



West Jesmond Primary School

West Jesmond Primary Newsletter 3 Autumn Term 2023

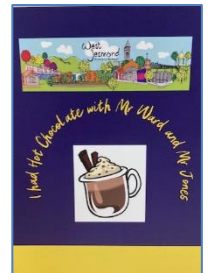


Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

Hot Chocolate Fridays!

They are many great moments across the week for a head teacher, but a real highlight is our new Hot Chocolate Fridays. Along with Mr Jones, I get to spend the end of the week with children from each class in Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 finding out about their achievements, talking about their week and the weekend and enjoying lively discussions ranging so far from dream holidays to super powers! The children are selected by teachers for special efforts and for successes they have had during the week.

Our approach to improving behaviour at West Jesmond is based on building up strong relationships with all of our children and knowing each child well. We then start from a positive approach where we use our West Jesmond Way to help us to identify and praise the behaviours and attitudes we want to help to develop in our children. Our reward systems help to incentivise and recognise children's efforts. Our core reward system is the Dojo scheme where children are awarded dojos that add up over time until the children gain one of our special certificates. Hot Chocolate Friday is our latest way to show our children how proud we are of all of their efforts in our school.



Jesmond Park Academy Open Evening: Thursday 5th October 5 – 7.30pm

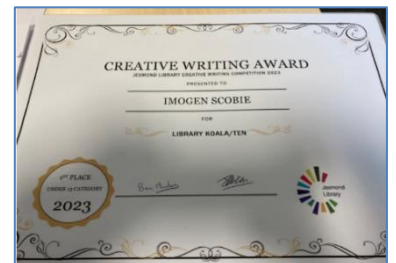
Year 6 parents will have received information about the Jesmond Park Academy Open evening in two weeks' time. This is a great chance to have a look at the school, meet some of our past pupils who will tell you about their experiences and meet the Principal, Mr Campbell, and key staff.

Our parents who went last year told us it was a really interesting and useful evening and we hope lots of you will be able to attend this year.



Congratulations to a Prize Winning West Jesmond Author!

We are very proud of Imogen in Year 3 who has won the Jesmond Library Creative Writing Competition 2023 prize for her brilliant story about a Koala Bear who comes to West Jesmond Library. Her class really enjoyed having it read to them and agreed that it was a very creative, fun and clever story! Well done Imogen!



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Well Done Football Team

Well done to our Year 5/6 football team for a great effort in their first games of the season on Thursday night. They played a series of matches against local schools and showed tremendous effort, teamwork and a great attitude. We are looking forward to the season ahead!

People's Kitchen

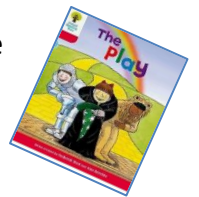
Don't forget our People's Kitchen collection starts on Monday 2nd October and runs until Friday 6th October. Food donations will be collected on trolleys at the entrance gates to the school.

Missing Bikes

Two bikes that were left at school over night or over a weekend have gone missing this half term. This is a very rare occurrence at our school, but can we please remind everyone to take home bikes and scooters at the end of each day and to use locks wherever possible.

Parent Reading Volunteers

Thank you to everyone who came to school for our meeting about reading volunteers. We are very grateful that so many of you have been able to offer time to support our children. If you were unable to attend the meeting, but would like to join the scheme, please contact school and ask to speak with our Reading Leads, Mrs Matthews or Mr Snelders.



Supporting our children and families

Thank you to the Reception parents who came to school for our coffee mornings last week. We hope you found it a useful chance to meet each other and to meet some of our wider school leadership and support teams. Through these newsletters we like to remind people of some of the different ways we can support you and your child at West Jesmond and introduce you to key staff. Today we have a reminder about our Family Support Officer Emma Clarke.

Introducing Emma Clark

Emma Clark is our Family Support Officer. Emma has a wealth of experience in helping families and can offer advice on areas including;



- Childhood health and illness
- Support to children and families to address issues that impact on attendance
- Referrals to appropriate agencies to offer further support, such as Early Help, Family Partners, National Centre for Domestic Violence, Mental Health services, Pathways, food banks and fuel poverty support
- Advice around sibling relationships
- Sleep routine advice
- Internet safety
- Behaviour support
- Bereavement support
- Signposting to a variety of different parenting classes such as, ESOL Maths and English courses and ESOL English as an additional language courses

Emma works in school on Fridays but you can contact the office at any time and she will call you back or arrange for you to come into school to meet her. eclark@westjesmond.newcastle.sch.uk

Friday Cakes and Books

We look forward to seeing you at the end of school today for our Parent - Pupil Library and Friends' Cake Stalls! This week cakes are provided by Year 3L and next week 3B.



Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Matt Ward (Headteacher)

Dates for Your Diary

Next Week:

- ❖ Tuesday 26th September Peoples' Kitchen Assembly for children
 - ❖ Thursday 28th September Year 2 J Quayside Trip
 - ❖ Friday 29th September Year 2 D Quayside Trip
- Children's School Photographs



Further Ahead:

- ❖ Monday 2nd October People's Kitchen Donations All Week
- ❖ Tuesday 3rd October School Council Visit to Fleming Court Care Home
- ❖ Wednesday 4th October Year 2W Quayside Trip
- ❖ Friday 6th October Cake Stall 5HS
- ❖ Monday 9th & Thursday 12th October Mastering Number at Home Yr1 Parents' Workshop

- ❖ Saturday 14 October 1- 3.30 pm Jesmond Community Orchard Apple Day

- ❖ Week Beginning 23rd October Local Study Week
- ❖ Friday 27th October Break up for half term
- ❖ Monday 6th November School Closed for Staff Training
- ❖ Tuesday 7th November Back to school

- ❖ Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th November Parent Consultation Meetings 3.30 - 6pm

- ❖ Friday 22nd December End of Term

- ❖ Monday 8th January Start of the Spring Term