



West Jesmond Primary School

West Jesmond Primary Newsletter 1 Autumn Term 2024



Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all of our children and families for such a happy 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 of 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 who will be working with your children across our school as teachers and Learning Support Assistants (LSAs). We also have some new members of our Out of School Club and dinner team who you will be introduced to in the next few weeks.



Olivia Moore is teaching in Reception R2



Emily Nelson is teaching Year 3N



Kez Lee is an LSA in Year 3



Liz Walker is teaching in Year 3 with Lucy Edwards in 3EW



Catherine de Vere is teaching Year 2V



Deborah Hicks is an LSA in Year 2



Aoibhinn Donnelly is teaching in 4DO with Lucy Oades



Ellie Dixon is an LSA in Year 4



Chloe Robinson is an LSA in Year 3

Headteacher: Matt Ward

Deputy Headteacher: Tom Jones

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Sports and Physical Activity at West Jesmond

One of the key strands of school development we will be working on this year will be to build up even further the opportunities for sport and physical activity for children in and out of the classroom.

We are very excited to welcome Phil Mellons to our school as our new Sports Mentor. Phil will be organising sports clubs and events, working alongside teachers in PE lessons and leading exciting and fun activities at playtimes.



Year Group Welcome Meetings Reminder

This is a reminder about our Welcome Meetings over the next two weeks. We invite you to come in to class to meet the 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.

Reception	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Monday 23rd September Parents' Reading and Phonics Workshop 9am➤ Tuesday 1st October New Reception Starters Meet The Team Coffee Morning 9am
Year 1	Tuesday 10 th September 9am
Year 2	Monday 16 th September 9am
Year 3	Thursday 12 th September 9am
Year 4	Tuesday 17 th September 9am
Year 5	Wednesday 11 th September 9am
Year 6	Friday 13 th September 9am

Travel to School Please Keep Our Children Safe!

This is a very 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. We are waiting on new markings to support our efforts and 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 Re-opens Friday 13th September

We are excited to announce that our fantastic Pupil-Parent Library will soon be open for business! It's packed with stories for all ages, from picture books to powerful adventure series, with plenty in between. **We will be in the undercroft after school each Friday, starting from next week (Friday 13th Sept).** Please come along to browse, borrow and enjoy one of our brilliant books!



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, Facebook and X (Twitter)**. 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.



Nuts and allergies

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:

- ❖ Tuesday 10th September Year 1 Parents' Welcome Meeting 9am
- ❖ Wednesday 11th September Year 5 Parents' Coffee Morning 8.50am
- ❖ Thursday 12th September Year 3 Coffee Morning 9am
- ❖ Friday 13th September Year 6 Welcome Meeting 9am

Further ahead

- ❖ Monday 16th September Year 2 Welcome Meeting 9am
- ❖ Tuesday 17th September Year 4 Parents' Welcome Meeting 9am
- ❖ Monday 23rd September Reception Parents Phonics/Reading Workshop
- ❖ Friday 27th September Children's Photographs
- ❖ Tuesday 1st October Reception Parents Meet The Team Coffee Morning 9am

- ❖ Tuesday 15th and Thursday 17th October Parent Consultation Meetings 3.30 - 6pm

- ❖ **Week Beginning 21st October**

Local Study Week

- ❖ **Friday 25th October**

Break up for half term

- ❖ **Monday 4th November**

School Closed for Staff Training

- ❖ **Tuesday 5th November**

Back to school

- ❖ **20th – 22nd November**

Year 6 Lockerbie Residential Visit

- ❖ **Friday 20th December**

End of Term

- ❖ **Monday 6th January**

Start of the Spring Term