



The West Jesmond Family Newsletter 11 Summer Term 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,



Moving On Up

This is our second to last Newsletter of the school year 2022-23. This week has seen a lot of movement across school as children have been taking part in transition activities. Many of our Year 6 children have been visiting their new schools for the last three days and we look forward to hearing about their experiences on Monday. Within school, our children have spent time with their new teachers and classes. It almost seems as if they physically grow a few inches when they move to the new year groups. We hope this time has helped to help get our children excited for the year ahead and to settle any worries that they might have.

Sports Days

Well done to all of our children for their sporting efforts this week during our school sports days. Thank you to all of our parents, grandparents and friends who were able to come for being such a large, enthusiastic and encouraging crowd! Many moments stand out over the events and, as always, our children did us proud. However, for me, the moments that means the most are when I see the children give an extra cheer for another child who might be struggling to complete an event or is coming in after the others – the West Jesmond Way in action! Thank you to Miss Smith and Miss Rennison for their hard work in organising the events.



Second-hand Uniform Sales

We will be holding second-hand uniform sales over the last week of term. If you have uniform items in a good condition that you no longer need please bring them to the school office so we can pass them on to other parents.



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Reports 2023

Thank you to everyone who has sent in messages and comments to teachers in reply to our end of year reports. Your words mean a great deal to the staff as well as helping us to continue to build on and improve our school. If you have not yet had the chance to send in the reply sheet, please do so at the start of next week.

St Mary's Lighthouse

Reception had a wonderful day at St Mary's Lighthouse. We started with a trip into the Visitors' Centre where we learnt all about the history of the lighthouse and the different jobs of the islanders. We then braved the rock pools to find which creatures were lurking there. We found crabs, hermit crabs, limpets, prawns and even fish! We ended our lovely day creating artwork on the beach using all the natural materials found there. Oh, and we even found time for a spot of lunch!



Year 1 Trip to Cullercoats

This half term in Year 1, we have been learning all about Grace Darling. We visited Cullercoats beach to take a tour around the RNLI station! It was great to see what life is like as an RNLI volunteer. We took a walk around a lifeboat, tried on some of the equipment and took a peep inside of the volunteer changing room. The coastguard explained to us what each of the beach flags mean. We identified the human and physical features that we could spot along the coast. Then we spent the rest of the afternoon enjoying the sun and sand! Thank you so much to all the volunteers who took the time out of their busy days to show us around the station.



Allotment Produce

Children in Year 3 and in Year 4 have been busy all year in the allotment. At this time of year, they are able to pick and enjoy the crops they have been growing. This week we watched Year 4 marching back to school proudly carrying some of their produce including a huge courgette (marrow?), broad beans and armfuls of marigolds! Thank you so much Mr Cook and our volunteers for another enjoyable and productive school gardening year.



Year 6 Graduation

We are looking forward to seeing as many of our Year 6 families as possible at the Graduation Ceremony next Wednesday evening at 5pm. We hope to be able to hold the event on our main yard, but in the event of rain, we will be in the school hall.



Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Matt Ward (Headteacher)

Dates for Your Diary

July

- ❖ Chimneysweep Drama Shows **Tuesday 18th July 2pm**
- ❖ Year 6 Graduation **Wednesday 19th July 5pm**
- ❖ End of Term **Friday 21st July**

September

- ❖ Staff Training Day **Monday 4th September**
- ❖ Start of Term **Tuesday 5th September**