



Weekly Newsletter: Friday 13th September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is always so lovely to see so many children and parents on the yard at the beginning and end of the day to chat and catch up on events. Due to our vast range of work commitments it is not always possible to be on the yard and I wanted to share with you all some of the outreach work we do as a school.

As a National Leader of Education I do a range of work supporting new Head teachers in a number of different schools. Until Christmas I am helping an Acting Head Teacher in a school in Carlisle for 1 day a week in the Cumbria Education Trust. I am also coaching a new Head Teacher in Newcastle and intermittently supporting 2 schools in Northumberland. This often involves staff from these schools coming to us to see the great work we do and what we can provide for our children. We already have visits planned in the diary to welcome teachers from Carlisle and Liverpool to see what we are up to!

My assemblies so far this term have been based around the Winston Churchill message of “Never, never, never give up”. Today we congratulated Miss Ward, Mr Rimmer and Mrs Byatt on passing their NPQML (National Professional Qualification for Middle Leaders) and all of the children and staff who persevered and completed the Great North mini-run and Great North Run last weekend. Though very different in their physical and mental demands it is wonderful to reward such determination to succeed in our school community. Congratulations to everyone – very well deserved medals and recognition for your hard work.



Welcome meetings

Please do check the week ahead for dates and times of our welcome meetings for Year 1 to Year 6 classes. These start next week and are an opportunity for you to meet other parents in your child’s year group, the teaching and support staff in the year group and an overview of the work we have planned for the term and the rest of the year. They are very informal meetings and provide an opportunity to answer any questions you may have.

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Reception Afternoon Tea

We will be holding an open afternoon tea for parents with children in Reception classes on Tuesday 1st 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.

Attendance

I want to say a huge thank you to all of our classes for making such a good start to the new schools year by making sure they attend school every day. Congratulations to 4E with 100% attendance in Key Stage 2 and 2H in Key Stage 1 with 98.9%!



E-mailing school

Don't forget to use our special e-mail address just for parents if there is something you would like to ask or inform us about. This is checked daily and means your emails are not lost in the main system which receives hundreds of unsolicited emails every day. We ask that you use this email address rather than emailing teachers directly: hello@westjesmond.newcastle.sch.uk

With my very best wishes for the term ahead.

Gary Wallis-Clarke

| Young Achievers | |
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| Emilia Y4E | Lexia Certificate |
| Rahaf Y4E | Lexia Certificate |
| Sebastian R1 | GNR Junior Marathon |
| Freya R1 | GNR Junior Marathon |
| Max Y2S | Rugby Trophy and GNR Junior Marathon |
| Serenna Y4F | Pencil Holder Creation |
| Martha Y3ST | GNR Junior Marathon and 2 Brownie Badges |
| Jessica Y3ST | GNR Junior Marathon and 2 Brownie Badges |
| Huxley Y3ST | Rugby Trophy |
| JJ Y3ST | Level 4 Swimming Award |
| Henry R2 | GNR Junior Marathon |
| Imogen R2 | GNR Junior Marathon |
| Jenson Y2H | GNR Junior Marathon and Rugby Trophy |
| James Y2H | GNR Junior Marathon and Football Trophy |
| Lilah Y2H | GNR Junior Marathon |
| Isaac Y1W | Space Chase Reading Challenge Certificate |
| Ariana Y2S | GNR Junior Marathon |
| Esme Y2S | GNR Junior Marathon |
| Aishah Y2S | Medal for placing 2nd |
| Evie Y2O | Yacht Sailing Certificate |
| Jack Y3ST | GNR Junior Marathon |
| Jack R3 | Yacht Sailing Certificate |
| Scarlett Y1C | 2 Dance Certificates |
| Raife Y3C | Didn't give up on growing his reed |