



West Jesmond Primary Newsletter 9 Autumn Term 2024



Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

Local Study 2024 Town Moor

We ended the last half term with a fascinating Local Study Week. We hope your children were able to tell you lots of information about the Town Moor and all they have found out. All across the week, our children were geographers and historians and could be seen maps in hand on their fieldwork trips. We had a number of special visitors during the week. We welcomed the Vice Chair of the Freeman of Newcastle, Nick Atkinson, and our former teacher, Mrs Adair who is also a Freeman to school. They talked about the history of the Moor and their role in protecting it. At the end of the week, the Lord Mayor came to our special assembly and we presented him with some of the information we had discovered and the answers to our big Questions.



Eco School Net Zero Heroes

We were very proud to be invited to a special event to celebrate our Eco-School Award and to learn more about the work we can do to combat climate change. Our Year 5 and 6 Eco Representatives attended the Net Zero Hero event at the Civic Centre along with children from other schools in our city. We took part in some fantastic activities, listened to presentations and awards focusing on the work we do relating to climate change and how we can get involved more!



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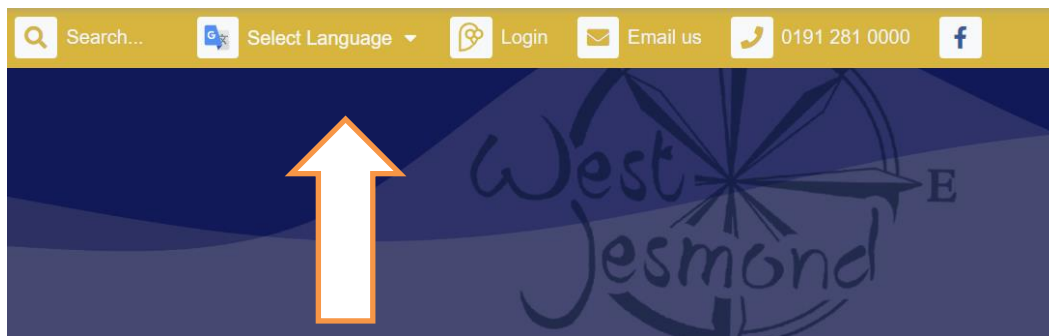
Anti-Bullying Week 2024: STOP

Next week we will be taking part in Anti-Bullying Week. We are very proud of the behaviour of our children at West Jesmond. Our West Jesmond Way sets out the aspirations for all of us. Above all, we talk about the need for kindness. No school can ever say that there is no bullying taking place and we know how important it is to empower our children to be able to talk about different behaviours and to speak up when they have worries. We will be talking about the different forms bullying can take, how to define it and what to do if you feel you are affected. One way we help children to identify if it is bullying is to use **STOP (Several Times On Purpose)**. We then talk to them about what they should do which is **STOP 2 (Start Telling Other People)**.



A Website in Many Languages

Did you know that our website can be translated into many languages? If you or anyone in your family finds it easier to read the website in a home language, please use the select languages tab. All of our documents and these newsletters can also be translated!



Attendance: A Great Start to the Year: Whole School 96.2%

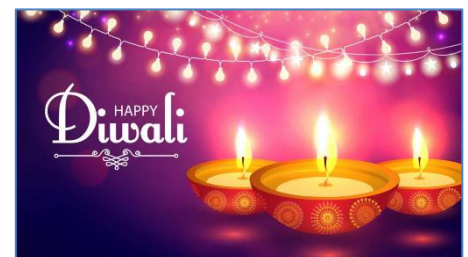
Over the summer, the Government made some significant changes to the advice to schools on attendance. Newcastle Local Authority has also advised schools on adapting their attendance approaches and policies. Please see the latest version of our **Attendance Policy** on the school Website. We have had another positive start to the year in terms of children's attendance. The average attendance of West Jesmond children is above national averages, but we still have a number of children whose attendance is below the expected levels. We know there are sometimes reasons why a child cannot be in school and want to work with parents to support the highest levels of attendance and to overcome barriers preventing children coming to school. Please speak with any of us and with our **Parent Support Officer Emma Clark** if you have problems getting your child to school every day and on time.

Children in Need Friday 15th November

Next week is Children in Need. We invite all children and staff to come to school in non-uniform on Friday 15th November and to 'be spotacular' in spots/fancy dress/onesies and also wearing their Pudsey ears if they wish. We would ask for a suggested minimum donation of £1 in support of this year's BBC Children in Need appeal, but please give what you can.

Happy Diwali

We have been learning about Diwali in our assemblies this week and have heard about the ways in which many of our families celebrated last weekend. We hope that all of our families who were celebrating had a lovely time full of light and enjoyment and wish you all a very happy Diwali!



Local Pre-School

We have been asked to share information about a new pre-school club near to our school that may be of interest to parents. Lovely Learners is based at St Hilda's School just round the corner from West Jesmond Primary



Well Done Sophie!

Well done to Sophie who had her drawing chosen to be published in a magazine! We can see why it was chosen Sophie and we are very proud of you!



Pre-school classes at St Hilda's Church Hall, Jesmond

Classes are based around a different theme each week! We start and end each class with group time.

Lovely Learners classes are led by Ella, a qualified teacher who has eight years of teaching experience.

For more details and what to expect from a class, visit our Instagram page @lovely_learners_ne



Well Done Year 5/6 Girls' Football Team

On Thursday night' our Girls' Football Team played against Gosforth Central Middle School. Mr Mellons and Miss Dixon told us how proud they were of their incredible effort and brilliant attitude right to the end of game! Well done team!

Winter and Christmas Events

The run up to the end of term begins to get very busy from the start of December with a number of events for children and families. Please look at the **Dates For Your Diary** section of the newsletter for the very latest news.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Matt Ward (Headteacher)

Dates for Your Diary

Next Week:

- ❖ Monday 11th November
Flu vaccinations
Yr. 1 Parents' Maths Workshop 9am (Hall)
- ❖ Tuesday 12th November
Y3B and Y3N to Rising Sun Country Park
Yr. 1 Parents' Maths Workshop 9am (Hall)
- ❖ Thursday 14th November
Yr. 6 Newcastle Uni Climate Change Workshop
- ❖ Friday 15th November
Children in Need
Y3EW to Rising Sun Country Park

Further Ahead (Seasonal events in green)

- ❖ 20th – 22nd November
Year 6 Lockerbie Residential Visit
- ❖ Friday 29th November
Friends Xmas Fair (From 3.15pm)
(Non-uniform for fair donations: Christmas jumpers or accessories welcome)
- ❖ Thursday 5th December
Choir to Newcastle Sings Christmas
- ❖ 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
- ❖ Tuesday 17th December
Winter Stories with Chris Bostock (Yr. 1 & 2)
Key Stage 2 Christmas Lunch
- ❖ Wednesday 20th November 5-6pm
Winter Songs by Lantern Light Key Stage 2
Reception and Key Stage 1 Christmas Lunch
- ❖ Friday 20th December
End of Term
- ❖ Monday 6th January
Start of the Spring Term 2025