



## Be a School Governor

**Weekly Newsletter: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019**



Dear Parents and Carers,

### Parent Governor Elections

As many of you will be aware throughout my time at West Jesmond we have always had a robust and high quality governing body that has helped to steer and shape the direction of travel for our school. Governors support the school in so many ways from looking at how we spend our budget and generate income, have a strategic overview of the quality of teaching and the curriculum we have to legally deliver for our children and support us in appointing staff. We currently have vacancies for two parent governors to join our governing body. This is done through a nomination and election process. If you are interested in applying for this role please do get in touch with the school and we can put you in touch with governors or staff who can talk to you about the role and the commitment it requires. Nomination forms will be available in the main entrance if you are interested.

### Welcome meetings

Thank you to all parents who have come along and attended the welcome meetings. The feedback we have received has been really positive and has helped us to share with you key events and requirements in each year group. Your attendance has been really appreciated.

### Reception Afternoon Tea

We will be holding an open afternoon tea for parents with children in Reception classes on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October. Again this is a social occasion to meet other parents and chat to teachers now your child has settled into school full time. This will be in the main Hall from 2pm.

### Morning Lexia

Just a reminder that our pre-school Lexia club is now up and running. Mr Pretswell runs this provision using the on line Lexia programme which supports children with reading and spelling from 8.30 a.m. Last year we had a large number of children that access the Lexia programme that came along and voluntarily gave up some of their time to practice these essential skills which can help them throughout the school day. If your child is using the programme throughout the day please encourage them to come along.



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## Shakespeare Cake Stall

Many thanks to everyone who baked, bought and helped to sell cakes at the Shakespeare cake stall last Friday. You all contributed so generously to help raise a fantastic £187.31, which will be used to buy props and costumes for our performance of *The Taming of the Shrew* at the Northern Stage on Wednesday, 6th of November. Tickets have been selling like hotcakes and the cast are working really hard in rehearsals and coming up with great ideas. They have been challenged to be completely script-free by the start of October!

## Year 6 Maths Project

Our Year 6 children are all lucky to be participating in a maths project called ICCAMS (Increasing Confidence and Competence in Algebra and Multiplicative Structure). The aim of the project is to help improve children's understanding in mathematics - whatever their current level of confidence. To help us with this project, please complete the online survey by Friday 4th October.

Parent survey link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/GBSNFTG>

With my very best wishes for the week ahead.

Gary Wallis-Clarke

Young Achievers	
Esme Y2S	100m Swimming Award
Talulah Y3ST	200m Swimming Award
Delilah Y3ST	200m Swimming Award
Robyn Y3ST	Theatre Craft and Ballet Medals
Sophie Y1W	Badge 6 at Gymnastics
Raife Y3C	Completed Northumberlandia 2k Run
Molly Y3L	3 <sup>rd</sup> place in South Tyneside Championships – Irish Dancing
Ada Y6M	Grade 1 Violin
Rosa Y6S	Grade 1 Violin with Merit
Madison Y4C	Stage 4 Swimming
Hamta Y4C	Lee Sterry Sports Coach Achievement
Anouk Y3L	Stage 4 Swimming
Walaa Y4C	Runner of the Week
Frankie Y4C	Runner of the Week
Isla Y1C	Stage 1 Swimming
Amelia Y1C	Ballet and Modern Dance Certificates
Sylvie Y1C	Stage 2 Swimming
Daisy Y4C	Gymnastics Badge 5
Aran Y3L	Football Trophy and in the paper
Suleiman Y6S	Roleplay in Assembly
Rowan Y6S	Roleplay in Assembly
Lily Y6S	Roleplay in Assembly
Tillie Y6S	Roleplay in Assembly