



# West Jesmond Primary School

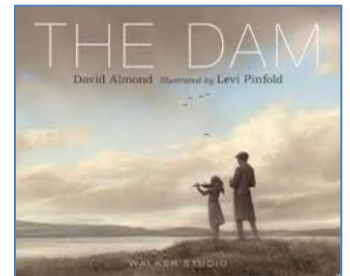


## The West Jesmond Family Newsletter 13 Autumn Term 2021



There is something very exciting about schools in these last weeks of the Autumn Term. Outside the mornings and evenings are becoming darker and darker, but within our walls, there is a great deal of light, colour and energy to warm us all up. The school Christmas tree is gleaming in our main reception area and bringing in a sense of our cold northern forests.

**Take One Book Week:** We will be further exploring the Northumbrian forests with our Take One Book Week in January. This year, the whole school will be exploring *The Dam* by local author, David Almond and using it as our inspiration during the first week of term. This beautiful, poetic book is based on the creation of Kielder reservoir. We have already had a supportive message from David Almond and we look forward to sharing the work our children produce during the week with him and with all of you.



### Athletics County Finalists:

Another West Jesmond sports team has reached the County Finals stage of a sports competition this term! Last week we told you about our athletics team taking part in the Sports Hall Athletics tournament. This week we received the results and out of 27 schools taking part we were in second place and will now be representing Newcastle alongside Gosforth Central in the County finals in South Shields.

School	Overall Pts
1. Gosforth Central	1877
2. West Jesmond	1557



### Christmas Dinners:



We have enjoyed our lovely Christmas dinners this week. As always, we are very grateful to our fantastic kitchen staff who have fed us so well over the term and served up hundreds of festive hot meals this week. The meals were supplemented by brussel sprouts picked from our school allotment. Mr Cook says they were definitely the tastiest!



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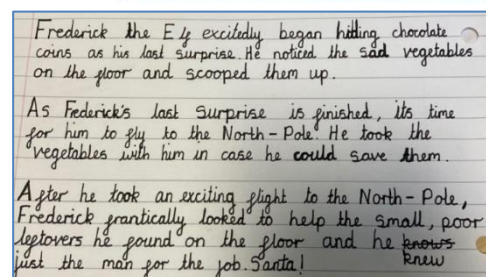
**Winning City Christmas Card Designer:** This is the image that is being sent out on cards across the city from Newcastle City Council this year. It was created by our very own Lia Thomas. We are very proud of Lia and the fact that her Christmas tree picture will be brightening up homes and workplaces all over our city and beyond!



**Remember to order your WJPS Puddings!** Don't forget to order a Christmas Treat from the Friends of West Jesmond: If you would like an exclusive Christmas gift why not order your own WJPS Christmas pudding! £5.50 (all proceeds to school funds) and a choice of three flavours: traditional, sticky toffee or lemon. To place an order please email [friendswjps@mail.com](mailto:friendswjps@mail.com)



**A Christmas Story:** One of our talented writers, Will Koepl, in Year 6 wrote a seasonal story at home and shared it with us this week. It features some rather sad vegetables, a very helpful elf and lots of North Pole magic! Here is an extract to give you a taste of what a great story it is!



### TRAFFIC – PLEASE DO NOT DRIVE OR PARK NEAR OUR SCHOOL

Once again can I strongly urge parents not to bring vehicles anywhere near our school. We are campaigning hard for further markings and enforcement around school, but the people who can make a difference are you, our parents! This week we had an incident where an ambulance struggled to get through the streets near school, due to cars driving, parking and not moving. Not all were West Jesmond parents, but if we can reduce our traffic, we can have a huge impact on our local roads at drop off and pick up times.



### Reminders for next week:

- **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December:** Chris Bostock storyteller will be performing for children in Reception, year 1 and Year 2.
- **Christmas Parties:** Please bring a paper plate, covered in cling film and labelled with the child's name with a few party tea treats. Children can come to school in non-uniform/party clothes.
- **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December: Reception Party, Year 1 Party & Year 2 Party**
- **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December Year 3 & Year 4 Party Day**
- **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December: Year 5 & Year 6 Party Day (with some special surprises!)**
- **Music at pick up time 16<sup>th</sup> December:** Look out for our special musical visitors on the main yard at the end of the day on Thursday.
- **Performances:** We have been busy having our performances filmed this week. They will be edited over the next few days and we will be sending the links out to our families at the end of next week.

**We break up for the end of term on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> and the start of the Spring Term is Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January**

Have a lovely weekend everyone!  
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