



West Jesmond Family Newsletter 9 Autumn Term 2023



Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of our Autumn Term. We hope everyone had a very enjoyable half term and managed to dodge the wind and rain.

Parent Consultations

Thank you to everyone who attended the parent consultations this week. We hope you found them a useful and constructive insight into your child's learning and development at school. These meetings are only a part of our conversation with you and all parents are able to arrange to speak with classteachers at any time between the formal parent consultations. Our wider team are also available for conversations. These include our SENCOs (Special Educational Needs Coordinators), Cathy Hogan and Gemma Jordan, EAL (English as an Additional Language) Lead, Verity Groot and Mental Health Leads, Jacqui Nicholson and Gemma Jordan .

Parent Governors Vacancies: We Need You!

Thank you to everyone who spoke with our governors during the Parent Consultations. The Governors and school will give feedback on the ideas, thoughts and suggestions you have provided over the next couple of weeks.

Can we remind all parents about our nominations for the four vacant Parent Governor positions. A reminder Weduc will have been sent out today. Nominations are a simple process requiring just a name and signature from two other parents. If you want a paper copy of a nomination for please ask at the school office.

Anti-Bullying Week 2023: STOP

Next week we will be taking part in Anti-Bullying Week. We are very proud of the behaviour of our children at West Jesmond. Our West Jesmond Way sets out the aspirations for all of us. Above all, we talk about the need for kindness. No school can ever say that there is no bullying taking place and we know how important it is to empower our children to be able to talk about different behaviours and to speak up when they have worries. We will be talking about the different forms bullying can take, how to define it and what to do if you feel you are affected.

One way we help children to identify if it is bullying is to use **STOP (Several Times On Purpose)**. We then talk to them about what they should do which is **STOP 2 (Start Telling Other People)**.



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School Council Children in Need 2023 - Be Spotacular

Please look out for the letter from Mrs Oades and the School Council about Children in Need next Friday. The theme is 'Be Spotacular' this year, so children are invited to wear spots, fancy dress, Pudsey ears... If families wish, and are able, to make any donations, these can be given through Weduc or sent in cash. Merchandise will be being sold by school council in all classrooms next week and a pricelist will go out on Friday on Weduc. Events in school will include a cross-school Buddy-Swap and an assembly led by our School Council.

Spare Clothing Request

We have had a request from a local group supporting families for clothing donations of winter coats, hats, gloves and scarves for children and clothes for babies. If you are able to help please drop off donations at the school office.



They are also needing 1 or 2 prams/pushchairs and a double pushchair. If you have any of these items, that you are looking to donate, please contact us first, and we can arrange collection.

Friends of West Jesmond Quiz Night Friday 17th November

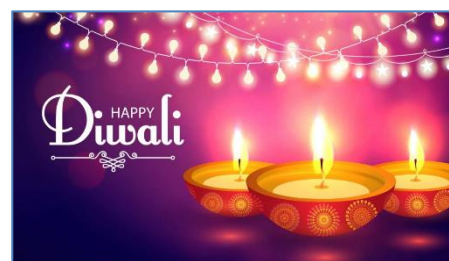
There are still some tickets available for the Friends of West Jesmond Quiz Night on Friday 17th November! The quiz is hosted by Dan Civico, who runs the celebrated quiz night at the Brandling Arms. There will be chance to test your brains and see if you can beat the teachers! Please sign up via Weduc in the Payments section.

Friends Christmas Fair Volunteers

The Christmas Fair is fast approaching. It is going to be on Friday 8th December from 5 - 7pm and it will be great to see you all there. The Friends need volunteers to help set up in the afternoon and also to run stalls in the evening. If you can spare an hour or two, or three... please email Rebecca with your availability on: rebeccawardle@ymail.com

Happy Diwali

We have been hearing from some very excited children about their plans for Diwali celebrations this weekend and we look forward to hearing more in our classes next week. We would like to wish all of our families a very happy Diwali!



Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Matt Ward (Headteacher)

Dates for Your Diary

Next Week

- ❖ Monday 13th – 15th Year 5 Classes visit Discovery Museum
- ❖ Tuesday 14th November Reception Parents' Phonics Workshop (R1)
- ❖ Wednesday 15th November Reception Parents' Phonics Workshop (R2)
- ❖ Thursday 16th November Reception Parents' Phonics Workshop (R3)
- ❖ Friday 17th November School Council Children in Need Day
Cake stalls Reception and KS1 to bake
Year 6 Climate Change Workshops

Further Ahead

- ❖ Wednesday 22nd – Friday 24th Nov Year 6 Lockerbie Residential
- ❖ Monday 27th – Weds 29th Nov Reception Parents Mastering Number Workshops
- ❖ Friday 1st December School Choir Singing at Exhibition Park
- ❖ Friday 8th December 5-7pm **Christmas Fair**
- ❖ Tuesday 12th & Weds 13th December Reception Christmas Shows (9.15am)
- ❖ Thursday 14th December Year 2 Christmas Show 9.15am & 2.15pm)
- ❖ Friday 15th December Year 1 Christmas Songs and Crafts 2pm
- ❖ Friday 22nd December End of Term
- ❖ Monday 8th January 2024 Start of the Spring Term