



## The West Jesmond Family Newsletter 10 Summer Term 2023



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

### New Reception Visits

It has been lovely to see lots of new Reception children and parents visiting school this week and we look forward to seeing even more of you next week. We hope you have enjoyed your introduction to your new classes and teachers.

### Governors School in Action Day 30<sup>th</sup> June: Personal Development.

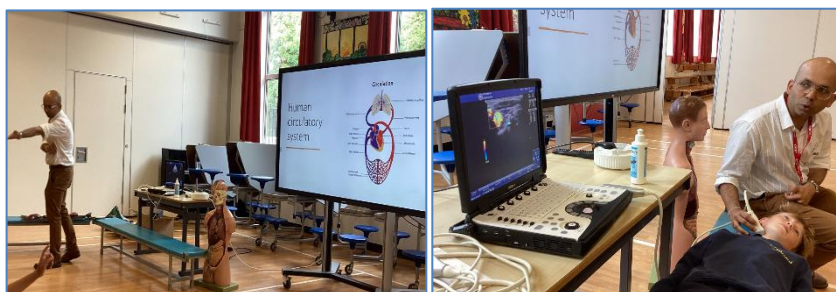
Today our governors have been in school for the latest of their School in Action visits. We are very lucky at West Jesmond to have such a dedicated governing body who give up time to come into school to support and challenge us to constantly review and improve our provision. The School in Action days allow governors the opportunity to spend time looking closely at key areas of our work and help us to develop them further.

Personal Development runs alongside and throughout our curriculum. It covers so much of what we do from pastoral support, extra-curricula activities, careers and aspirations work, providing opportunities to take risks and experience new things as well as developing children's understanding of themselves and others and their place in our community. Our West Jesmond Way is at the heart of our aims as we try to develop key character traits in all of our children and the West Jesmond Family. Next year we are launching a brand new Personal Development journal for our children to help record their experiences and achievements over their time at the school. We look forward to sharing it with you in September.



### Year 6 Scientists

Year 6 were very lucky this week to be visited by Dr Srivastava who talked about the human body, how different organs work and the importance of a healthy lifestyle. He brought along a special ultrasound machine that allowed us to take a closer look inside some excited volunteers' bodies. A huge thank you to Dr Srivastava!



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### Aspirations and opportunities workshop

Year 6 enjoyed a workshop with NERAP (North East Raising Aspiration Partnership), which was a great opportunity to reflect upon ourselves as learners and consider our next steps to secondary school, the possibility of university, and our dream careers, as well as the skills and qualifications we might need for them.



### Year 4 Engineer Visit

As a part of our STEM work, Darren came in to talk to Year 4 about his exciting job as an engineer for Subsea 7. He told us how he came to choose his career and how his role has changed over the years. He showed us a picture of the huge ship he looks after at the moment and we were all amazed with the fact that the crane on it, can hold 5000 tonnes! He also showed us all the places he has been lucky enough to work in and travel to around the world with his job! Thank you, Darren; we really enjoyed your visit!



### NEU Possible Strike Days 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> July

All parents will have received a letter with the details about the classes that are open next week. Once again, we apologise for the impact on our children and families and hope that a settlement to the industrial dispute is found as soon as possible.

### Quiz Night

We look forward to seeing lots of our parents at the Friend's Quiz Night tonight. Good luck teams!

Have a lovely weekend everyone

Matt Ward (Headteacher)



## Dates for Your Diary

### June

- ❖ Friends' Quiz Night Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June

### July

- ❖ Cricket Finals Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July
- ❖ Strike Day NEU teachers Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July
- ❖ Choir at Newcastle Sings Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July
- ❖ Reception Trip to St Mary's Lighthouse Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July
- ❖ West Jesmond Green Day Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July (to be re arranged)
- ❖ Strike Day NEU teachers Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July
- ❖ Years 1, 2 and 3 Sports Day Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July (9.30 – 11.30am)
- ❖ Years 4, 6 and 6 Sports Day Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July (1.30 – 3.00pm)
- ❖ Reception Sports Day Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July (9.15am – 11am)
- ❖ Year 6 Graduation Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 5pm
- ❖ End of Term Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July