

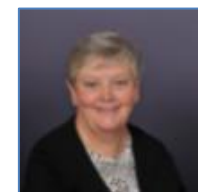
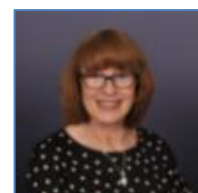


## The West Jesmond Family Newsletter 2 Summer Term 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Retirements

We start the newsletter this week with some sad news for West Jesmond Primary. Two very important members of our West Jesmond Family will be retiring at the end of this year after a long (very long!) time at our school. Dianne Sanderson and Lindsay Trench have given over 60 years between them to our school and, as well as our current children, there are many parents and members of our community who will have very warm memories of both Lindsay and Dianne and the positive impacts they have had on so many. We all want to make the remainder of this term as memorable as possible for them both and we will be sharing a lot more memories in the months ahead.



### Team GB Assembly Visitor

Thanks to one of our families, we were privileged to welcome Team GB member Helen Ruud to lead two of our assemblies in school this week. Helen is a Sports Psychologist and an elite Outrigger Paddler. She talked to the children about her background, the many different exciting activities she has taken part in, including Ultra-Marathons, and about the origins of her exciting sport. During the fun, active and inspiring assemblies, the children practised paddling, learnt some polynesian words and found out about opportunities to try out the sport in our region.



### Our Eggcellent New Arrivals

There has been eggtraordinary eggcitement (don't worry no more of these!) over the last few weeks in Year 2 as the children have welcomed some very small and rather noisy new members of our school. Each class has cared for a number chicken eggs that have now hatched to produce a bunch of chicks whose chirping and cheeping can be heard all over the school. The chicks support a key part of our science curriculum, but also provide inspiration for our work in English.



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### How Our Children Celebrated Eid

We hope all of our children and families enjoyed the Eid celebrations this week. As always our children are the very best people to tell us about the things that are important to them. In assembly on Wednesday a number of Year 3 and Year 4 children talked about Eid and how each one of them had enjoyed the day. Two of our children even made a video about Their Eid. Have a look at our West Jesmond Facebook page to see it. Mohammad and Fuzail took time to explain some of the key traditions surrounding Eid and how they celebrate and made their short video to share with our school community.

### WJPS School Allotment Open Day Saturday 14 May 10am -2pm

Next Saturday, we are looking forward to opening up our West Jesmond Allotment to our parents. The event will last from 10am – 2pm. West Jesmond families are invited to look around the allotment, to see what our children have been growing this year and stay for refreshments provided by our allotment volunteers. Year 4 children will be showing visitors around and the school choir will be performing at about 12:30pm.

Please note children will be the responsibility of parents/carers throughout their visit. The address of the school allotment is Highbury, West Jesmond NE2 3EA. The entrance can be found on Highbury opposite the junction with Mildmay Road. Highbury can be busy with cars and cyclists so please take care on leaving the site after your visit.



### Year 4 Visit to Vindolanda

Year 4 had a great day at the Roman Army Museum and Vindolanda Fort. Visits allow our children to really embed and bring to life their learning in school and create meaningful and sustained links. There is such an impact of actually being near Hadrian's Wall, closing your eyes and imagining who would have been on the exact site several thousand years before - but as always some facts stand out!

*They put the toilets and bathhouse on the edge of the fort so the smells would be well away from them!*

Thank you very much to our parents who accompanied us on the trip. We hope you enjoyed it and we would like to take the chance to thank all of our parents who give up their time to help us to make sure that trips and visits are able to take place.



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## West Jesmond Fundraisers

We are always especially proud of our children when they show their thoughtfulness, kindness and initiative out of school. Over the Easter holidays, a number of children raised a huge amount of money to support Ukrainian refugees. Well done to Phoebe, Lucy, Olive, Daisy and Isla for an incredible effort!

*'We made bracelets and sold them to the public who were walking past our table with all the bracelets. We didn't just make bracelets, we also made dog collars. We didn't take a particular price for each bracelet, but we took in donations. We raised over £246 over two days for roughly 7 hours each day!'*

## A Sporting Week

This week we have had lots of sporting competitions with our teams out and about around the city. These have included; Y6 Girls Tag Rugby Festival, Y5 Tag Rugby Festival, KS2 Boccia Festival, Y4/5 Girls Football Competition and our Y3/4 Boys competed in the finals of the City Football Competition.



## Year 6 SATs

We all wish the very best to our Year 6 children who will be taking their SATs exams next week. The children have worked very hard all year and the staff working with them have been extremely proud of each one of them.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Matt Ward (Headteacher)

(Please see dates for your diary on the next page!)

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## Dates for Your Diary

### Next Week

- ❖ Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Key Stage 2 SATS
- ❖ Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May West Jesmond School Allotment Open Day
- ❖ Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May Children's Cancer Run

### Further Ahead

- ❖ Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May Class photos Y2 and Y6
- ❖ Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May West Jesmond Festival: Choir/Djembe Performances
- ❖ Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup> Friends of West Jesmond Spring Fair
- ❖ **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May** **Break up for Half Term**
- ❖ **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June** **School Closed for additional Bank Holiday**
- ❖ Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June Start of Summer Term Half Term 2
- ❖ Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June Health Careers Fair Year 5 and Year 6
- ❖ Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> June Year 6 Hawkthirst Residential
- ❖ Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July Year 6 Secondary School Transition Days
- ❖ **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** **End of Summer Term**

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