



## West Jesmond Primary Newsletter 7 Autumn Term 2024



Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of a very busy and successful first half-term, it has been another very busy autumn at West Jesmond.

### Parent Consultations

Thank you to everyone who attended the parent consultations this week, it was lovely to invite you all into school to share how well your children have settled into this school year. We hope you found them as a useful and constructive insight into your child's learning and development at school. These meetings are only a part of our conversation with you and all parents are able to arrange to speak with class teachers at any time between the formal parent consultations. Our wider team are also available for conversations. These include our SENCO (Special Educational Needs Coordinator), Gemma Jordan, EAL (English as an Additional Language) Lead, Verity Groot and Well-Being Lead, Rachael Spanner and School Counsellor, Vanessa Corker.

### Local Study Week 2024: The Town Moor

Next week is our annual Local Study Week. During the week, we focus on the history and geography of our local area. Over recent years, we have looked at topics including shipbuilding, coal mining, local suffragettes and Jesmond Dene. This year each year group will be studying the Town Moor with every year having a different focus. The Big Questions they will investigate look at the use of the Town Moor, the history, land use, environment and the human and physical characteristics. There will be lots of fieldwork so the children will be venturing out to the Moor during the week and some year groups will have special guided tours. We are also looking forward to welcoming in some very special visitors! It will be a great way to end this half-term as we investigate this unique and interesting part of our city!

### Reminder: West Jesmond Junior Park Run Take Over This Weekend!

To start Local Study week, West Jesmond will be taking over the [junior parkrun UK](https://www.parkrun.org.uk) on The Town Moor this Sunday (20th October) at 9am. We would love to have as many West Jesmond families taking part as possible. To join us, all you need to do is register for free at <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/register/> or bring along your existing Park Run bar-code. I did my first Town Moor Parkrun of the year (I know it's very late in the year!) last weekend – it's a great way to start your day!



Headteacher: Matt Ward

Deputy Headteacher: Tom Jones

West Jesmond Primary School, Tankerville Terrace,  
Newcastle-upon-Tyne, NE2 3AJ

☎ (0191) 2810000 📧 [office@westjesmond.newcastle.sch.uk](mailto:office@westjesmond.newcastle.sch.uk)

🌐 [www.westjesmondprimary.org.uk](http://www.westjesmondprimary.org.uk)





### The People's Kitchen Donations Collection

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our People's Kitchen collection this week. Once again I have been overwhelmed by the generosity of our West Jesmond family in supporting people less fortunate in our city. As always, the donation trolleys have been overflowing. In November, our School Councillors will be visiting the People's Kitchen to find out what happens to our donations.

### Well done Football Teams!

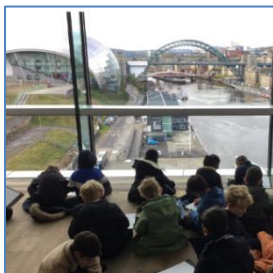
Well done to our Year 5/6 Girls' Football team this week. They competed in their first three fixtures of their Girls' Central League competition on Tuesday. They battled hard, winning two games and narrowly losing their third one. We are looking forward to seeing how they progress in their Central league over the next months. Mr Mellons was very proud!



On a very soggy Wednesday night the week before, the Y5/6 boys team went all the way to penalties with Newcastle School for Boys after a thrilling 3-3 draw in the Cup. Despite narrowly losing out on spot-kicks, the players performed fantastically throughout, despite the weather conditions, and are ready to go again for our next league game. Mr Collier is equally excited now that he has dried out!

### Apple Celebrations

Our amazing allotment volunteers were in school to help Y4DO celebrate all things apple! We had a wonderful time tasting lots of different varieties of apples, jams and chutneys and rating them by taste and texture, a brilliant and wet time apple bobbing and great fun apple and spoon racing! Year 4 have then been using the apples as part of their Design Technology project to create apple crisps. There have been delicious smells wafting down the corridor to our office!



### Year 2 Quayside Visit

Last week, Year 2 were on an exciting fieldwork trip to the Quayside. They became Geographers and used their map skills to locate all the landmarks they have been learning about in class! They also had the chance to sketch these landmarks in the Baltic.

Have a lovely weekend everyone and we'll hopefully see you on the Junior Parkrun start line on Sunday!

Tom Jones (Deputy Headteacher)

## Dates for Your Diary

### Black History Month



### Next Week:

❖ Week Beginning 21<sup>st</sup> October

❖ Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October

❖ Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October

Local Study Week

Friends Yr. 5/6 Halloween Disco

Break up for half term



### Further Ahead:

❖ Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November

❖ Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November

❖ 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> November

❖ Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November

School Closed for Staff Training

Back to school

Year 6 Lockerbie Residential Visit

Friends Christmas Fair (from 3.15pm)

❖ Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

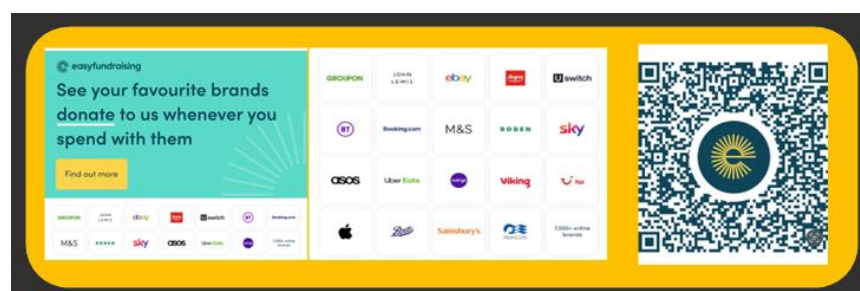
End of Term

❖ Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January

Start of the Spring Term

## Raising Money For Our School

You can support the **Friends of West Jesmond** without costing you a penny by using **Easyfundraising** when you shop online:



If you shop at **Asda** please download the app and select **West Jesmond** in the **Cashpot for Schools** .