



West Jesmond Primary School



The West Jesmond Family Newsletter 13 Spring Term 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

This is our last newsletter of the Spring Term. I would like to thank all of our children for the energy and enthusiasm that they have shown over a very busy and successful period since we returned after Christmas. For school and our families, Covid has continued to make life challenging, but together we have been able to keep up high levels of learning in and out of class and we are all hoping that rates of illness for children and staff reduce during the summer months allowing us all to enjoy the many activities planned.

Newcastle Football Champions:

You probably heard the cheering all the way from Walker this week as our Girls' Football Team triumphed in the City Final. After a very close and exciting game against an excellent Walkergate Primary team, our West Jesmond stars won 2-1 and got to lift this rather large trophy! The team have done incredibly well to reach this stage in the competition and it was clear to everyone in the crowd watching just how they have done it! The teamwork, encouragement, resilience, energy and talent shone! Well done to all the team and thank you to Ms Taylor and Mr Mansfield who have been there to coach our team this season and also to our parents for their support.



Covid and Remote Learning:

Several parents have asked us about how changes to Covid guidance affect the remote learning offer. The current guidance is that children with Covid symptoms should stay off school for 3 days and return when well enough and without a high temperature. There will hopefully no longer be extended periods of isolation for individuals and groups. Therefore, on most occasions of school absence, schools will not set remote learning. Remote learning would only be set if we were forced to close all or part of the school or, in a few exceptions, for a child who is facing an extended period where they are unable to return to school. We will not set home learning for children who are absent from school due to travel.

Devices at Home:

We are still able to loan out tablets/laptops to families who are struggling with homework or learning at home. Please speak to the school office if you would like one for your child.



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Mindful Mondays and Holiday Yoga

Year 6 have been enjoying 'Mindful Mondays' with Becky, one of our parents, to really help us understand our feelings and practise some mindfulness and meditating techniques. Becky will be teaching yoga at **Seven Stories** during the holidays on the 24th April 2pm for under 5s and 3pm for children aged 5-9 <https://www.sevenstories.org.uk/whats-on/events/1109/storytime-yoga>



Year 6 Chefs:



As part of our design and technology curriculum, Year 6 made a Syrian tabbouleh and some flat bread to accompany it. We worked in teams to plan a recipe, scale it up for the correct number of people and then used chopping and kneading skills to prepare the food. We thought it tasted delicious.



Year 1 Trip to Hatton Gallery:

More classes have had their visits to the Hatton Gallery this week. Year 1 looked at work of a number of artists and then returned to school to create their own fantastic pieces inspired by the work they had seen and found out about. These colourful and collaborative displays showcase some great examples of their creativity.



Chimneysweep Performers:

Another big step towards opening up school took place this week when parents came in to watch performances of Year 2 and Year 4 children in our Chimneysweep drama clubs. The children filled the school hall with their singing, dancing, acting and sense of enjoyment.

Coffee Morning A Message From Our Parents:

We are over the moon to announce that our coffee morning and raffle to raise funds for refugees reached the grand total of...£2062! Thank you to all the businesses (big and small) who donated prizes and to all the lovely bakers out there who donated cakes. Thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets, cake, coffee and more. Your generosity has meant we can donate a huge amount to the DEC and help those who need it. For those lucky enough to have won a prize in the raffle, we are in the process of getting those out to you.

I wish all of our West Jesmond Families a very happy holiday and look forward to seeing everyone at the start of the summer term.

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Dates For Your diary (Events added this week in green)

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| ❖ Monday 25th April | Start of Summer Term |
| ❖ Thursday 28 th April | Drama Club Romeo and Juliet (Northern Stage) |
| ❖ Friday 29 th April | Year 4 trip to Vindolanda |
| ❖ Monday 9 th – Thursday 12 th | Year 6 Key Stage 2 SATS |
| ❖ Saturday 14 th May | West Jesmond School Allotment Open Day |
| ❖ Sunday 15 th May | Children’s Cancer Run |
| ❖ Thurs 19 th May | Class photos Y2 and Y6 |
| ❖ Friday 20 th May | West Jesmond Festival: Choir/Djembe Performances |
| ❖ Saturday May 22nd | Friends of West Jesmond spring Fair |
| ❖ Friday 27th May | Break up for Half Term |
| ❖ Monday 6th June | School Closed for additional Bank Holiday |
| ❖ Tuesday 7 th June | Start of Summer Term Half Term 2 |
| ❖ Wednesday 15 th June | Health Careers Fair Year 5 and Year 6 |
| ❖ Monday 20 th – Weds 22 nd June | Year 6 Hawkthirst residential |
| ❖ Weds 13 th – Friday 15 th July | Year 6 Secondary School transition Days |
| ❖ Friday 22nd July | End of Summer Term |

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