



The West Jesmond Family Newsletter 1 Summer Term 2024

Welcome to the Summer Term 2024! We hope everyone had an enjoyable break and are looking forward to a busy few months at West Jesmond.



Personal Development at West Jesmond

[West Jesmond Primary - Personal Development At West Jesmond](#)

We invite parents, carers and children to watch our Personal Development video on the school website. It sets out the ambitions and aspirations we have for the personal development of every child and our aims for further improvement as we continue to build up this vital part of our school provision.

We have talked with you in the Newsletter previously about the importance of our **Personal Development Curriculum** at West Jesmond. We strive to create a school environment that develops our children's resilience, confidence, respect and understanding of others and their ability to be active members of their local and global communities. This includes our discussions with children about character and behaviours and the West Jesmond Way as well as our assemblies, pastoral support and the opportunities and experiences we want our children to have.



Green Day

We are holding our annual Green Day on Friday next week. Environmental awareness and understanding are taught throughout our curriculum and on Green Day, we focus our children's attention on key issues locally, nationally or globally. During the week, we will be welcoming visitors, including parents, who will be leading workshops with every year group focussing on eco themes.

We are pleased to welcome in The **Northumberland Wildlife Trust** on the day and will be fundraising for them. This will help to fund the essential conservation efforts the Wildlife Trust are undertaking to promote the recovery of red squirrels across the UK. Donations can be handed to your teacher on the day, we would suggest a £1 donation however anything you have, little or large would be gladly welcomed! Remember to come in to school wearing something green!

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Dr Bike Visits School

As part of our Green day on the 26th of April, Sustrans have kindly offered to host a Dr Bike. This aims to promote cycling and encourage healthy and active lifestyles among our students.

Dr Bike is a fantastic opportunity for your child to have their bike checked by professional mechanics. The mechanics will inspect the bikes for any minor repairs or adjustments needed to ensure they are safe and roadworthy. We would like to invite your child to bring their bike to school on Friday 26th to take advantage of this valuable service. Please ensure that your child's bike is brought to school in the morning and is labelled with their name and class to prevent any mix-ups.

Bring your child's bike to a member of Sustrans staff under the undercroft (on the main yard) they'll check it over and do any minor repairs, and you can pick it up again at the end of the day. Whether you'd like some peace of mind about the condition of bike that's used every day, or you've got one sat in the garage that could do with some TLC... bring it to Dr Bike!



Nick Brown MP visit to School

This morning, School Council welcomed Nick Brown MP into our school. We were able to ask him lots of questions about his work as a Local Councillor and as an MP. He told us about his aspirations when he was younger and what his job entails now on a day-to-day basis. We also gave him a tour of school, showing him our proudest work and achievements as a school council so far, this year.



The West Jesmond International Evening 2024

Thursday the 23rd of May will see the return of our very popular International Evening! We would love to have some shared activities and demonstrations or performances.

We will also be asking people to bring a traditional picnic style dish, which can be shared at the event.

In the past, we have had fantastic calligraphy demonstrations, origami, music, dancing, drums, Northumbrian dancing and even a Sudanese Wedding!

Please include information about:

- ❖ The country you have an affinity with
- ❖ The sort of demonstration, performance or activity you would like to share
- ❖ What you will need (stage, tables, space in the pens, microphones, speakers)

You can offer to do more than one thing, do not be shy!

If you would like to share cultural demonstrations, dances, crafts or music please email Mrs Groot: vgroot@westjesmond.newcastle.sch.uk



Year 2 Parents' Workshop Thursday 25th April

We look forward to welcoming our Year 2 Parents to the Workshop next Thursday.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Matt Ward (Headteacher)

Dates for Your Diary

The Week Ahead

Green Activities in Classes All Week

- ❖ Thursday 25th April Year 2 Parents' Workshop
- ❖ Friday 26th April WJPS Green Day
3L Cake Stall

Further Ahead

- ❖ May 13th -16th Year 6 SATs Week
- ❖ Sunday 19th May Children's Cancer Run
- ❖ 20th May – 24th May Take One Book Week
- ❖ Wednesday 22nd May School Choir and Djembe Band Jesmond Festival
- ❖ Thursday 23th May WJPS International Evening
- ❖ Friday May 24th School Closed: OLT Training Day

- ❖ Monday 3rd June Back to school
- ❖ Saturday 8th June Allotment Open Day
- ❖ Sunday 23rd June Friends Summer Fair
- ❖ Wednesday 3rd July (pm) Year 4 Scottish Opera Performance
- ❖ Monday 8th July Sports Day Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2
- ❖ Thursday 11th July (pm) Reception Sports Day
- ❖ Wednesday 17th July Year 6 Graduation Evening
- ❖ Friday 19th July End of Term