



West Jesmond Family Newsletter 13 Autumn Term 2023



Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

Christmas plans

Last week we sent out our Winter and Christmas at West Jesmond letter with lots of details about events over the next couple of weeks. Thank you to everyone in Reception and Year 2 who have registered for tickets for performances. We will be opening the doors to the hall down the side entrance (to the left of the main entrance) just before 9am. It is Christmas Lunch on Tuesday 12th December for years 3, 4, 5 and 6. Children are welcome to wear Christmas Jumpers outfits on Christmas Lunch days and non-uniform on party days.

Congratulations Eco- Committee

Congratulations to our West Jesmond primary school Eco-Team and Eco Lead, Miss Askew, for their first place in the Christmas Tree Festival at St Hilda's church over the weekend. The team created eco-friendly decorations by recycling egg boxes into beautiful bells. Click the link to see an article about their entry and win in the Jesmond Local magazine.

[West Jesmond Primary school wins St. Hilda's Christmas Tree Festival | JESMONDLOCAL](#)



How many pupils...	School total:
• ...made at least one journey more sustainable?	293
• ...went meat-free for a day?	272
• ...had a no food-waste weekend?	281
• ...dropped a degree of heating for a week?	216
• ...shared carbon-cutting information?	169
• ...said 'No' to a new item?	186
• ...donated something they didn't need?	288

The Eco-Team would also like to thank everyone who took part in **Cut Your Carbon month**. We have tallied up and recorded our results. Well done to everyone that took part and played their part in cutting carbon! Your efforts in reducing emissions and raising awareness have placed a spotlight on carbon footprints, energising our families to take action. You're inspiring!

Victory in the Mud!

Well done to our boys' football team in the second round of the cup this week. Mr Collier led them to a 6-3 victory in what can only be described as a mud bath! It will be quite a task cleaning those kits!



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Helping Our Community This Winter



There is a tradition at West Jesmond Primary that we invite families to contribute to campaigns to help members of our community over the winter and Christmas period. Our School Council and Mrs Oades help to choose the causes we are supporting and organise our collections. We are always extremely grateful for the generosity of our parents and know we can make a real difference to lives of the people in our community.

This week, you were extremely generous in donating to the **People's Kitchen** – thank you!

On Wednesday, the brilliant team from Home Instead came to talk to us about their '**Be a Santa**' campaign to help ensure the elderly and vulnerable in our community, all have a very happy festive time and all receive at least one gift this Christmas. Look out for a gift tag in your child's bag this week and a Weduc letter, telling you all about our collection, in school, next week.



We know times can also be hard for some of our West Jesmond families and want to remind you that school is always there to be a place of support, including connecting families with organisations that can offer you help. If you ever want a confidential talk about anything affecting your child or the wider family, please speak to Mr Ward or to our Family Support Officer, Emma Clark.

Community Grocery: Some of our families might be interested in a new community supermarket that has opened on West Road. The Message Trust have created a social supermarket to bridge the gap between food banks and supermarkets. The aim is to help with the cost-of-living crisis whilst tackling the issue of food waste. Here are some links to videos that outline how the community grocery will work:

[How the Community Grocery works - YouTube](#)

[Welcome to the Community Grocery - YouTube](#)

Year 3 and 4 Decorated Doors Festival

We wanted to share a few pictures of the annual Lower Key Stage 2 Festival of decorated doors!



Reminder Too Good To Go: Friday Free Fruit and Milk!

Look out for Jenny Finck on Fridays after school with all the leftover milk and any fruit. So, rather than it being possibly thrown out, our families can take what they think they will use.



Happy Hanukkah!

All of our West Jesmond Family would like to say Happy Hanukkah to our children and families who are celebrating over the next week. We wish you much happiness and light!

Have a lovely weekend everyone!





Matt Ward (Headteacher)

Dates for Your Diary

Next Week (See Christmas Letter)

- ❖ **Monday 11th December**
Choir singing at City Library
Telyn String Quartet in School
- ❖ **Tuesday 12th December**
Key Stage 2 Christmas Lunch
Girls' Football Team Cup Match 
- ❖ **Tuesday 12th & Weds 13th December** **Reception Christmas Shows (9.15am)**
- ❖ **Wednesday 13th December 1.30pm** **Choir Singing at the Grainger Market**
Cricket Tournament Year 3 Team
- ❖ **Thursday 14th December** **Year 2 Christmas Show (9.15am & 2.15pm)**
- ❖ **Friday 15th December 2pm** **Year 1 Christmas Songs and Crafts**
Cake Stall 6M 

Further Ahead

- ❖ **Tuesday 19th December** **Key Stage 1 Christmas Lunch** 
- ❖ **Wednesday 20th 2pm** **Dance Club Show**
- ❖ **Wednesday 20th November 5-6pm** **Winter Songs by Lantern Light Key Stage 1** 
- ❖ **Friday 22nd December** **End of Term**
- ❖ **Monday 8th January 2024** **Start of the Spring Term**

EasyFundraising

The Friends are registered with a shopping app called **easyfundraising**. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use the **easyfundraising** link to shop with them – at no extra cost for you. All you need to do is sign up and remember to use **easyfundraising** whenever you shop online. It is easy and completely FREE. These donations really help us.



How to sign up

- 1 Visit the link below or scan the QR code
www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause
- 2 Search for us
"Friends of West Jesmond Primary School"
- 3 Your favourite brands donate whenever you spend with them



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