



West Jesmond Primary Newsletter 23rd April 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Summer Term 2021! With blue skies, sunshine and children bursting with energy and enthusiasm, we have had a lovely start to our final term of 2021. In school we are still tightly following Covid guidance to ensure we can keep everyone safe and all of our children in school every day and we thank you for continuing to support us at the start and end of the day. Our ambition this term is to continue to take advantage of the improving weather and any changes of guidance to ensure that summer 2021 at West Jesmond is as full of exciting learning, opportunities and experiences as possible for every child and there will be an added emphasis on learning outside! The dates in the diary highlight a few of events already planned and we are hoping to add to them over the next few weeks.

Our new Deputy Headteacher:

I am very pleased and proud to introduce our new permanent Deputy Headteacher, Mr Tom Jones. Our Governors led a rigorous recruitment process at the end of last term with a wide range of exceptional candidates from schools in this region and beyond. Mr Jones excelled throughout the range of tasks, challenges and interview stages and Governors were very pleased to be able to offer him this important role at our school. I know the vast majority of our parents will know Tom as a class teacher, Acting Deputy Head and as our inspirational head of science and I am sure you will join me in congratulating Tom on this well-deserved new role in our West Jesmond leadership team.

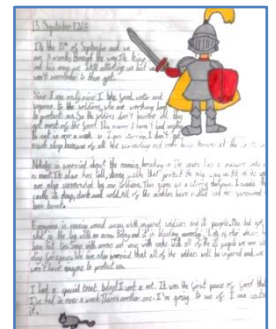


West Jesmond Primary Reception 2021:

We would to extend a big West Jesmond welcome to all the families who will have received their offer of a place in our Reception for September 2021. We are very pleased to be welcoming in a large number of siblings of children already with us alongside many families new to our school. We are working hard to create the very best induction for our new children within Covid guidance and hope to meet all of our new children later in the term.

English Heritage:

We are very proud of Jessica in Year 4 who has won a prestigious English Heritage competition. Jessica wrote a diary entry about the siege of Kenilworth castle. She was selected from a large number of entries for her account of what might have been going on in the castle and her brilliant illustrations. Her entry will be published in the next issue of English Heritage's Kids Rule magazine.



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Safe Streets for your child:

Parents may have seen in the news information about the School Streets scheme which is introducing car free zones around schools at drop-off and pick up times. Although our school has not been included in the first round of this scheme, we are determined to continue to look for every way we can to make the journey to and from school safer and happier for your children. We can only do this with the support of each individual parent and the decisions you make when travelling to school. **Once again, your school appeals to everyone to avoid driving or parking within at least a 5-10 minute walk of the school.**



New Members of our school (Chicks)

We thought you would like to join us in welcoming a number of new members of our school this week. Year 2 children have a large group of new arrivals to look after as our chicks have started emerging from their eggs in each class. With clever use of iPads to record overnight and with



live projections onto class screens we have been able to watch in great detail the magical moments from the first cracks in the shell to the emerging chick. The children have been keeping extra quiet to encourage the chicks to hatch and it appears to be working! They were very excited to tell me the difference between the male and female chicks, but I don't think they all have names yet – any suggestions?



Jesmond Festival: You will have received a flyer advertising the upcoming Jesmond Community Festival. We are joining in with as many of the events as we can. Look out for school displays in the library windows, Saturday morning stories from Mr Ward and the Teddy Bear Trail (see the end of this newsletter for details)

Jesmond Community Festival 1 - 31 May 2021

For details of all events, including booking arrangements, see www.jesmondcommunityfestival.co.uk. All events will be held online or in line with prevailing public health advice.

Visit: www.facebook.com/jesmondfestival.org.uk
Email: info@jesmondfestival.org.uk



Dates For Your Diary

- Parent Consultations (By telephone) Week 10th – 14th May
- STEM Week 7th – 11th June
- The West Jesmond Olympics Week 12th – 16th July
- Year 6 Leavers' Events 19th – 23rd July (Further details to follow)



Have a lovely weekend everyone!

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JESMOND FESTIVAL AT JESMOND LIBRARY

Two Teddy Bear Trails

Jez's many celebrity friends are waiting for you to find them



22 May - Sun 6 June

Information on the Trails (maps etc) will be on the Library Facebook pages, Jesmond Community Festival website. Copies of the two route maps (Blue and Red) together with Trail news will also be displayed in the Library window. Download and print your own form and write down all the names of the Teddies next to their number and add the story title if you can! There is no entry fee.

For further information/enquiries please email:
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<http://www.justgiving.com/jesmond-library>.

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