



## West Jesmond Primary Newsletter 1 Autumn Term 2025



Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all of our children and families for such a successful first week back to school. It has been lovely to see the enthusiastic and happy faces of our children and the great start they have all made!

### Welcome to the West Jesmond Family

**Children and Families:** We would like to welcome to the West Jesmond Family our new families who have joined us in Reception and further up the school. I am sure your child's time at West Jesmond Primary School will be happy and successful and I know all of our children, parents and staff will make you very welcome. We look forward to working in partnership with you in the learning and development of your child. All our team are there to speak with you at any time if you have any questions or concerns.

**Staff:** We are also very pleased to welcome a number of staff to our West Jesmond Family. Our new teachers are Miss Conlin (Year 3), Mrs Richardson (Year 4) and Miss Davey (Year 5). The new members of our Learning Support Team are Mrs Beale (Year 6), Miss Grantham (Year 3) and Mrs Abulatifa (Year 1).

### Two Other Special New Arrivals!

We were very pleased and excited to welcome two new members to our West Jesmond Family over the summer. Huge congratulations to Lucy and Henry Edwards on the birth of Poppy and to Katharine Peggs on the birth of Stanley!



### Year Group Welcome Meetings Reminder

This is a reminder about our Welcome Meetings over the next two weeks. We invite you to come and meet year group teachers staff working with your child and to find out lots of important information about the year ahead. All the meetings are held in the School Hall. Parents enter through the external hall door to the left of the area outside the main school entrance.

<b>Reception</b>	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September Parents' Reading and Phonics Workshop 9am Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September New Reception Starters Meet The Team Coffee Morning 9am
<b>Year 1</b>	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> September 9am
<b>Year 2</b>	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September 9am
<b>Year 3</b>	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September 9am
<b>Year 4</b>	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> September 9am
<b>Year 5</b>	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> September 9am
<b>Year 6</b>	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> September 9am

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### **IMPORTANT: Travelling to School - Please Keep Our Children Safe!**

This is an especially important reminder to all of our parents and a plea to those of you who are new to the school. To ensure the journey to school for our children is safe, comfortable, and enjoyable, please do not drive or park near school. **If you need to drive, please park 5-10 minutes away and enjoy the healthy walk to school with your child.** We appeal to all of our community to make every effort to keep the streets near school as car free as possible.



### **Pupil-Parent Library Can You Help?**

We need a couple of volunteers to help with our Pupil – Parent Library on a Friday afternoon. The library runs between 3 -3.45 approx. We especially need parents from 3pm for 10-15 minutes to help set up the books.



### **Will You Join Our West Jesmond Lunchtime Team?**

We are looking for parents/grandparents who would be interested in joining our lunchtime teams. This is a paid role for between 1-1 ½ hours a day (with flexibility over days) and involves helping to make dinner times as enjoyable as possible for our children. If you are interested in working with us, please come and speak to the school office about how to apply.

### **Communications**

Communication between home and school is always an area in which we strive to improve. The main ways we communicate with you at home about school news, clubs and events is through the Weduc App. School news and information are also shared by the school website and Facebook You can help us by making sure you check Weduc regularly and by reading these newsletters.

### **Birthdays Reminder**

We request that children do not bring in any food, sweets or cakes when it is their birthday. This is due to concerns about food allergies and dietary concerns and as a part of our Healthy School approach. We also hope that it eases some pressure on parents who might have felt obliged to spend money on these gifts. However, we do like to celebrate birthdays and invite children to come to school in non-uniform on the day so we can all do our best to make it feel special for them.

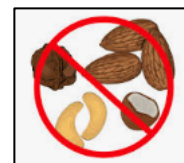


### **Ordering School Lunches: Please Order From Home**

At West Jesmond Primary we use iPay Impact to order and pay for school lunches. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals, but we expect every family to use the app to order from home. You can order meals, several weeks in advance and ordering from home really helps the school day run smoothly. Please support us by ensuring you have the iPay Impact app downloaded on your phone or device. If you are new to the school, your logins will be with you shortly, once all enrolment procedures have been carried out by the office team.

### **Nuts and allergies: No nuts or products containing nuts allowed in school**

Please remember that we are a nut free school. Due to a number of children with allergies, we do not allow any products which nuts in school. Please note that this includes any chocolate spreads that contain nuts.



### Music Lessons and Clubs

Many of the children in our school take up a musical instrument with tuition supplied by NEMCO (North East Music Co-operative Ltd) and external music teachers. Please speak to the school office if you would like your child to sign up for lessons. We know music tuition can be expensive, and we do not want any child to miss out. **If your child is, or has been, eligible for Free School Meals, we are able to fund music tuition; please speak to us for details.**



Have a lovely weekend everyone! And our special best wishes go to all the staff, parents and children who are taking part in Great North Run and events!

Matt Ward (Headteacher)



## Dates for Your Diary

### Next Week:

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| ❖ Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> September     | Year 1 Parents' Welcome Meeting 9am    |
| ❖ Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September    | Year 2 Parents' Welcome Morning 8.50am |
| ❖ Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September | Year 3 Welcome Morning 9am             |
| ❖ Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> September  | Year 4 Welcome Meeting 9am             |
| ❖ Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> September    | Year 5 Welcome Meeting 9am             |

### Further ahead

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| ❖ Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September | Reception Parents Phonics/Reading Workshop |
| ❖ Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> September  | Year 6 Welcome Meeting 9am                 |
| ❖ Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September   | Reception Parents' Coffee Morning 9am      |
| ❖ Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> September    | Children's Photographs                     |

- ❖ Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October Parent Consultation Meetings 3.30 - 6pm

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| ❖ Week Beginning 20 <sup>th</sup> October      | Local Study Week                   |
| ❖ Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October              | Break up for half term             |
| ❖ Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November              | School Closed for Staff Training   |
| ❖ Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November             | Back to school                     |
| ❖ 19 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> November | Year 6 Lockerbie Residential Visit |
| ❖ Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December             | End of Term                        |
| ❖ Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January               | Start of the Spring Term           |