



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:

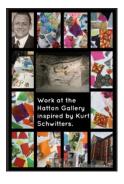


As part of our design and technology curriculum, Year 6 made a Syrian tabbouleh and some flat bread to accompany it. We worked in teams to plan a recipe, scale it up for the correct number of people and then used chopping and kneading skills to prepare the food. We thought it tasted delicious.



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)

❖ Monday 25th April

Thursday 28th April

Friday 29th April

❖ Monday 9th – Thursday 12th

❖ Saturday 14th May

Sunday 15th May

Thurs 19th May

Friday 20th May

Saturday May 22nd

Friday 27th May

❖ Monday 6th June

Tuesday 7th June

❖ Wednesday 15th June

Monday 20th – Weds 22nd June

❖ Weds 13th − Friday 15th July

❖ Friday 22nd July

Start of Summer Term

Drama Club Romeo and Juliet (Northern Stage)

Year 4 trip to Vindolanda

Year 6 Key Stage 2 SATS

West Jesmond School Allotment Open Day

Children's Cancer Run

Class photos Y2 and Y6

West Jesmond Festival: Choir/Djembe Performances

Friends of West Jesmond spring Fair

Break up for Half Term

School Closed for additional Bank Holiday

Start of Summer Term Half Term 2

Health Careers Fair Year 5 and Year 6

Year 6 Hawkhirst residential

Year 6 Secondary School transition Days

End of Summer Term



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