



The West Jesmond Family Newsletter 1 Summer Term 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Summer Term 2022. We are all looking to the next few months in school packed full of exciting learning, events and sunshine!

This week you should have received from the class teachers information about what will be happening in class this half term as well as information about opportunities for you to come into school to share some of your child's learning. The direct interaction with parents has been something we have greatly missed in school and I know that lots of you have as well. We hope that this term and going forwards we can return to all the opportunities we have previously had as well as new and additional events. Please remember, that if you want to speak individually about your child's learning with the class teacher or with more specific questions and concerns to our SENCO (Special Educational Needs Coordinator) Cathy Hogan, our Family Support Officer, Emma Clarke, or any of our team, you are welcome to organise a meeting at any time.

"But, soft! What light through yonder window breaks?"

It is the east, and Juliet is the sun. "

It is very hard to write this newsletter as my hands are still sore from clapping our incredible Year 6 performers last night!

Their fantastic performance of Romeo

and Juliet was a part of the national Schools Shakespeare Festival which gives young children the chance to step out onto professional stages.

We were so proud of each one of our children for the passion, energy and talent they showed in a powerful and enjoyable piece of theatre that left the hairs standing up on our necks! They filled Northern Stage with their voices and great acting and provided one of the real highlights of our year so far.

Huge thanks go to Mr Rimmer and Miss Bellwood, Miss Smith and Mrs Tomlin who have worked so hard with the children over the last two terms to develop the great performance.



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Important Message About The School Bus Service:

We have been notified by Nexus that from September they will be ending the 112 scholar service for our school. They have told us that each school service has been monitored since September and due to the low numbers using the service and ongoing decline in patronage they can no longer provide this service. We know this may cause some difficulties for some of our parents and wanted to give as much notice as possible before the new academic year.

Careers Fairs:

The Careers Fair was really fun and I enjoyed it a lot. You could ask lots of questions to the volunteers and I found about what happens in many different job roles, such as a Police Officer, a Scientist, and an Engineer.
Aadam Yr. 6

I thought the Careers Fair was very inspiring and it taught me a lot about possible future careers and how to get them.
Mohamed Yr. 6



I absolutely loved the Careers Fair. It really helped me decide on my future careers.
Alessandro Y6

On Friday 8th April, all of Year 6 visited Jesmond Park Academy's Careers Fair. It was a brilliant and inspiring learning opportunity for everyone involved and we are so grateful to JPA for hosting us once again. Year 6 worked their way around the stands in the hall, very responsibly and enthusiastically, talking to volunteers and asking them considered and thoughtful questions about their varied careers and making notes in their booklets. We are very proud of all of our Year 6 children for how maturely they conducted themselves during the visit. Several of the fair's exhibitors also complimented them all, on their outstanding behaviour and manners which was fantastic to hear. Well done Year 6!

We are hosting our own WJPS Careers Fair on Wednesday 15th June at Jesmond United Reform Church, for all of Year 5 and 6, which will have a specific Health Careers focus. If you work in a health-related role of any description and would be interested in taking part to help us further inspire our West Jesmond children, please email: loades@westjesmond.newcastle.sch.uk for more information about the event.

CHILDREN'S CANCER RUN 2022 SUNDAY 15th May:

So far we have over 110 runners joining our West Jesmond team for the Children's Cancer Run. If you would like to join us there is still time to register. Our start time is 11.15am and we be meeting from 11am.

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Big Walk and Wheel 2022

Well done to all of our families who made a change to the way they travel to school at the end of last term. The overall percentage of children who walked, cycled or scooted to school rose over the two weeks and we have been awarded a trophy for being second in the Big Walk and Wheel challenge in Newcastle! However, in our large school, even with an increasing percentage of families keeping cars away from school, there is still too much traffic interacting with our children as they arrive and leave school. Please can we all work together to make an extra effort to keep cars away from West Jesmond over the Summer Term.



Year 6 Leavers Hoodies:

Year 6 parents will have received a letter about the Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies this week. Please see link below, which is live from today for orders to be placed with the Emblematic uniform supplier.

Samples sizes will be delivered to the school office by the end of this week if parents need to check sizes before ordering.

<https://emblematic.co.uk/longbenton-store/wips/wips-leavers/>

If you are a parent of a child who receives Free School Meals, we will fund the cost of the Hoodie, please contact the school office.



Cross Country Team:

Our Y4 running team took part in the Newcastle Schools Cross Country Championship at Watergate Forest Park yesterday. All of our runners really pushed themselves on the 800m course and a special mention goes to Phoebe and Henry who came in first for WJPS in their races. Well done!



Happy Eid

We wish all of our families who will be celebrating Eid at the start of next week Eid Mubarak and hope you have a very enjoyable time. We look forward to hearing all about it next week.

Have a lovely long Bank Holiday weekend everyone and a happy May Day!

Matt Ward (Headteacher)

(Please see dates for your diary on the next page!)

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Dates For Your diary

Next Week

- ❖ Monday 2nd May Bank Holiday (School Closed)
- ❖ Wednesday 4th May Hatton Art gallery Visits 3B and 4H
- ❖ Thursday 5th May Hatton Art gallery Visits 4C and 3C

Further Ahead

- ❖ Monday 9th – Thursday 12th Year 6 Key Stage 2 SATS
- ❖ Saturday 14th May West Jesmond School Allotment Open Day
- ❖ Sunday 15th May Children's Cancer Run
- ❖ Thurs 19th May Class photos Y2 and Y6
- ❖ Friday 20th May West Jesmond Festival: Choir/Djembe Performances
- ❖ Sunday May 22nd Friends of West Jesmond Spring Fair
- ❖ **Friday 27th May** **Break up for Half Term**
- ❖ **Monday 6th June** **School Closed for additional Bank Holiday**
- ❖ Tuesday 7th June Start of Summer Term Half Term 2
- ❖ Wednesday 15th June Health Careers Fair Year 5 and Year 6
- ❖ Monday 20th – Weds 22nd June Year 6 Hawkhurst residential
- ❖ Weds 13th – Friday 15th July Year 6 Secondary School transition Days
- ❖ **Friday 22nd July** **End of Summer Term**

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