



The West Jesmond Family Newsletter 6 Summer Term 2023



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Thank you for another busy and successful half term at West Jesmond. We hope you all get the chance to spend time together and enjoy the (hopefully) sunny weather over the bank holiday and the week ahead and we look forward to the final half term of the school year.

Goodbye Mrs Whitten

This newsletter is dedicated to a much loved member of the West Jesmond Family who is leaving our school at the end of this half term. Alison Whitten is retiring from teaching after a very successful career that has included 22 years at our school! Alison joined West Jesmond in 2001 and has worked in Reception and Year 1 for over the last 22 years. She has seen so many changes in staff, families, children...and even a building and has been a hugely important part of our school. For nearly a quarter of a century Alison has guaranteed a warm and caring beginning to school life for hundreds of Jesmond children.



Alison will be deeply missed as a colleague and a friend by all of us at school.

We wish Alison the very best and we know she leaves with the thanks and best wishes of all of our community and the echoing voices of the many, many children she has given so much to over the years.

Year 2 Maths Workshop

Year 2 had a lovely morning working with their parents in school. Linked to our Design and Technology unit on mechanics, with a focus on axels and wheels, the children made vehicles using their creative and individual designs. Thank you to all the parents for helping and making this an enjoyable workshop.



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International Evening

Thank you to everyone who came to our International Evening yesterday and to everyone who contributed. After a fantastic evening, I am writing this rather late, rather tired...but immensely proud of our incredible West Jesmond Family! It was lovely to see the exciting diversity of our school represented and celebrated. We are hugely grateful for the incredible food, fascinating workshops and stalls and to all of our performers! There are not many schools, where across one school yard, you can visit Sudan, Japan, Greece, India, Bangladesh, Pakistan....and so many, many more countries and cultures!

Here are a few pictures of children yesterday. There will be lots more pictures from the event on social media and on the newsletter after half term.



Good Luck Angela and Callum

This week we are saying goodbye to Angela Fixter and Callum Glendinning who have been our Initial Teacher Training students in school this year. Angela has been working in Year 5 and Callum in Year 3. They very quickly became key members of staff and I know the children have enjoyed having them as teachers in their classes. Both of them have thrown themselves into our clubs and activities and we thank them both for all their efforts over the year. We know you will join us in wishing them the very best in their future careers.

I hope everyone has a lovely half term holiday!

Matt Ward (Headteacher)

Dates for Your Diary

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| ❖ Return to School | Monday 5 th June |
| ❖ Year 4 Countryside Day (Wooler) | Thursday 8 th June |
| ❖ Non-Uniform Day Summer Fair donations | Friday 9 th June |
| ❖ Friends' School Summer Fair | Sunday 11 th June |
| ❖ Scottish Opera performance Year 4 | Thursday 15 th June |
| ❖ Years 1, 2 and 3 Sports Day | Monday 10 th July (9.30 – 11.30am) |
| ❖ Years 4, 6 and 6 Sports Day | Monday 10 th July (1.30 – 3.00pm) |
| ❖ Reception Sports Day | Thursday 13 th July (9.15am – 11am) |
| ❖ Year 6 Graduation | Wednesday 19 th July 5pm |
| ❖ End of Term | Friday 21 st July |