



West Jesmond Primary Newsletter 8 Autumn Term 2024



Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all of our children for their efforts over this first half term of the year and thank you to our families for all of your support and a great start to the year.

Hit The Road Jac! (in the nicest way possible!)

Today all of the West Jesmond Family are joining together in shouting from every corner of our school and across our community – **‘Thank you Jacqui!’** We feel extremely lucky that, for over **25 Years**, our school has been enriched by Jacqui’s energy, kindness, humour, creativity, empathy, boundless enthusiasm, wisdom and very colourful clothing! Hundreds of children, parents and staff have all been supported by Jacqui and this is reflected in the many, many lovely comments we have received about her. Jacqui established and ran our Out of School Club, led our active dinnertimes and helped to grow the wellbeing and pastoral parts of West Jesmond. Her Chatty Tuesdays, Laidback Lunches and the reassuring check-ins and conversations with children and the development of the Nest as the caring heart of our school have created an incredible legacy for us to sustain! Jacqui is flying off to some exciting adventures all around the world and we wish her the very best for all she does in the future and know she will always be a very special part of our West Jesmond Family.



Local Study 2024 Town Moor

The weather has been very kind to us during our Local Study Week 2024. We have had lots of visitors and visits and learned so much more about this fascinating part of our locality. We want to thank all the tour guides and special visitors who have made the week so interesting and to all of our parents who came with us on our trips. Special thanks go to the Freemen of Newcastle and the Mayor of Newcastle! There will be lots more pictures and information to come on social media and in future newsletters.



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Junior Park Run

We started our Local Study with the West Jesmond Takeover of the Junior Park Run. Despite the weather, there was an incredible turn out from the school and we were impressed with the great running resilience of all of our children – and parents! I hope lots of children continue to attend the event on Sunday mornings.



One World One Family Indian Festival

Wow! Those of you who like me were lucky enough to be at the Glasshouse for the One World One Family festival of Indian culture were treated to an incredible celebration of Indian culture and North –Eastern Talent. The Festival, created and hosted by one of our West Jesmond families, served up a treat of dance, drumming, storytelling, drama and music. One of the highlights was the performance by members of our Indian Music Club!



West Jesmond Community Champions

The **People's Kitchen** collected all of our amazing donations from our collection this week. Thank you so much to everyone who has supported us by donating, your generosity will make a huge difference to so many people.



Halloween Disco – Thank You Friends of West Jesmond

This week, we had a rather spooky event in school as Year 5 and 6 and a number of monsters, ghouls and skeletons enjoyed the Halloween Disco! Once again, thank you to our Friends of West Jesmond and all the parent volunteers!



Children in Need Friday 15th November

You will be receiving a letter from Mrs Oades about Children in Need 2024. This year, mental health and well-being continue to be a huge priority of the appeal, which is something here at West Jesmond, we are always immensely supportive of. School Council will be leading an assembly on the day, helping us all to understand where our money goes and who we help and to help us all 'make life lighter for children' which is a big focus of the Children In Need appeal, this year. We would like all children and staff to come to school in non-uniform on Friday 15th November and to 'be spotacular' in spots/fancy dress/onesies and also wearing their Pudsey ears if they wish. We would ask for a suggested minimum donation of £1 in support of this year's BBC Children in Need appeal, but please give what you can.

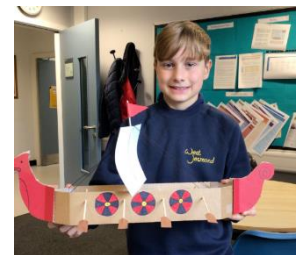
Learning How To Keep Ourselves Safe

Our PSHE (Personal Social Health Education) curriculum has a strong emphasis on how we keep ourselves safe. This includes online safety and safety in the community. Last week, Y6 visited SafetyWorks to learn how to stay safe and be responsible in the community and the importance of understanding peer pressure. Ask us how to be responsible citizens!



Great Home Learning

We have seen lots of great homework over the half term and also learned about lots of achievements out of school. Here is a picture of Abdulaziz who did really well with the Newcastle Libraries Summer Reading Challenge 2024 and won a prize of completing the challenge. We also have Harry who brought in this fantastic Viking longship to show us!



Have a lovely week everyone!

Matt Ward (Headteacher)

Dates for Your Diary

Further Ahead:

- ❖ Monday 4th November
- ❖ Tuesday 5th November
- ❖ Tuesday 5th November
- ❖ Monday 11th November

- ❖ 20th – 22nd November
- ❖ Friday 29th November

- ❖ Friday 20th December

- ❖ Monday 6th January

School Closed for Staff Training

Back to school

Reading Volunteers Meeting 9 -9.30am

Flu vaccinations

Year 6 Lockerbie Residential Visit

Friends Christmas Fair (from 3.15pm)

End of Term

Start of the Spring Term

Raising Money For Our School

You can support the **Friends of West** when you shop online:

