



The West Jesmond Family Newsletter 5 Summer Term 2023



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

International Evening 2023

International Evening is nearly here! From 6-8pm next Thursday we will gather together on the main yard for performances from around the world and to share food together. There is no charge, but there will be soft drinks available to buy on the night.



Dress for the day: Children are asked to come to school on the day in something they feel reflects their identity. Some are choosing to come in national or regional dress, tartan and family crests, others are choosing to wear sports clothes of teams from around the world, which they support. There is a £1 suggested contribution towards costs.

Food Donations: Please bring along a plate (or packet!) of something lovely to share and label it in case of allergies and dietary needs. Haggis to samosas and everything in between is welcome.

If you would like to lend us anything (clearly labelled) to transform our yard for the night, please send in to school by Tuesday next week so we have an idea of what we have. (Tablecloths, flags, decorative items)

If you have any children's books that you would like to share in our story corner on the evening, please let Mrs Groot know! vgroot@westjesmond.newcastle.sch.uk

We're aiming for a joyful evening, reflecting our diverse West Jesmond family. See you all there!

Children's Cancer Run

Well done to everyone who ran the 1, 3 and 5 miles of the Children's Cancer Run on Sunday. What an enthusiastic and energetic West Jesmond Team! It has been lovely seeing so many children with their medals in school this week.



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Maths Workshops

Thank you to everyone who came to our Year 1 Maths Workshops this week. We really enjoyed sharing some of our Maths Mastery learning with you and we hope you and your children came away talking about the maths ideas you shared. Next week is the turn of Reception Parents. If you haven't signed up yet please use the link on the letter sent out or talk to the School Office



Musical Performances

Well done to our choirs and Djembe band who filled Jesmond Library with music today. I am sure our audience of parents and members of the community enjoyed the concert as much as we did. This is the third performance in two weeks for our choirs and Mrs Anderson. All year Mrs Trench has been coming back to West Jesmond to continue to lead our Djembe band. It continues to be one of our favourite (and loudest!) clubs.

Chess Club Visitor

This week, Year 5 and 6 welcomed Mick from Gosforth Chess Club into our West Jesmond Primary School Chess Club! He talked to us about all things chess and has promised to come back again and set us some chess puzzles and challenges after half term! Thank you Mick!



School Council Charity Appeal

Thank you to everyone who supported School Council by buying cakes at our cake stall and who came to school in non-uniform today to raise money for Charity for Tanzania. £725 has been raised to support this cause.



PE Kit Reminder

We have had a number of children coming to school on PE days not in our agreed PE uniform. Please see below for our PE Uniform. Thank you.

PE Kit on PE Days (2 days a week)

- Navy blue jogging bottom or shorts
- School branded blue/white/orange PE top or own plain navy blue t-shirt
- Navy blue hoodie or navy blue hoodie with or without logo
- Trainers (not ones worn for school on other days)
- Navy or black religious head wear
- On PE days, long hair should be tied back and ear studs will need to be removed for the lesson

Well Done Year 6

We were very proud of our Year 6 children last week. It was the week of the end of Key Stage 2 SATs. All of our children approached the week with a great attitude, did their best and were a calm, happy and supportive team! Huge thanks go to all of our Year 6 team for working so hard with our children and thank you at home for your support this week and leading up to the SATs. To reward all their efforts, they had a special visit from an ice cream van on Friday afternoon.



Year 4 Art and Poetry on Display

Over the last week, Year 4 have been displaying a selection of their art and poetry at St Hilda's Church as a part of the Jesmond Festival. We hope lots of parents had the chance to drop in to see their work alongside that of children from Percy Hedley School.



Have a lovely weekend everyone

Matt Ward (Headteacher)

Dates for Your Diary

- ❖ Maths Workshop Reception Parents Tuesday 23rd May & Thursday 25th May (9am)
- ❖ Year 2 Parents' Workshop Wednesday 24th May (9am)
- ❖ West Jesmond International Evening Thursday 25th May 6-8pm
- ❖ School Closed for Teacher Training Day Friday 26th May
- ❖ Half Term Holiday Begins Friday 26th May
- ❖ Return to School Monday 5th June
- ❖ Year 4 Countryside Day (Wooler) Thursday 8th June
- ❖ Non-Uniform Day Summer Fair donations Friday 9th June
- ❖ Friends' School Summer Fair Sunday 11th June
- ❖ Scottish Opera performance Year 4 Thursday 15th June
- ❖ Years 1, 2 and 3 Sports Day Monday 10th July (9.30 – 11.30am)
- ❖ Years 4, 6 and 6 Sports Day Monday 10th July (1.30 – 3.00pm)
- ❖ Reception Sports Day Thursday 13th July
- ❖ Year 6 Graduation Wednesday 19th July 5pm
- ❖ End of Term Friday 21st July

