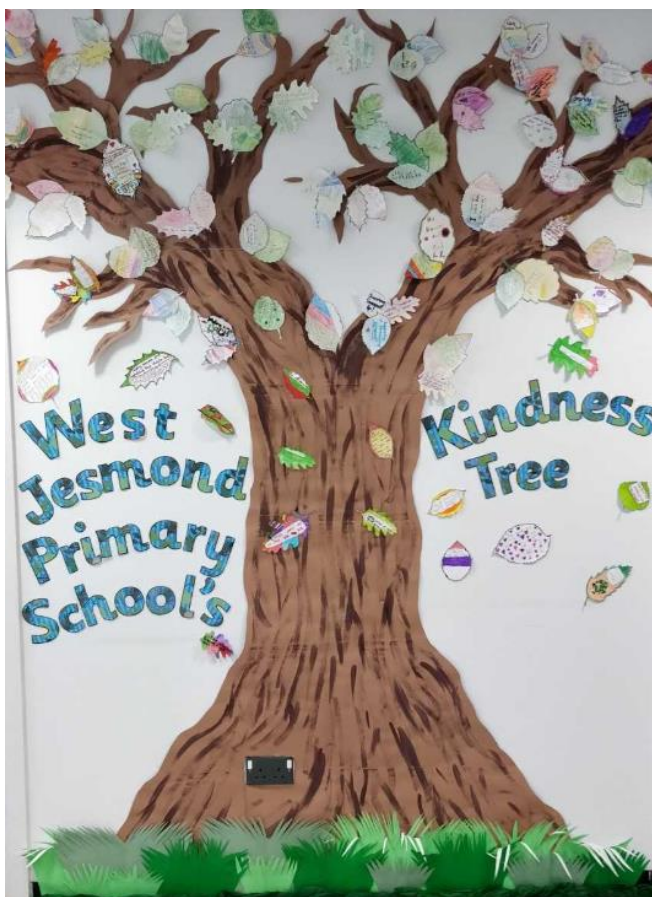


Teacher Training Days for next academic year

Just to give you notice our teacher training days for next academic year will be 3rd and 4th September 2018 and the 21st June 2019. We're having two training days during the first week back to allow us to work together as a whole staff on a number of strategic projects before the beginning of the school year.

Kindness Tree

It's lovely to see how our kindness tree with appreciative notes from children is taking shape. The Year 1 team have done a lovely job putting this together.



Mental Health

We often get into discussion about how best to help our children, particularly with their mental health. I came across the following picture recently and thought I'd share it with you all. It says it all really!

How to nurture a child's mental health



 Young Achievers 	
Rebecca Y10	Level 3 Swimming Award
Emma Y2H	25m Swimming Award
Annabelle Y2H	200m Swimming Award
Gabriel Y2S	250 Dojo Points
Alexander Y2S	250 Dojo Points

Ioanna Y1YR	Gold Award from Little Acorns for achieving 10 merits
Niamh Y4F	Green Belt in Ju-Jitsu
Tom Y2J	Lee Sterry – Player of the course
Ada Y3OB	Completed the sailing course in 2 mins 50 in the final of the Rya Honda Rib Challenge 2018
Leo Y2S	200m Swimming Award
Joseph Y4M	Completing the Barnard Castle Triathlon
Ewan Y1O	250 Dojo Points
Rahaf Y2J	250 Dojo Points
Emily Y4M	250 Dojo Points
Siddha R1	20m Swimming Award
Huda Y4M	250 Dojo Points

With best wishes for the week ahead



Dominic Martin

Head of School