



West Jesmond Primary Newsletter 4 Autumn Term 2021



Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

One of the greatest strengths of our school is the diversity of our children, families and staff. We come together at West Jesmond and our work, learning and play is enriched and enhanced by the backgrounds and experiences of each of us. Wherever we have come from to arrive at West Jesmond, we now share in the locality and community of our school and we want all the children to understand, benefit and draw from the history and Geography of the North East, Newcastle and Jesmond and to understand how this community links in with the wider world. Our local study weeks each year are an invaluable way of helping us to learn more about our shared community. Over the years we have looked at a range of themes of local significance including coal mining and ship building and this year we are bringing the focus even closer to home to find out more about Jesmond.

Whole School Local Study Week: Tuesday 2nd November to Friday 5th November

This year our Whole School Local Study week will be The Story of Jesmond.

This exciting week will give the children in our school the opportunity to learn more about the community around them and its history. Children will use maps, photographs, artefacts, fieldwork and the internet to help them answer their big questions for the week. This will include considering the effects of transport and building use, who the residents are and what community facilities are available. Children will also discover how these have changed over time and how this has affected the area both socially and geographically.



We Need You!

We are keen to hear from anyone with links that could enhance the children's learning throughout the week? Do you or someone you know have knowledge you could share with us about the history or geography of Jesmond? Are you an air pollution expert? Are you an estate agent? Are you a resident of Jesmond that the children could interview? Do you own or work for a business in Jesmond? Do you have a history to share or old photographs to use?

As always, we appreciate your help and support. If you are able to help, please contact:

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Updating Consent Forms Important: Over the year we may want use of children's images in newsletters, videos, social media such as Facebook and Twitter. We can only do this with your permission and this half term we want to update and check all the consents that you give us. **Can we ask all parents to go on to Weduc then forms to complete the consent form. Thank you.**

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Playtime Readers

It was great to see that a group of our Year 5 children used their own initiative to set up a Dinnertime Reading Club this week. As part of our drive to improve the children's experience and enjoyment of break times in school, we would like to create an outdoor reading area. A number of our children have let us know that they would sometimes like the opportunity to relax and enjoy a book in their free time.

Naturally, we are more than happy to provide opportunities for them to read for pleasure.

In order to help make this a reality, we need your support. Please could you donate any good quality, age-appropriate books that you no longer require. These may be books that your own children have read and enjoyed but are unlikely to again. We would be delighted to receive titles from all genres: picture books, non-fiction, graphic novels, annuals or a series of titles by the same author.

Thank you in advance for your support. **Mr Snelders**

Football Team

On a very wet and autumnal Tuesday night our Year 5/6 football team, led by Ms Taylor, took part in a tournament at Gosforth Academy. It was the first time a West Jesmond team has been able to compete against other schools for nearly two years and it was great to see children from across the city back together again. Our West Jesmond team made us very proud with the way they played and also the very sporting manner in which they conducted themselves. Well done!



People's Kitchen Harvest Collection

Thank you to everyone who has donated to our People's Kitchen harvest Campaign. Your generosity will mean so much to many people across our city this autumn and winter and also plays an important part in developing our children's sense of empathy, care and community. The last day for donations is Monday 4th October.



Keeping Safe on-line

Throughout the year we talk to our children about how to keep themselves safe on-line. For our older children, we invite in experts to talk to them about some of the risks from social media, online gaming and the internet. The link below gives some very useful advice to parents on how to set up privacy settings and guides to keeping children safe when using a range of Apps. <https://swgfl.org.uk/audience/parents/>

Applying for Secondary School Closing date 31st October 2021

Year 6 parents the deadline for applying for Secondary School is approaching. You have until 31st October to apply. The link below gives some useful advice and support. Remember if you have any difficulties with the process we are always there to offer support and advice.

<https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/services/schools-learning-and-childcare/apply-school-place/applying-transfer-places>

Year 6 Jesmond Park Open Evening: Don't forget the Jesmond Park Open Evening is being held next week Wednesday 6th October.



Have a lovely weekend everyone!

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