



West Jesmond Family Newsletter 10 Autumn Term 2023



Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

School Council Children in Need 2023 - Be Spotacular

Thank you to our School Council and Mrs Oades for organising a great day of fund raising for Children in Need and thank you to everyone who was able to donate to the cause. School looked truly Spotacular today and lots of money has been raised.



Anti-Bullying Week 2023: STOP and a Special Assembly

This week, we have been talking about bullying and how to prevent it. Can you help our children in their understanding of bullying and what to do about it, by asking them at home to explain our STOP message! On Wednesday, we had a special visitor who talked to the children in Years 4, 5 and 6. They were treated to a brilliant assembly from Philippa Vince from Toucan Education. She helped us understand all about dyslexia, what it is and how we can help and support our friends with dyslexia in and around school. Philippa also assured us that dyslexia does not need to limit our future aspirations. We can still aim high and be whatever we want to be. Thank you Philippa!



Parent Governors

Thank you to all the parents who have put themselves forward to be parent governors and to those of you who nominated them. We have more nominations than the four places so will be holding an election over the next few weeks. Information will come out about the process next week.

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Stars in Our Schools 2023!

This year, West Jesmond Primary School is taking part in Stars in Our Schools, an annual celebration of school support staff, taking place on Friday 24th November 2023. The support staff in our school do an incredible job helping children to learn, keep them safe, happy, and making sure the school runs smoothly every day. They are the cooks, After School Club team, admin staff, ICT technician, caretakers and learning support assistants. Here at West Jesmond, we want everyone to get involved, from parents, carers, teachers, head teachers, as well as the support staff themselves, to share stories of when a member of the support staff has helped you as a parent or family, a child in our school, or has been supportive of a teacher in class. Our aim is to collect these memories and accomplishments and place them in a Stars in Our Schools memory book to be displayed in the school for all to access when visiting. We will be collecting these in several ways; in school we will be asking children and staff to write them down place them in our Stars in Our Schools memory box; for parents and carers and other family members, we invite you to email your memories to us ahead of Friday 24th November.

Please send your memories and comments to Mr Allen at rallen@westjesmond.newcastle.sch.uk

We look forward to seeing and reading all your stories of how the support staff have been Stars in our school



PE Kits Reminder

Can we remind everyone of the importance of correct PE kit on PE days. In particular, over winter, children must have their navy blue hoodie. For safety, on PE days, long hair should be tied back and any ear studs should not worn to school or removed before the lesson.



- Navy blue jogging bottom or shorts
- School branded blue/white/orange PE top or own plain navy blue t-shirt
- Navy blue hoodie with or without logo
- Trainers (not ones worn for school on other days)
- Navy or black religious head wear

If any parent is struggling financially with any items of school uniform, please come and speak to us to see how we can support you.

Parking Problems

We are working hard with local police and civil enforcement teams to support us in our attempts to stop parents parking in a dangerous manner near our school and have been encouraged to see a higher presence in recent days. We are also pushing for better alternatives to make the streets safer outside our school. The vast majority of parents support us in our efforts and, once again, we ask those who park on double yellow lines, across pavements or drop off children from cars in the middle of roads to think about the safety and comfort of all of our West Jesmond Family.



Winter and Christmas Events

The run up to the end of term begin to get very busy from the start of December with a number of events for children and families. Please look at the **Dates For Your Diary** section of the newsletter for the very latest news on our performances, parties and special events.

Friends Christmas Fair Volunteers Reminder

The Christmas Fair takes place on Friday 8th December from 5 - 7pm and it will be great to see you all there. The Friends need volunteers to help set up in the afternoon and also to run stalls in the evening. If you can spare an hour or two, or three... please email Rebecca with your availability on: rebeccawardle@ymail.com

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Matt Ward (Headteacher)

Dates for Your Diary

Next Week

- ❖ Wednesday 22nd – Friday 24th Nov Year 6 Lockerbie Residential
- ❖ Thursday 23rd Eco Assembly Wildlife Trust

Further Ahead (Seasonal events in green)

- ❖ Monday 27th – Weds 29th Nov Reception Parents Mastering Number Workshops
- ❖ Thursday 30th November Introducing Parliament Assembly
- ❖ Monday 27th November Choir singing at RVI Christmas Lights
- ❖ Friday 1st December School Choir Singing at Exhibition Park

- ❖ Thursday 7th December Winter Stories with Chris Bostock (Rec, Yr. 1/2)

- ❖ Friday 8th December 5-7pm Christmas Fair

- ❖ Monday 11th December Choir singing at City Library

- ❖ Tuesday 12th December Key Stage 2 Christmas Lunch
- ❖ Tuesday 12th & Weds 13th December Reception Christmas Shows (9.15am) 
- ❖ Wednesday 13th December 1.30pm Choir Singing at the Grainger Market
- ❖ Thursday 14th December Year 2 Christmas Show 9.15am & 2.15 
- ❖ Friday 15th December Year 1 Christmas Songs and Crafts 2pm

- ❖ Tuesday 19th December Key Stage 1 Christmas Lunch 

- ❖ Wednesday 20th November 5-6pm Winter Songs by Lantern Light Key Stage 2

- ❖ Friday 22nd December End of Term

- ❖ Monday 8th January 2024 Start of the Spring Term 