



West Jesmond Primary School

School Newsletter 15th November 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

After the recent elections we are delighted to confirm that our **two new Parent Governors** are Matthew Hearn and Matthew Ife, we look forward to welcoming them to the Governing body soon. We thank everyone who stood for election, showed an interest in the role and took the time to vote for the candidates.



Matthew Hearn



Matthew Ife

This week **Mr Wallis-Clarke** and a group of our **Art Ambassadors** spoke to delegates from the Cultural sector across the UK at the 'Imagine If Conference' at the Great North Museum. Our Art Ambassadors proved to be a highlight of the conference! We are very proud of our pupils and young Art Leaders.



Y6 Art Club began this week; this is led by parent and volunteer Laura Blake-Darcy. Laura has run art clubs across school over the last year. She enthuses and inspires children to be creative and we are very grateful for her time, effort and dedication. This week the Year 6 children were looking at monochromatic drawing. They created their own using charcoal and ink- look at their wonderful creations!

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Chess Club has returned!

Back by popular demand -our Chess Club has returned, this time being led by volunteer and chess enthusiast Bob Heyman alongside Mr Cook. Our Year 4 players are already talking tactics and enjoying the opportunity to discuss this wonderful game together.



This year we are once again collecting **advent calendars** for children within our local area. We hope this brings some Christmas joy to many children who may not otherwise have the enjoyment of an advent calendar.

We have set up a collection point in the School Office and we will very happily receive advent calendars up until 28th November. They will then be delivered to Byker Foodbank on the 29th November ready for children to open on the 1st December. 🎄

Many thanks for your donations so far!

Thanks to everyone who came to our first ever **Clothes Swap** event last Friday. An amazing group of parents organised this social / eco event and we will be doing another in the future, so look out for dates. We were also able to raise over £120 on the night which will go towards the many funding requests we get from staff each year.



Date for your diary...

Friends of West Jesmond Spring Ball – Friday 24th April 2020

This wonderful event will be held in support of our Secret Garden Project in memory of our very special friend and colleague Deborah Hainsworth. This is sure to be a fabulous evening and in support of a project held very closely to our hearts. Tickets will go on sale via SIMS on Friday 22nd November. You can also request or buy tickets at the Friends coffee morning on the 22nd November or at the Christmas fair on Sunday 8th December 12-2pm.

Alternatively, watch out for a letter in school bags on launch day next Friday! Tickets will be sold on a first come first serve basis so if you would like tickets please request or buy early to avoid disappointment!

We would also like to make you aware that school alongside The Friends are working in conjunction to fundraise to provide a **defibrillator** for the whole school community. Please see the letter included in this week’s mail for further information.

Wishing you best wishes for the week ahead,

Rebecca McVittie

Young Achievers	
Phoebe Y2S	Gymnastics level 2 Award
Olly Y4F	5m and 10m Swimming Award
Freddie Y4F	Player of the Season in Cricket
Cydney Y2E	25m Swimming Award
Scarlett Y1C	Stage 5 Swimming Award
Lucy Y1B	Stage 3 Gymnastics Award