



West Jesmond Primary School



The West Jesmond Family Newsletter 12 Spring Term 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

Reception Parent Workshops:

Thank you to all of our Reception parents who were able to come into school this week to learn more about early reading and writing at West Jesmond. It was lovely to see you in school and we hope you found the talk and visits informative and useful. We were particularly impressed with those of you who braved our outdoor learning activities during a snow shower!

West Jesmond Assembly Big Questions and the start of Ramadan:

Every week we have a West Jesmond Big Question that becomes the theme for our assemblies. We use these questions as an important part of our Personal Development curriculum and to foster the sense of community in our West Jesmond family.

Questions this term have included;

- *How do we make sure everyone is treated fairly?*
- *Why is it important to think of others?*
- *What does it mean to be a good friend?*
- *Where in the world can a story take us?*

This week at the start of a very special month for many of our children we are asking. *'Why is Ramadan important for members of our West Jesmond Family?'*

Thank you to the children who talked about what Ramadan means to them and contributing to our assemblies this week.

Big Walk and Wheel March 21st to April 1st:

Well done to all of our families who have made a difference to traffic levels over the last two weeks by walking, cycling and scootering to school. Can we ask everyone to keep this up over the rest of the school year and encourage even more families to help us in our campaign to improve our journeys to schools.

Please look out in the news locally and nationally for information about School Streets. We want West Jesmond Primary to be a part of the growing movement to close roads for limited times around the start and end of the day and we are working alongside other schools and the Local Authority help us get closer to that goal.



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Parent Coffee and Cakes for Refugees:

Thank you to our great team of parents who organised the coffee morning this Friday and to all of you who were able to attend. The event was a great success, raising money, showing our support and solidarity and allowing parents a rare chance over the last few years to meet, talk...and enjoy some great cakes!



New Look Website: Please have a look at our new look website. We have a new design and are working very hard on updating and adding to the content to make it as accessible and useful as possible for all users. [West Jesmond Primary](#)

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Comic relief red Nose Day:

Thank you to everyone who ran around school lots of times as part of our Newcastle to Brighton Comic Relief event and to all of you who donated money. West Jesmond children raised an amazing £1263.61. The School Council will be thanking every class this week.

Year 5 and 6 Health Careers Fair Volunteers:

You will have seen a letter from Mrs Oades about the 'What's My Job?' West Jesmond Health Careers Fair on Wednesday 15th June for our Year 5 and 6 pupils. To make the event as successful as possible for the children, we are looking for as many health/NHS linked volunteers, both past and present, who would be willing to come to our fair and talk to the children. If you think you would be able to assist Mrs Oades in please contact her by email at loades@westjesmond.newcastle.sch.uk

West Jesmond Young Artists:

Our Art Lead, Mr Hopkins, has organised visits for every class in the school to the Hatton Gallery. Your child may have already had their trip and, if not, they will be going there in the weeks ahead. We have spent a lot of time developing our Art Curriculum this year and a key aim of Mr Hopkins is to ensure our children get as much first-hand knowledge and experience of museums, art and artists. The workshops in the Gallery include looking at what does it mean to be an artist, tone and mark making, learning about observational drawing and finding out about the different ways artists work.



West Jesmond Way: Kindness!

This week we heard about a great deed from Harriett in Year 4 who spotted an older lady struggling with her basket in the queue in the supermarket. Acting quickly and independently, Harriet assisted the lady to carry her basket until she was at the front of the queue. Well done Harriet!



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Our New Family Support Worker: Emma Clark

A number of you have already spoken with our new Family Support Worker Emma Clark. She is here to offer all our families help with a wide range of questions and concerns including attendance, behaviour support, home routines, diet and health and emotional well-being. She is available every Tuesday in school to meet with parents and can also be contacted through the school on a Friday if needed. Please call 07498424811, contact the school office 0191 281000 or email her at eclark@westjesmond.newcastle.sch.uk



New Furniture Thank you!

If you have been in school recently, you may have seen some of our children enjoying reading in comfort on our great new beanbags! A huge thank you goes our thoughtful West Jesmond parent who made this incredibly generous offer to the school!



Have a lovely weekend everyone
Matt Ward (Headteacher)

Dates For Your diary

Next Week

- ❖ Tuesday April 5th 2.15pm Parent Partnership Meeting
- ❖ Wednesday 6th April (morning) Year 1E visit to Hatton Gallery
- ❖ Thursday 7th & Friday 8th April Year 4 Bikeability
- ❖ Friday 8th April Jesmond Park Academy Careers Fair Year 6
- ❖ **Friday 8th April** **End of Spring Term**

Further Ahead

- ❖ **Monday 25th April** **Start of Summer Term**
- ❖ Thursday 28th April Drama Club Romeo and Juliet (Northern Stage)
- ❖ Friday 29th April Year 4 trip to Vindolanda
- ❖ Monday 9th – Thursday 12th Year 6 Key Stage 2 SATS
- ❖ Saturday 14th May West Jesmond School Allotment Open Day
- ❖ Sunday 15th May Children's Cancer Run
- ❖ Thurs 19th May Class photos Y2 and Y6
- ❖ Friday 20th May West Jesmond Festival: Choir/Djembe Performances
- ❖ **Friday 27th May** **Break up for Half Term**
- ❖ **Monday 6th June** **School Closed for additional Bank Holiday**
- ❖ Tuesday 7th June Start of Summer Term Half Term 2
- ❖ Wednesday 15th June Health Careers Fair Year 5 and Year 6
- ❖ Monday 20th– Weds 22nd June Year 6 Hawkhurst residential
- ❖ Weds 13th – Friday 15th July Year 6 Secondary School transition Days
- ❖ **Friday 22nd July** **End of Summer Term**

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