



January 10th 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to school for 2020! I do hope everyone had a very restful and fun-filled holiday. The children have certainly come back to school full of enthusiasm and we have launched our Term with a 'Take One Book' project led by Mr Snelders. More details of this week and examples of the wonderful work the children have been doing will be sent to you later this term. By Wednesday of the first week back every child in the school had been to the Great North Museum to explore the wildlife galleries to support their learning and understanding for this curriculum project. At West Jesmond we never stop and I know we have lots of very exciting events planned for this term.

School Success

The Department for Education published their annual 2019 statistics in December and I am delighted to inform parents that we are yet again in the top 5% of schools in England for our performance by the end of Year 6. You can check out all the statistics for yourself on:

<https://www.gov.uk/school-performance-tables>

You may be also interested to note that for our Year 6 Average Score in Mathematics we were No. 1 in the City and No. 2 for reading. Our attainment in reading, writing and mathematics combined also placed us second in the City at both Expected Standard and Greater Depth.

Staffing Update

At the end of last term we said goodbye to a few long-serving members of staff. Mrs Wendy Mar our school business manager and Mrs Lynn Jones (Year 1 class teacher and latterly a Teaching Assistant) provided years of dedicated service to our community and we thanked them for their contribution to our school. Both members of staff decided that they were at the stage of their family lives and careers where they wanted to pursue other interests and we continue to wish them well for the future. We also want to say thank you to Mr Richard Allen and Mr Stenhouse who had been working with us part-time supporting classes and specific children and have gone on to more permanent employment. All members of staff are greatly missed.

We do want to welcome Mrs Sheila James who will be working in the office providing support in our front of house services as an experienced attendance officer and school administrator, Monday to Wednesday. Mrs Kayani and Mrs Leeson have also now returned from their maternity leaves and are back at work supporting children across the school. We would also like to extend a welcome to our new School Direct Teacher Trainees working with us this term: Ryan Redford working in 1B, Janine Hitchman in 2S and Grace Stokle in 5R.

Executive Head Teacher: Gary Wallis-Clarke MA in Education BA (Hons) NPQH

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We have also started term with two members of staff who have been really quite poorly; Mrs Laidler and Mrs McVittie. We are hoping that both members of staff will be back with us very shortly. There have been some very nasty bugs flying about!

STEM Week

Even though we have just finished Take One Book Week, we are busy planning STEM Week for next half term. More details will be revealed soon but we are looking for architects, engineers and scientists to come and work with the children during the week. If you (or someone you know) would like to volunteer please let us know by contacting hello@westjesmond.newcastle.sch.uk

Wassailing

The Friends of Jesmond Community Orchard welcomed Y4C to join their annual wassail. The children scared away the spirits of winter with some deafening percussion, performed a traditional wassail song and enjoyed some spiced apple juice before sharing some with a tree to encourage another successful crop this year. We're looking forward to visiting again to see if our ancient rituals have worked their magic!



Thankyou

December is always an incredibly busy month with lots of performances, parties and celebrations. Our trial event at St Georges church was really well received and will be something we will look to

do again next year. A huge thank you to Mrs Hague for leading this for the school. I also wanted to share a thank you card we received thanking you, the children and Mrs Oades for their special Christmas gifts.

Dear Miss Oades and the children and parents of West Jesmond Primary School,

The Wallsend Memorial Hall tea dancers would like to thank all of you for the very kind gifts that you gave to them.

The gifts made the Christmas party very special and the thoughtfulness and kindness that went into each gift touched everyone's heart.

We thank you so much for your kindness and making this Christmas so special.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas.

From the Wallsend Memorial Hall Tea Dance Club.



Contacting Us

Please do remember we have two school email addresses you can use to contact us.

For any general office related enquiries please contact us on:

office@westjesmond.newcastle.sch.uk

For enquiries related to your child's education for class teachers please write to them at:

hello@westjesmond.newcastle.sch.uk

Wishing everyone all the best for 2020 and the remainder of what I hope will be a very successful year for the school.

Gary Wallis-Clarke

Young Achievers	
Grace R1	Northern Counties Dance Level 1 Bronze
Leo 4E	Stage 6 Swimming Award
Ivie R1	Fantastic Phonics
Dania 3C	Yellow Belt in Karate
Albie R2	Northern Counties Dance Graduated in EH Dance
Gracie 1B	50m Swimming Award
Isha 1B	Homework Star Award for Islamic Classes
Rebecca 3ST	Street Dance Level 1 Award
Harith 4F	Yellow Belt in Karate
Aleisha 4F	Swimming Medal
Audrey 1C	25m Swimming Award
Oriana 2H	Stage 2 Swimming Award and Level 6 Gymnastics Award
Orla 3L	Tap Dance Certificate
Harry 1C	20m Swimming Award
Cecile 1C	Mermaid Certificate
Olive 1B	Commitment, Effort and Sportsmanship at Dance Club
Thomasina R3	5m Swimming Award
Serenna 4F	Grade 2 Performance Arts with Distinction Certificate
Robyn 3ST	Stage 4 Swimming Award
Jonny 2E	Most improved at Chimney Sweep
Elliot 1C	10m Swimming Award
Freya R1	Holiday Club Certificates
Seb R2	Fantastic Writing!
Max 2S	Holiday Club Certificates
Amelie 2S	Holiday Club Certificates
Jack 4E	Grade 3 Piano Certificate
Tanida 4E	Ukulele Step 2 Certificate
Rahaf 4C	Fantastic 8 Page Story and Stage 1 Swimming Award
Emily 2H	Level 6 Gymnastics Award