



## The West Jesmond Family Newsletter 10 Spring Term 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

### Parent Consultations:

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for the parent consultations this week. We know it is not the same meeting through a screen and we look forward to inviting you into school to share more of your child's learning in the next few months. If you were unable to make the parent meetings or faced any technical problems, please contact your child's class teacher to arrange a conversation.

### Big Walk and Wheel March 21<sup>st</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup>

Everyone will have received a letter about the **Big Walk and Wheel** over the next fortnight. We want to get the highest percentage of children and families as possible travelling to and from school by foot, cycle, wheelchair or scooter. The sun is out, the weather is warmer and now is the time to be brave and make a change by leaving the car or parking it well away from school!

**Where to park bikes and scooters?** If the bike sheds and scooter racks are full children can park bikes and scooters in our Basketball Pen for the fortnight.



**Nick Brown MP Visit:** On Friday 11th March, School Council welcomed Nick Brown MP into school. We had a brilliant and honest Q and A with him in the conference room, where we learnt a lot about the life and work of an MP. Once we'd finished giving him a School Council grilling, we gave him a tour of our school and showed him all our wonderful display work that we are very proud of. Thank you so much to Nick for giving up his time to come in and see us.



**Covid Cases:** Covid cases remain high in our community and in schools across the city. We continue to be grateful for the support and vigilance of all of our families in helping to keep numbers down in school. LFD tests are still freely available online [Order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-covid-19-rapid-lateral-flow-tests) ([www.gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk)) and remain a very useful way to identify where the virus is and to ensure we protect others.

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**Enterprise Week 2022:** Sadly our Enterprise Week was cut short by illness to the team running it for us with only Year 2 being able to take part. We will be organising it again for the other year groups later in the year. Year 2 did get to have their day on Monday with Alison from Primary Enterprise World and some volunteers exploring family life. They really enjoyed the day and took part in lots of fun activities; learning about different types of families, the jobs they do and the difference between the needs and wants of families. They also worked on their map reading and survival skills and learnt what it means to save money and keep it safe, all whilst working collaboratively and listening to each other. Well done Year2!

*We found out how different families can be! Emmaline*



*I liked making a money box and learning how to keep my money safe! Lillie*



*When we did the camping activity, we found out what we needed. For example, a survival guide! Niccolo*



*I found out that there are lots of different jobs! Lia*

**Donations for Ukraine:** Thank you to everyone who was able to donate to our 24 hour appeal for donations for Ukrainian refugees. Once again your generosity was outstanding. In one day you managed to fill a room in school to bursting. Three cars and vans were needed to transport the vital supplies to the Polish Centre from where they have been transported across to Poland to provide practical support to people in desperate need. Can we give special thanks to our West Jesmond family who pulled the appeal together and organised the pick up and delivery!



**Reception Art Gallery Visit:** This week the Reception classes were very excited to visit Hatton Gallery at Newcastle University. We are discussing the question "**What does it mean to be an artist**" and at the gallery we were lucky enough to experience lots of different types of artwork - portraits, photography, installations and sculptures. The children enjoyed visiting the gallery, learning what happens in that space and listening to all of the information about the exhibitions. We then worked on our own collage piece inspired by one of the pieces of artwork we saw.



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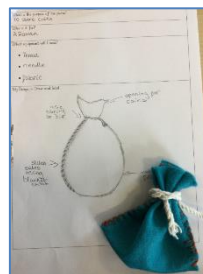
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**Roman Designs:** In Design Technology, Year 3 planned and made a Roman coin purse practising sewing skills of joining two pieces of material using a blanket stitch. The pictures show you our industrious designers and makers, using their plans to make the finished products.



### Sport Relief Newcastle to Brighton Run!

Thank you everyone who joined in our Red Nose day sporting efforts and for all of your donations! We are very proud of achieving 330 miles and running all the way to Brighton.



### School Allotment Visit For Parents Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May

This is a very busy time on the School Allotment. We know the children would be very excited to be able to share some of their efforts with you and to let our parents learn more about this important part of our school.

We are working with our volunteer team who run the allotment and **The Jesmond Festival** to organise a special Open Day for all of you to come along and visit West Jesmond's unique outdoor learning space. Look out for more information soon.



### West Jesmond Family Celebrations: Happy Nowruz, Holi and Purim:



This is a time for festivals and celebrations for many of our West Jesmond Families.

As colour and fresh life bursts out at the start of spring, families in Jesmond, Newcastle and across the world are celebrating. This year the Persian New Year, Nowruz, the Hindu festival of Holi and the Jewish festival of Purim all take place this week. We wish huge amounts of happiness, enjoyment and togetherness for all of our families marking these events this week and at the weekend.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

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(Please see dates for your diary on the next page!)

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## Dates For Your diary

### Next Week

- ❖ **Big Walk and Wheel to school** **March 21<sup>st</sup> - April 1<sup>st</sup>**
- ❖ Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March: Reception Visit to Hatton Art Gallery
- ❖ Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March: Lower Key Stage 2 Classics Club
- ❖ Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March: Year 3 Hadrian's Wall Workshops

### Further Ahead

- ❖ Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March Reception Phonics Workshops
- ❖ Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March Reception Phonics Workshops
- ❖ Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April Parents' Coffee Morning for Refugees
- ❖ Tuesday April 5<sup>th</sup> Parent Partnership Meeting
- ❖ Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> & Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April Year 4 Bikeability
- ❖ Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April Jesmond Park Academy Careers Fair Year 6
- ❖ **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April** **End of Spring Term**
- ❖ **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April** **Start of Summer Term**
- ❖ Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April Stage Drama Club Romeo and Juliet Performance at Northern
- ❖ Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April Year 4 trip to Vindolanda
- ❖ Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May Children's Cancer Run
- ❖ Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May Break up for Half Term
- ❖ Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June School Closed for additional Bank Holiday
- ❖ Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June Start of Summer Term Half Term 2
- ❖ Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July End of Summer Term

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