



The West Jesmond Family Newsletter 4 Summer Term 2024

Dear Children, Families and Friends,



At the start of the school year, we talked in this newsletter about the West Jesmond 4C's. The 4 C's are four key drivers that underpin our West Jesmond Curriculum. They are **Curiosity, Confidence, Creativity** and **Community**. These are the four key attributes of learners that we want to develop in our children as they move through our school. Over the Summer Term, we are able to emphasis and enjoy the Community Driver through a number of events in and out of school. Your Newsletter this week will focus on events taking place that allow our children and families to support, enjoy and enhance their community.

Jesmond Community Festival 2024

The Jesmond Community Festival 2024 is well underway with a busy weekend and week ahead! Whether you live in Jesmond or in other parts of our city, the Jesmond Festival is a chance to take part in a wide range of interesting and exciting activities and come together with other families from our school.

The link below will tell you more about the many, many events taking place.

[Jesmond Community Festival | Annual Showcase for Community Activities](#)

Our children are playing an active part in the Festival. On Wednesday 22nd May, from 9.30am, groups of our singers, dancers and musicians will be performing at Jesmond Library in the **West Jesmond School Festival of Music**. You can attend part or all of the morning, as you wish. All are welcome and refreshments are available during the intervals. Look out for details of the programme for the morning's performances from Mrs Anderson our Music Lead.

Welcome to St. Hilda's Parish Church
<http://www.sthildasjesmond.org.uk>
<https://www.facebook.com/sthildasjesmond/>

ART & CRAFT EXHIBITION
Saturday 11th May 2024



West Jesmond Primary School
 Percy Hedley Northern Counties

Also work from
 Local Artists & Crafters
 And
 Stalls & Refreshments in the Hall

11:am to 3:00pm
FREE ENTRY
A VERY WARM WELCOME TO ALL

Art Exhibition: On Saturday 11th May there is a Jesmond Community Festival Art and Craft Exhibition. The exhibition is being held at St Hilda's Church and features artwork from children across our school. School Council are going to a special preview on Friday and will be able to tell their classes more about it.



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WJPS in the Community at the Children's Cancer Run

This week we celebrated one of our West Jesmond Community Champions. Mrs. Adair was presented with a special certificate by Emma from Children's Cancer North for her incredible work supporting the Children's Cancer Run. Mrs. Adair has been organising our school's involvement for nearly 25 Years and helping us to raise up to £100,000!

This year the Run takes place on **Sunday 19th May**.

We have now registered over 140 runners so have a great turnout for West Jesmond! It is not too late to register online if you wish to join us for the 1 mile, 3 miles or 5 mile runs. Our start time is **11:15** so we will meet in the schools' meeting point beside the Border Minstral from 11:00. We are looking forward to seeing you there and hope the training is going well!



International Evening Thursday May 23rd

We are very excited about International Evening on Thursday the 23rd of May!

Last year had an amazing turn out and there are still opportunities to show case a culture or region you feel an affinity with, either by performing, having a small area to talk to people about traditions, culture or clothing. Please email v.groot@westjesmond.newcastle.sch.uk if you would like to do this.

There is no charge for the event, but there will be drinks on sale on the evening, please bring change!

We are asking that everyone comes dressed to reflect the area they feel close to, including sports team clothing. The children and staff will come to school on the day in their choice of clothes, and there will be time in the day for them to discuss their choices.

On the evening, please bring a contribution of food to share, like a street party. This will be roughly arranged into areas, so we would love it to be labelled with where it is from and any reasons it is special, as well as any possible allergens. Any flags or decorations, which can be added to the tables as people arrive, would be fantastic too. We are looking forward to seeing everyone come together and create a beautiful, shared evening together! *Mrs Groot*

Sharing Stories: Can You Help? As we lead up to our International Event, we would like to be able to reflect the diverse cultures and languages that we have across our school community in our reading areas. We already have a range of multi-cultural books on offer, but it would be lovely to have some recordings of stories in other languages for our children to listen to. So we would like to ask for your help. If you would be willing to record yourself reading a story in your home language, please can you contact either Mrs Groot or myself via the office email. We then hope to have these videos available in all of our class libraries so our children can listen to stories across the world. *Mrs Thompson*

What would you like to share?



Sports News

We are always very pleased to celebrate sporting achievements by our children out of school and to advertise the many clubs and opportunities for children in our area. If parents want to know about local sports clubs please feel free to come and speak with us.

This week, two of our children travelled all the way to Milton Keynes to take part in a cheerleading competition and they are very proud of their medals. We also had a super swimmer who has reached Stage 7 in her swimming certificates- wow! Six sporty Year 4 children who play for Gosforth Bohemians Under 9s Football Teams came to tell us all about their season and end of year event! Well done everyone!



Friends of West Jesmond Summer Fair

Plans are in place for an exciting Summer Fair on **Sunday 23rd June**. Put the date in your diaries. The Friends are busy collecting raffle prizes. If you, or people you know, own a local business - we would be very grateful for any raffle prize donations - no matter how big or small. Please contact friendswjps@mail.com if you would like to donate. **The Friends also need volunteers to help on the day - this can be before, during or after. Please email them on the address above if you can lend a hand to this great event.**



Have a lovely weekend everyone!
Matt Ward (Headteacher)

Dates for Your Diary

The Week Ahead

- ❖ May 13th - 16th
 - ❖ Monday 13th May
 - ❖ Wednesday 15th May
 - ❖ Thursday 16th May
 - ❖ Friday 17th May
 - ❖ Sunday 19th May
- Year 6 SATs Week
 - 2J Trip to Newcastle Castle
 - 2D Trip to Newcastle Castle
 - 2W Trip to Newcastle Castle
 - Year 3 and 4 Disco
 - 5F Cake Stall
 - Children's Cancer Run

Further Ahead

- ❖ 20th May – 24th May
 - ❖ Wednesday 22nd May
 - ❖ Thursday 23th May
 - ❖ Friday May 24th
 - ❖ Monday 3rd June
 - ❖ Sunday 23rd June
 - ❖ Saturday 29th June
 - ❖ Wednesday 3rd July (pm)
 - ❖ Monday 8th July
 - ❖ Thursday 11th July (pm)
 - ❖ Wednesday 17th July
 - ❖ Friday 19th July
- Take One Book Week
 - School Choir and Djembe Band Jesmond Festival
 - WJPS International Evening
 - School Closed: OLT Training Day
 - Back to school
 - Friends Summer Fair
 - Allotment Open Day
 - Year 4 Scottish Opera Performance
 - Sports Day Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2
 - Reception Sports Day
 - Year 6 Graduation Evening
 - End of Term