



West Jesmond Primary Newsletter 6 Autumn Term 2021



Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

Our Children as Leaders at West Jesmond

School Councillors: We want every child at West Jesmond to feel they have a strong say in how we make our school the very best it can be for everyone working and learning in it. This half term a large number of children put themselves forward to be School Councillors. We were hugely impressed and thankful to everyone who spoke to their classes about their ideas. Only two from each class could be elected to these important roles, but we want to thank everyone who bravely stood up for election. I will be meeting with School Councillors regularly over the year and they will be feeding back the thoughts and comments of other children and shaping what we do. Remind your child to use the **School Council Suggestion Boxes** to share their ideas!

Year 6 Team Leaders: This week we have been reading a large number of application letters from our Year 6 children who are applying for leadership roles across school. Being a Year 6 leader allows our children to develop their organisational skills and the ability to use their self-initiative as well as playing a really important role in developing our sense of the West Jesmond Family and making school life better for all of our children. Every Year 6 child gets the chance to be one of our Team leaders. The roles include being a Sports Team Leader who organise lunchtime games, Playtime Leaders (Buddies) who read, play and look after other children, an Assembly Team and a Lunchtime team. So far we have received nearly 50 applications and we hope by the Spring Term everyone will have joined the teams.

Parent Consultations Monday 18th and Wednesday 20th

Thank you to the parents of 1Y who were the very first to try out our video Parent Consultations with Mrs Young this week. We hope you felt the technology worked well and that they were useful and, hopefully, an improvement on the telephone calls. We are looking forward to meeting with lots more of you across school on Monday and Wednesday next week. Can we remind anyone who feels they need more than the time allotted in the meetings that the classteacher and other members of staff are there for any follow up conversations that may be required.

City Football Finals!

Congratulations to our successful Year 5 and 6 Girls' Football Team who took part in the Newcastle Schools football competition. The team won two games and drew one and have successfully advanced to the City Finals!



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Children's Photographs Friday 22nd October

Can any children with PE that day, please come in school uniform with PE kit to change in to.

Jesmond Park Visitors

It was great to welcome back some of our Year 6 children from last year who led an assembly along with leaders from Jesmond Park. Our current Year 6 children had lots of question to ask about the school and being in Year 7.



Dinner Staff Needed!

We are looking to recruit additional people to join our fantastic dinner team making lunchtime happy and safe for our children. We have in the past appointed people very successfully from our parent body and local community. The posts are usually 1 hour and 15 minutes a day. If you or anyone you know is interested in finding out more please speak to the school office.

Dates For Your Diary

- Parent Consultations Monday 18th October and Wednesday 20th October
- Children's Photographs on Friday 22nd October
- Break up for Half Term Holidays: Friday 22nd October
- Monday 1st November Training Day (School Closed to Children)
- Return to school Tuesday 2nd November

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Matt Ward (Headteacher)