



West Jesmond Primary Newsletter 2 Autumn Term 2024



Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

Have nearly two weeks of term gone already? The children continue to impress us with a great start to term. We have been talking in assemblies about our **West Jesmond Way** and asking everyone to continue to fill our school with the key messages of **inclusivity, respect, responsibility, pride in our actions** and above all **kindness!** Please can you thank your child this weekend for making our school such a happy, kind and supportive place over the first few weeks and especially for how well they have cared for any new arrivals.

If your child has had any difficulties in settling back to school so far, please speak to us about how we can help. You can speak to the class teacher at any time or to **Gemma Jordan our SENCo** (Special Educational Need Coordinator), **Jacqui Nicholson/Rachael Spanner (Wellbeing Leads)**, **Emma Clark (Family Support Officer)**, **Verity Groot EAL Lead** (English as an Additional Language) and of course to me.

Year Group Welcome Meetings

Thank you to everyone who has been able to attend our Welcome Meetings this week. It has been lovely for us to meet so many of you and we hope you have found the meetings useful. This is only the start of our partnership with you over the year ahead. Please speak to the class teacher and any of our team if you have any questions or concerns at any time.

Friends of West Jesmond Cake Stall!

We are very grateful to our Friends of West Jesmond for attending the Welcome Meetings and talking with you about the great work that they do to provide so many enjoyable events and to raise thousands of pounds to enhance the experiences of your child. This week we have the start of our Friday Cake Stalls. Please see the dates for the classes providing the Cake Stalls this half-term.

Friday	13/09/24	Y4DO
Friday	20/09/24	Y4BC
Friday	27/09/24	Y4TC
Friday	04/10/24	Y5F
Friday	11/10/24	Y5S
Friday	18/10/24	Y5TG
Friday	25/10/24	Y6M

Pupil-Parent Library This Friday! 13th

Also after school on Friday, remember to pop along to the Undercroft (undercover section of school yard) for the We Pupil-Parent Library, we will soon be open for business!

Great North Runners

Congratulations to all of the parents and children who ran the Various Great North Runs at the weekend. It was lovely to see so many children proudly wearing their medals in school. We were also very proud of one of our parents and ex-members of staff, Mrs. Lesson, featuring prominently in the highlights section!

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Playtime Equipment

Last week we told you about a part of our school development plan to further develop children's physical movement. To help with this we have lots of new exciting playtime equipment for children to use at breaks and lunchtimes. The new toys are brilliant to allow the children to practise their fundamental movement skills including balancing, throwing, skipping, catching and jumping.



The new equipment is fun I like the bouncy balances!
Year 5



It is making playtimes more fun!
Year 4

Online Platforms

Within school and for homework we use a number of approved online programmes with the children. The sites are all secure and children have individual log-ins and profiles. To share learning between home and school we use Tapestry in Reception and Seesaw for Years 1 and 6. Work will be shared and commented on by your child's class teacher(s) as well as members of the year group staff and occasionally the Senior Leadership Team. We work with the children on how to use the platforms in school but if you ever need support with anything please let the teachers know.

Children's School Photographs - Sibling Photographs

The Tempest photographers will be coming in to school on Friday 27th September, to take the individual school photos. This will be during the school day.

We have had some requests for sibling photos to be taken this year. We are happy to accommodate this request, between 8:00 and 8:50 only.

Please come to the school office, between 8:00 and 8:50, and you will be invited into the music room. You will need to supervise your children at all times and then take them to their classroom door/drop off area for normal drop off time.

Lost Clothing – Please Add Names/Labels

We know how frustrating it can be when children come home without items of clothing and the expense and inconvenience it can cause. **Please write names or label every item of clothing to help us return them to their owners. In a big school, it is very challenging to reunite an unnamed item to the right child!**



Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Matt Ward (Headteacher)

Dates for Your Diary

Next Week:

- ❖ Monday 16th September Year 2 Welcome Meeting 9am
- ❖ Tuesday 17th September Year 4 Parents' Welcome Meeting 9am
Year 5/6 Football Team Tournament
- ❖ Friday 20th September Year 3 Badminton Festival

Further ahead

- ❖ Monday 23rd September Reception Parents Phonics/Reading Workshop
- ❖ Tuesday 24th September Year 5/6 Girls Football Tournament
- ❖ Friday 27th September Children's Photographs
- ❖ Tuesday 1st October Reception Parents Meet The Team Coffee Morning 9am
- ❖ Wednesday 2nd October Archaeologist Visiting Year 4

❖ 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