



The West Jesmond Family Newsletter 2 Summer Term 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Our West Jesmond Inclusion Team

We have talked with you before about how we are working hard to build up the wider support teams in school to react to the needs of our children and families beyond the traditional school curriculum. We want to use the Newsletter over the next few weeks to introduce, and remind parents of, some of the support we can offer and the key people to talk to. This week, we will focus on family support and our new Children's Mental Health Champions.

Family Support

Like many schools, we have seen how the impact of the pandemic, increasing cost of living and wider societal pressures have affected some children and families. Our Family Support Officer, Emma Clark (eclark@westjesmond.newcastle.sch.uk), is a hub of support and information for any family who needs to seek advice or would like directing to key services. Emma can work with families to support children and families to address a wide range of issues. These include supporting attendance, making referrals to agencies to offer further support, such as Early Help, Family Partners, Mental Health services, Pathways, food banks, and signposting parents to a variety of different parenting classes such as English language courses. Emma can also offer direct support to parents in areas including sleep routine advice, behaviour support and bereavement support



For further Family Support, look out for our ongoing **Inclusion Coffee Mornings**. We hope all of you who have attended have found them useful and enjoyable. At these meetings we have representatives from health teams, housing, Citizens Advice, English as an Additional Language, SEN support and family partners.

Children's Mental Health support

Jacqui Nicholson and Gemma Jordan are our new children's Mental health Champions and are working hard to develop our work in this area. Jacqui's role is to provide holistic, tailored support to children and families. Jacqui can provide support for children in school around emotional regulation, friendships, anxiety, bereavement and wider resilience. This support could be a short-term intervention or specific longer-term sessions with children. Please contact Jacqui at school to discuss any concerns or questions you have about your child.



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Parent Partnership Group

Thank you to all the parents who attended this week's Parent Partnership Group. We mainly discussed transition between year groups and what is useful for children and parents. The Leadership Team will discuss this and implement as much as we can during our transition period in July. We also discussed how to involve more parents to enhance the excellent work of current committee of the **Friends of West Jesmond**. There will be more on this in next week's newsletter. In the meantime if you would like to be involved or could help volunteer with upcoming events please contact the friends on friendswjsps@mail.com. At the moment we would love some volunteers to help with refreshments at the Allotment Open Day on May 7th and with the upcoming school fair on June 11th.

Panathlon Team Success

We are so proud of our West Jesmond Panathlon Team who competed this week against schools from across Newcastle and North Tyneside. Six children from Year 3 and 4 represented our school and took part in seven different challenges. In a tightly contested competition, our children achieved a fantastic third place. Well done Panathletes!



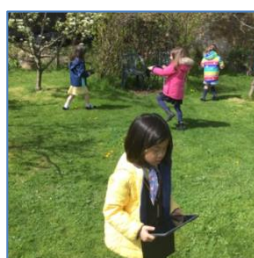
Year 4 Egypt Workshops

Year 4 have been visiting two of Newcastle's great museums this week. They took part in a number of really interesting workshops, including a deeper study into Ancient Egypt through the Visions of Egypt Workshop.



Signs of Spring Hunt

This week, Year 1 went on a signs of spring hunt. They were very excited to find so much evidence. We found buds and flowers on the fruit trees, daffodils, tulips, dandelions and daisies. We then created their own PicCollages to show the findings.



Allotment Open Day Sunday 7th May 11am - 2pm

If you want to see even more signs of spring, come along to our Allotment Open Day on Sunday 7th May. This is a great opportunity to see for first hand this important part of our West Jesmond Curriculum and the experiences of your child during their time at the school.



Magpie Mascot

We were all really excited and proud of Henry in Year 3 who won a competition to be Newcastle United's mascot at their match against Everton, in Liverpool, on Thursday Night. He must have taken some West Jesmond magic to inspire the team to a 4-1 victory after walking out on the pitch with Kieran Trippier.



Year 6 Second Hand Book Sale

From today there will be a second hand book sale in the Undercroft every Friday. The profit will go towards Year 6 Leavers' celebrations and to help ensure Leavers' Hoodies are affordable to all. We would love you to donate good condition, second hand, children's and young adult books. Please come along and browse our selection and enjoy some great value books. Cash only please!

The West Jesmond International Evening Thursday 26th May

Thank you to everyone who came to the Coffee Morning this week to find out about our International Evening. More information will be coming out to parents this week and a Form to express interest in attending and contributing to the event. We want as many families and cultures to be represented at the event. Please come and speak to us if you have any questions.

Jesmond Festival Music Event

The Jesmond Festival starts in the next couple of weeks. Your child will have brought home a festival programme setting out some of the many great events taking place.

The events we are looking forward to are the performances by our choirs and Djembe band at Jesmond Library on the 19th May. All are welcome for a morning of song and drumming.



Friday 19 May:
West Jesmond School
Festival of Music

9:30 – 10:00 am: Years 3-4 Choir
10:20 – 10:40 am: Djembe Club
11:15 – 11:45 am: Years 5-6 Choir

Attend part or all of the morning, as you wish. All welcome, until the library is full up! Refreshments available during the intervals. Come and enjoy these marvellous performances by the talented children of our local school. All welcome!
Jesmond Library, St George's Terrace NE2 2DL

Teacher Training at West Jesmond

Are you, or someone you know, interested in Teacher Training? Would you like to train at West Jesmond or with our partner schools? From next year, we will be working with the Tyne Valley Alliance to provide initial teacher training.

If you are considering this, why not sign up to a School Experience taster session? The School Direct (Initial Teacher Training) course offers placements in Newcastle, Gateshead, Northumberland and North Tyneside. You can click the here for further information:

<https://www.find-postgraduate-teacher-training.service.gov.uk/course/16B/23WM>

The taster session will take place at The Sele First School, Hexham between 9.30-11.30am on Monday 22nd May. You can sign up here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSenHNvpKZm_6JotiiC8_czDD1L0ZUfgjKaezMJUDG5gkpgTkA/viiewform

There will be an opportunity to speak to mentors, chat with current School Direct trainees about their experience, watch lessons across school and ask any questions you may have.

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend everyone!

Matt Ward (Headteacher)

Dates for Your Diary

- ❖ NEU Strike Day Tuesday 2nd May
- ❖ School Allotment Open Day Sunday 7th May
- ❖ Additional Bank Holiday Monday 8th May
- ❖ KS2 SATs Week 9 -12th May
- ❖ Children's Cancer Run Sunday 14th May
- ❖ Jesmond Festival: Choir and Djembe band at Jesmond Library Friday 19th May
- ❖ West Jesmond International Evening Thursday 25th May 6-8pm
- ❖ School Closed for Teacher Training Day Friday 26th May
- ❖ Half Term Holiday Begins Friday 26th May
- ❖ Return to School Monday 5th June
- ❖ Year 4 Countryside Day (Wooler) Thursday 8th June
- ❖ Non-Uniform Day Summer Fair donations Friday 9th June
- ❖ Friends' School Summer Fair Sunday 11th June
- ❖ Scottish Opera performance Year 4 Thursday 15th June
- ❖ Sports Day (KS1 & KS2) Monday 10th July (Times to be confirmed)
- ❖ Reception Sports Day Thursday 13th July
- ❖ Year 6 Graduation Wednesday 19th July 5pm
- ❖ End of Term Friday 21st July



Friends' Cake Stalls

- ❖ 28.4.23 R3
- ❖ 5.5.23 Y2W
- ❖ 12.5.23 Y6R