



Weekly Newsletter 26.2.21

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hello to all of our in-school and at home learners and all of our West Jesmond Family.

We hope you all had an enjoyable half term break and are enjoying the spring like weather. Thank you to all of our children for the positive start back to our school work.

Wider opening of School on Monday March 8th

You should have received a letter from school yesterday responding to the news from the government that all schools will be reopening from Monday March 8th. We are all very excited to be able to welcome all of our children back to school and we will send out lots of further details next week with guidance.

The West Jesmond Bounce Back Curriculum

As all of our children return to school, our focus will be on settling everyone happily back into friendships and routines and bouncing back into our broad, exciting and engaging West Jesmond Curriculum. We know that there may be areas of learning that some or all children will have missed out on, but we are confident that with time, your support and careful planning we can ensure every child at West Jesmond continues to develop the skills, knowledge and confidence they need to be ready for the next stages of learning.

One of our key priorities over the next few months will be reading. Reading always features very highly across our curriculum and our English leads, Mrs Matthews and Mr Snelders, are working with staff to ensure we will be reading with and to our children at every opportunity and working on key fluency and comprehension skills. As always your support at home is vital to ensure all of our children develop as readers. We know it has not been easy accessing as many books over the last few months, but we would like to encourage everyone to use our **Oxford Reading Owl** resources and to make reading as often as possible a goal for every child in the weeks and months ahead.

To help inspire our children we will be celebrating **World Book Day** next Thursday. **Including West Jesmond's very own version of the... The Masked Reader!** Look out for some reading ideas to share with your child and follow this link to the World Book Day site. [Share a Story - World Book Day](#)



Congratulations to Ms Thompson!

We are very pleased to welcome baby Ava Rose as the newest member of our West Jesmond family. We know that all of you, and especially our Reception children, will be joining us in giving our congratulations and very best wishes to Liz and all of the family. Mrs Robinson one of our Reception team will be taking on the role of Director of Early Years during Ms Thompson's maternity leave.



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West Jesmond Has Got Talent

Every year we aim to enrich our children's experience in school within the curriculum and through extra-curricula events. We want to ensure that this year is no different and hope, with a bit of creativity, to hold our STEM week, Take One Book, Green Day and other regular enrichment activities before the summer.

We hope you saw our special video launch of the virtual West Jesmond's Got Talent presented by Mr Rimmer and Mrs Adair. We would like to invite as many children as possible to share on Seesaw and Tapestry two minute videos of them performing a talent (song, dance, musical piece, gymnastics, jokes, magic, poem, comedy...)

We know that not every child will want to participate, but we hope that they will all enjoy seeing their classmates' faces on their videos and that it will help with the return to school for those who haven't seen their friends over the last half term. **The deadline for submissions is at noon on Friday, 5th March.**



Have a lovely Weekend everyone!

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