



West Jesmond Primary End of Year Newsletter July 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

This is our final newsletter of 2022 and gives us the chance to reflect on the past year at West Jesmond Primary and to thank everyone for all they have done to make this a happy and successful year for our school.

Thank you to our West Jesmond Children

Once again, our children have inspired and enthused us with their curiosity, energy and incredibly positive approach to all we do. The West Jesmond Way has shone out in school and we are so proud of every one of them. We hope the children enjoyed all the activities and events we were able to hold as we opened up further this year. It has been lovely to see children being able to explore and develop their interests within and outside the curriculum. Results from national tests, including the Key Stage 2 SATs, are extremely strong and suggest our children are attaining well above national averages. We are especially pleased with the very high levels of progress children have demonstrated from their own individual starting points. However, as always, what matters most for all of us are the individual achievements of each child big or small. We celebrate the determination of every child who has found an area of learning or school life challenging and has showed resilience to keep trying, push themselves and make progress in the area that is important to them!

Thank you to all of you at home and to all the West Jesmond Family

We know that so much of what we are able to achieve is thanks to all of the support we receive from you at home. It has been a privilege to be able to invite so many of you back in to school and we look forward to building on this in the year ahead. Everything we do is only possible with the help of our community and once again you have shown the West Jesmond community is one of the great strengths of our school.

Can I give a special thank you to the **Friends of West Jesmond** who have done so much to support school this year and have provided us with great events such as the Quiz, Spring Fair and cake stalls. We are very appreciative of the huge amount of creativity, effort and time they have devoted and the important funds they raise to support our children.

Governors

Your governing body has worked tirelessly this year challenging and supporting us and ensuring the school strives to continuously improve in all we do for the children. We are extremely grateful for the time, experience and expertise they have so generously provided and that contributes so much to the success of West Jesmond Primary.

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Goodbyes!

This is always a sad time of year at school as we have to say goodbye to a number of people who are very special to the West Jesmond Family.

Year 6 2022

We would like to say thank you to all of our wonderful Year 6 children for everything they have brought to our school. You have all been West Jesmond Stars!! 🌟🌟 We have watched them grow and develop in so many ways over the last seven years and they leave with our pride, gratitude and very best wishes for the future. We look forward to meeting them in the years ahead and finding out about all the exciting things they achieve. We are especially proud of the progress achieved by our Year 6 children this year and their readiness for the next stage of their education at secondary school and we are very pleased to be sending out from our school so many writers, readers, artists, historians, geographers, scientists, mathematicians, sports stars, dancers, actors, musicians...and young people who embrace opportunities and find enjoyment in learning.

We are also saying goodbye to a small number of other children and families this term and we would like to extend our very best wishes to them all. We hope that all children and families leaving us this summer will always look back on their time here with great fondness and many very happy memories and that they will take a small piece of West Jesmond Primary School with them in to the future.

Staff Goodbyes

We have talked over the last few weeks about a number of important staff leaving our school and, in this newsletter, we want to say a special goodbye to Lindsay Trench and Dianne Sanderson. Lindsay and Dianne have given so much to our school and have played a key part in creating what our school is now. They retire today after giving so many years of dedication, commitment and kindness to our school and will be greatly missed by us all.



Dianne has been at our school for over 33 years. In that time she has taught hundreds of children in Reception and Key Stage 1 as well as being an Assistant Head. She has meant so much to generations of West Jesmond families and has given our children the very best start to school life. The comments from our community that have flooded in about Dianne demonstrate just what she means to all of us. She exemplifies the values of the school and as many have said, 'Dianne is West Jesmond'.

Lindsay has taught and supported so many West Jesmond children. She has shared her talents with us and filled our school with crafts and music – especially djembes! Lindsay has shown huge amounts of care to our children and has put an arm around many a child to console them when needed. A message that came in from a past pupil summed up Lindsay, 'There is nothing but good memories and laughing when I think of Mrs Trench.'

They will both always be hugely important members of our West Jesmond Family and I know you will all join me in wishing Lindsay and Dianne a very happy retirement!

To all of our children

Our most important great, big final thank you goes to those who make this school the special place it is... to all the fantastic children of West Jesmond Primary School. It has been a real privilege to work and learn alongside you all. Well done for all your hard work this year, have a great summer full of sunshine and fun!

Have a lovely summer everyone! Matt Ward (Headteacher)



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