



Weekly Newsletter: Friday 6th September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

I want to welcome everyone back to school and hope you have found settling into new routines after the summer break as easy as possible. I also want to particularly welcome all of our new children and families as they start their association with West Jesmond. The children have returned to school beautifully and have started the new school year with great enthusiasm.



It has been lovely to catch up with so many parents on the yard this week following a lovely summer holiday where I spent time in Sitges near Barcelona, attended a singing summer-school at Keele University and then spent a wonderful week on tour with Sine Nomine International Touring Choir in Lisbon. All of our new staff members

have settled in very well and like the well-oiled machine we are, have begun their learning journey of this academic year with their classes. Welcome to Miss Condliffe in Year 1, Mr Collier in Year 3, Mr Mansfield in Year 5 and Mrs Pocock our new Spanish teacher.

There will be an opportunity to meet the teachers in your child's Year group at our welcome meetings very soon and we will send out links for you to sign up for these today. This is an opportunity for you to meet teaching and support staff and also get an overview of what your child will be learning this year.

It has been a real pleasure to return to school in the role of Head Teacher and although we all miss Mr Martin as Head of School, Mrs McVittie and I are relishing leading our school on the next stage of its journey. We are also very well supported by our Assistant Heads Mr Jones and Miss Sykes.

Please do make sure you read the newsletter and the week ahead each week, published on a Friday to keep up to date with school events and dates which we will try and get out to you as soon as possible. Also our Facebook Page has some lovely records of the vast range of things we do in school so do sign up to our secure page.



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Our children did phenomenally well in terms of academic outcomes last year at every stage of their education career – from Reception to Year 6 and when the national data set is published later this term I will share more of this information with you. Safe to say, every possible indicator is well above the national averages and I fully expect us to be in the top 5% of schools in England for many of our results, including progress from Year 2 to Year 6.



We want to wish all of our staff running the Great North Run every success on Sunday too!

I hope we have another brilliant year at West Jesmond and we will continue to lead and drive our own path forward in these unsettling and changing times, where your children are our main and only concern.

With my very best wishes for the year ahead.

Gary Wallis-Clarke

Young Achievers	
Leisha Y3L	Level 4 Gymnastics Medal
Isla Y1B	Level 8 Gymnastics Award
Lucy Y1B	Level 4 Gymnastics Award
Amelie Y1C	5 metre Swimming Award
Jonathan Y2O	Level 2 Swimming Award
Ada Y6M	Grade 1 Violin
Rosa Y6S	Grade 1 Violin with Merit
Jessica Y3S	Stage 6 Swimming Award
Annabelle Y4C	Space Chase Challenge
Tanida Y4E	Level 7 Swimming Award
Phoebe Y2S	Level 3 Gymnastics Award