



The West Jesmond Family Newsletter End of Summer Term 2024



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

This is our final newsletter of the school year 2023-24. It gives us the chance to reflect on the past year at West Jesmond Primary and to thank everyone for all they have done to make this another happy and successful year for our school.

Thank you to our West Jesmond Children

Once again, our children have inspired and encouraged us all and The West Jesmond Way has shone out through them. They have embraced all of our activities and filled our school with their energy, enthusiasm and effort!

Results from national tests, including the Key Stage 2 SATs, are extremely strong and show that our children are attaining well above national averages in all subjects with a large percentage reaching the Greater Depth Levels. However, as always, we are especially pleased with the progress children have demonstrated from their own individual starting points and, what matters most for all of us are the individual achievements of each child big or small. We are proud of everyone who has tried something new and developed new interests and skills and we celebrate the determination of every child who has found an area of learning or school life challenging and has shown resilience to keep trying, to push themselves and make progress that is important to them.



Thank you to all of you at home and to all the West Jesmond Family

Thank you, at end of another school year, to all of our families and carers for the support you have given to your school. Our achievements are all rooted in our partnership with you and we are always grateful for the time and energy you give to attend our events, trips and workshops, the encouragement you give to our teachers and support staff and above all the support you give to all of our children.

I know that all of you will join me in extending special thanks to the **Friends of West Jesmond** for another incredible year of fund raising and events. We are hugely appreciative of the time and effort the Friends give to our school creating the fairs, discos, cake stalls, quizzes and all the other events that hugely enhance our school throughout the year. The large amounts of money you give through them does so much to improve school provision and experiences for every child.

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Governors

Your governing body has worked tirelessly this year challenging and supporting us and ensuring the school strives to continuously improve in all we do for the children. This year, we have been pleased to welcome in new members who have added their energy and expertise to the board. We are extremely grateful for the time, experience and knowledge all our governors have so generously provided and that contributes so much to the success of West Jesmond Primary.

Olympic Closing Ceremony

Last Friday, we had a very fitting end of year event at West Jesmond. Our entire school marched around the site carrying flags and banners and we ended with special presentation of awards on the school yard. We even had a real Olympian to inspire us! (Thank you Finley and Isaac's grandad!)



Reports

Thank you to everyone who has sent in messages and comments to teachers in reply to our end of year reports. Your kind, supportive and thoughtful words mean a great deal to the staff as well as helping us to continue to build on and improve our school. Where questions have been asked the staff should have responded to you individually. If this has not happened yet, please speak with the classteacher.

Reception Like To Be Beside The Seaside



Reception had a wonderful end of year seaside party. From donkey rides to paddling pools, ice cream vans to chips in a cone- we have enjoyed all things seaside! We even had a bright sunny day! What a magical way to end our year. We really do like to be beside the seaside (beside the sea)!



Newcastle Achievement Awards

We were very proud to attend a very important celebration event early this month to recognise the achievements of two of our Year 6 children. Congratulations to Matthew and Deniz who collected their Newcastle Schools Achievement Awards from the Director of Children, Education and Skills, Cath McEvoy-Carr at the Civic Centre. We are so proud of you both!



Proud Goodbyes!

This is always a sad time of year at school, as we have to say goodbye to a number of people who are very special to the West Jesmond Family.

Year 6 2024 and Leavers

We would like to say thank you to all of our wonderful Year 6 children for everything they have brought to our school. You have all been West Jesmond Stars! We have watched them grow and develop in so many ways over the last seven years and they leave with our pride, gratitude and very best wishes for the future. We look forward to meeting them in the years ahead and finding out about all the exciting things, they achieve.

Leaving Staff

Over the last few newsletters, we have talked with you about some of our staff members who are leaving this year. Although we are very sad to say goodbye to each one of them, we are very privileged to have been a part of their growth and development and very proud that each is moving onto exciting new opportunities.

We are also saying goodbye to a number of other children and families term and we would like to extend our very best wishes to them all.

We hope that all of those leaving us this summer will always look back on their time here with great fondness and many very happy memories. You will always be a part of our WJPS Family and we hope that you will take a small piece of West Jesmond Primary School with you in to the future.

And as always....

Our most important great big final thank you goes again to those who make this school the special place it is... to all the fantastic children of West Jesmond Primary School. It has been a real privilege to work and learn alongside you all. Well done for all your hard work this year, have a great summer full of sunshine and smiles!



Matt Ward (Headteacher)



Dates for Your Diary

Further Ahead

- ❖ **Thursday August 22nd 10-12am** **New Reception Parents Family Fun Day**
- ❖ **Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd September** **School Training Days**
- ❖ **Wednesday 4th September** **Back to School For New School Year**