



West Jesmond Primary Newsletter 9th July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,



West Jesmond Olympics Week July 12-16th

We are looking forward to hopefully celebrating sporting success (England or Italy depending on your allegiances!) in the days ahead, but nothing will match the sporting endeavour of West Jesmond children during Olympics Week! We are all excited about 5 days of Olympic themed activities in and out of the classroom. The week will include Sports Days for all children. Key Stage 1 activities will take place on the school yard and Key Stage 2 will be walking to the RGS field. We are sorry that there can be no spectators this year. All parents should have already received a message about the days your child will need to be in PE kit for their sports day.



- Reception / Y1/ Y2 on Monday
- Y3 and Y6 on Tuesday
- Y4 and Y5 on Wednesday

Children's Cancer Run: You will have received details about the Children's Cancer Run in School on Weduc, Facebook and Twitter. The runs will take place during your child's Sports Day. We know that for a number of our families may be struggling financially at the moment and for all children this is a free participation event. However, if you are able to donate, please make a suggested donation of £1 minimum using Weduc or bring in your donation on the day to help us support the charity.



Covid Update: Thank you for keeping us so promptly up to date with any test results this week. We have had two positive cases within our community this week. Each was for a child who was out of school and does not affect others in school. We currently have no classes isolating. We once again send our thoughts to all families who have someone ill with the virus or are being forced to isolate at this time.

Step 4 on 19th July: The majority of schools in England start their summer holidays after the 16th July, however, for schools in Newcastle the change of guidance on the 19th July throws up some additional challenges. We are working with the Local Authority and other schools in the city to ensure we are able follow changing guidelines while still keeping our community safe and we will be able to give you further details next week.



Sh! Sponsored Silence:

Year 3 children organised a Sponsored Silence to raise money for Rocco. They managed to keep totally quiet all morning and all (well almost all!) afternoon!

They came up with some very creative ways to communicate and ask questions! Well done 3Y!



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Year 4 Opera Stars:

Our school was filled with the uplifting sound of singing on Thursday – a sound we have missed so much over the last year! A huge well done to Year 4 for their dedication and hard work for the Scottish Opera project, which they have undertaken over the last term. It all concluded with a professional recording of their performance of 'Last Aliens' and we cannot wait to see the end result!

It was also a fitting last performance for our wonderful Director of Music, Mrs Hague. Huge thanks also go to Ms Rennison in helping the children to perform so exceptionally!



Friends of West Jesmond Second-hand uniform sale:

For anyone who has out grown, good quality uniform to donate, please drop it off at the trolley at the front of school by the Main Office from Monday to Thursday next week.

If you would like to buy any uniform, please email the Friends at friendswjps@mail.com with the items you require, size, and your child's name/class. If we have the items you need we will get those sent to you via the class. You can make a small donation via Weduc once you're happy with your items. For the time being we will be concentrating on logo items (old and new). Any questions please email the Friends directly. We will only be able to process uniform requests that we receive by Thursday 15th July.

Classes For 2021-22:

On the next page you will see the classes and teachers for the new academic year. After two disrupted years, we will not be splitting and reforming any of our classes for 2021-22. Children will be getting the chance to meet their new teachers in outdoor transition meetings over the next couple of Weeks.

Our New West Jesmond Leadership Team:

Over the past term we have appointed a number of staff to new positions in our leadership team at West Jesmond. Governors and senior leaders held a series of interview and task days which demonstrated the strength in depth of leaders and potential leader in our school. We are very pleased to announce that Katharine Smith will be a new Assistant Head at our school. We also have three new Key Stage Leaders. Laura Ward will be leading Key Stage 1, Clare Byatt will be leading Lower Key Stage 2 and Ed Snelders will be leading Upper Key Stage 2. They join Liz Thompson our current Early Years Lead.

Have a lovely weekend everyone! Will it be coming home or coming to Rome?

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Classes and Teachers for 2021-22
Current Classes in Green and classes for 2021-22 in Blue

Reception		
Mrs Robinson Mrs Matthews (Assistant Head)	Miss Thompson (Key Stage Lead) Mrs Sanderson	Miss Stenhouse
Year 1		
Mrs Young R2 → 1Y	Miss Whitten R1 → 1W	Mr Edwards R3 → 1E
Year 2		
Mr Mansfield 1C → 2M	Miss Ward (Key Stage Lead) 1B → 2W	Miss Jordan 1E → 2J
Year 3		
Mrs Laidler 2S → 3L	Miss Byatt (Key Stage Lead) 2M → 3B	Mr Collier 2E → 3C
Year 4		
Miss Mackellar 3Y → 4M	Mr Cook 3C → 4C	Mr Hopkins 3L → 4H
Year 5		
Mr Snelders (Key Stage Lead) 4H → 5S	Tariq Farooqi 4M → 5F	Mrs Tomlin / Miss Sykes (Assistant Head) 4C → 5TS
Year 6		
Mr McGrath 5J → 6M	Miss Smith (Assistant Head) 5F → 6S	Mr Rimmer 5R → 6R