



West Jesmond Family Newsletter 13 Autumn Term 2024



Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

Friends' Christmas Fair

A huge thank you to our Friends of West Jesmond for the Christmas Fair last Friday. Our dedicated team put in enormous amounts of effort to create this very busy and successful event for our children and families. We are all so grateful to everyone who organised the fair, the incredible volunteers on the evening and to all of you who were able to attend. Can we also thank Mrs Anderson and the choir for the entertainment and Father Christmas and his elf for visiting our grotto at such a busy time of year.



Christmas plans

Last week we sent out our Winter and Christmas at West Jesmond letter with lots of details about events over the next couple of weeks. Thank you to everyone in Reception and Year 2 who have registered for tickets for performances. We will be opening the doors to the hall down the side entrance (to the left of the main entrance) just before 9am/2pm.

- **Reception Christmas Shows:** **Tuesday 10th & Weds 11th December (9.15am)**
- **Thursday 12th December** **Year 2 Christmas Show (9.15am & 2.15pm)**
- **Friday 13th December** **Year 1 Christmas Songs and Crafts (2pm)**

Eco-Tree Competition St Hilda's

This Saturday, come and see our West Jesmond Eco Committee's spectacularly decorated Christmas tree at St Hilda's Church! It is part of a special Christmas tree competition. Don't forget to vote for us! Voting takes place on Saturday between 11am and 4:40pm. At 5pm there will be Christmas carol singing surrounded by the fabulous trees. The winning Christmas tree will be announced during the carol service.

Year 6 Athletes

On Tuesday afternoon some Year 6 athletes competed at the School Games Sportshall Athletics at the Lakeside Centre. They had to use their running, jumping, throwing and agility skills to take part in a number of events. The team showed great enthusiasm and performed brilliantly - well done.



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Training New Teachers

Each year we host trainee teachers in school as part of the School Direct programme which is led by our partner school, Sele First in Hexham. They work alongside West Jesmond class teachers to gain experience in a school setting as well as attending Northumbria University academic sessions. This year Miss Cleaver is currently working with Miss Stanbrook and many of our West Jesmond staff have trained with us prior to talking up a permanent teaching position at West Jesmond or within the Ouseburn Learning Trust, including Miss Draper, Mr Collier and Mr Edwards. Applications are open for next year's programme. You can find more details and information about how to apply here: <https://find-teacher-training-courses.service.gov.uk/courses/16B/23WM/provider> - the name of our course is

SeleFirst@northeastpartners

WJPS Choir On Tour

After a great performance at the Christmas Fair last Friday, on Thursday the WJPS choir ventured out for their first public performance of the season as part of Newcastle Sings. Thank you to Mrs Anderson, the choir and all the parents who came to enjoy the Christmas spirit at the City Library.



Star In Our School

Last week we told you about the Support staff Stars in School celebration. This week, we presented Steve our cleaner with our Year 4 Certificate, Thank you so much for everything Steve - Year 4 all think you are a superstar! Year 3 nominated Mr McLean our school caretaker as a Star in Our School and presented him with a certificate of recognition for the hard work he does every day. Thank you Mr McLean



Creative at Christmas

We were all very impressed with this very creative and professionally finished stocking made by one of our talented Year 3 children. The quality of sewing, attractive appearance and the care and attention that has gone into making this stocking really stand out!

Be A Santa Campaign

On Thursday, the team from Home Instead came into school to collect the Be A Santa presents for their first event this afternoon. Thank you so much to everyone who has donated so far. If you haven't donated yet and you are able to, please do so by Wednesday 11th December to enable us to distribute all of the gifts in time for their Christmas charity celebrations.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!



Matt Ward (Headteacher)

Dates for Your Diary

Next Week:

- ❖ Tuesday 10th & Weds 11th December Reception Christmas Shows (9.15am)
- ❖ Thursday 12th December Year 2 Christmas Show 9.15am & 2.15pm)
- ❖ Friday 13th December Year 1 Christmas Songs and Crafts (2pm)
Choir Singing at the Grainger Market
Year 3 to the Great North Museum



Further Ahead (Seasonal events in green)

(Please see Christmas and Winter at West Jesmond Letter for further details)

- ❖ Monday 16th December Year 2 and Year 6 Parties
- ❖ Tuesday 17th December Winter Stories with Chris Bostock (Yr. 1 & 2)
Key Stage 2 Christmas Lunch
Year 1 Party
- ❖ Wednesday 18th November 5-6pm Year 3 Party
Winter Songs by Lantern Light Key Stage 2
Reception and Key Stage 1 Christmas Lunch
- ❖ Thursday 19th Reception and Year 5 Parties
- ❖ Friday 20th December End of Term
- ❖ Monday 6th January Start of the Spring Term 2025
- ❖ Wednesday 15th January Parent Online Safety Workshop (9am)