



The West Jesmond Family Newsletter 14 Autumn Term 2021



Thank you to all of our children, parents and friends, for all your support and encouragement over the Autumn Term. Once again, we want to express our gratitude for the way the West Jesmond Family has continued to pull together, support each other and ensure the learning progress and experiences for our children are maintained as we navigate through these challenging circumstances.

The West Jesmond Community

We talk a lot about what it means to be active members of our society and community. This term, with your help, West Jesmond children and families have once again led the way in demonstrating empathy and solidarity with others. Over the last half term, you have helped the school to offer support to asylum seeking families in our area, donated to our People's Kitchen Campaign and shown huge generosity and help towards Rocco's Fight Against Neuroblastoma. This week our choir and School Council have been active taking your donations to Fleming Court Care home and singing to staff and resident. They also sang and raised money for charity in the Grainger Market. In the photographs you can see our choir outside the Fleming Court and filling the aisles of the Grainger Market with their Christmas songs. Thank you to our music lead Mrs Anderson and School Council Lead Mrs Oades for arranging the events.



Our Inspiring Community Champion

Another West Jesmond Community Champion was on the front page of the Chronicle this week. Ishaal in Year 2, wrote a letter to local MP Chi Onwurah, expressing her concern about people who are homeless in Newcastle this Christmas. She asked the MP what could be done to offer help when it is freezing outside. Ishaal received a letter from Chi thanking her and explaining some of the measures that are being taken, and about Newcastle's Street Zero campaign to end homelessness. She added; '...It is always inspiring to see young people who care about their fellow citizens.'

We are very proud Ishaal and you have certainly inspired us!



Meet the caring little girl on a mission to help Newcastle's homeless this Christmas

Seven-year-old Ishaal Salim asked Newcastle MP Chi Onwurah what support homeless people will receive this Christmas

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Christmas Events

We have tried to ensure that this has been an enjoyable end of term for the children. We hope everyone enjoyed their parties, the Christmas dinner and some of the activities in class. A real highlight was being able to welcome in the great storyteller Chris Bostock to school. Reception and Key Stage 1 enjoyed stories, songs and a colourful winter show. We hope your child told you about it and shared some of the stories when they got home.



Silent Disco and Hot Chocolate

We saw some incredible dance moves from our Key Stage 2 children during their silent discos on the school yard on Thursday. Each child had their own set of headphones to enjoy a selection of songs to dance to.

Apology: Can I make a sincere apology to anyone who may have walked past the school and accidentally looked in and saw any of the teachers dancing. I really hope the shock of witnessing some of the moves and shapes being demonstrated does not spoil anyone's Christmas!



Carols on the yard

We hope everyone enjoyed listening to the wonderful Backworth Colliery Band, with our very own Julie Lymath, performing as the light faded on the school yard on Thursday. Thank you everyone who stopped to listen and I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did!



School Shows

Please look out on Weduc for links to the Reception, Key Stage 1 shows and our special Key Stage 2 version of The Twelve Days of Christmas. The children and staff have worked very hard to make sure the children were able to share performances this year and we hope you will enjoy watching them together.

You can follow the link for the Key Stage 2 12 Days of Christmas here: <https://youtu.be/JX-d0nhwgFQ>



School Direct Student Teachers

At the end of this term we are saying a brief goodbye to Ms Griffiths in Year 1 and Miss Draper in Year 3 as they will be spending the next few months gaining experience in another school as a part of our West Jesmond Initial Teacher Training Course. From January, we will welcome Miss Day to work alongside Mr Farooqi in 5F and Miss Daglish will work alongside Mr Hopkins in 4H. We know you will all make them very welcome to the West Jesmond Family.

Free School Meals vouchers Over Christmas and Household Support Fund

All families eligible for Free School Meals will receive vouchers worth £15 per child (£30 for the fortnight). Parents or carers whose children are in receipt of free school meals can also apply for one off £50 payment for support with their utility bills. More information about the scheme can be found at www.newcastle.gov.uk/householdsupport Parents / carers can call 0191 278 7878 and ask for Household Support Fund – this line is open Monday to Friday 9:30 – 15:30 (open 9:30 - 13:00 on 24 December 2021). It will reopen 4 January 2022 at 9:30.

We wish all of our children and families, a lovely holiday and look forward to seeing you all in 2022!

Mr Ward and all the staff



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