



West Jesmond Primary School

Weekly Newsletter: Friday 27th September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

We regularly have a number of visitors to our school to come and see the wonderful work we are doing with your children and observe the very high quality of our teaching. We have supported a number of teachers this week from a school in Carlisle and today I have welcomed a delegation of 6 Head Teachers from Liverpool who found out about us via Social Media and word of mouth! They desperately wanted to come and see the work we do with our children and also how as a National Teaching School we support other teachers. This is a great opportunity for our staff to learn from others and our children do love showing off our school to others.

Be a School Governor



Parent Governor Elections Reminder

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.

Breakfast Club Reminder

As you may be aware, we have extended our Breakfast Club provision service to facilitate a later drop off for those children who have breakfast at home but whose parents wanted a slightly earlier start. This term there appears to have been some confusion over times and services so just to clarify: **Early Start BC: 8:00 - 8:45 includes breakfast and is priced at £4:85 per session** and **Late Start BC: 8:20 - 8:45 does not include breakfast and is priced at £3:50 per session.** Please could we ask that you are aware of which service your child is booked in for, as we'd hate to disappoint and won't be able to accept 8:20 starters until that time, especially on a cold morning. Thank you for your co-operation, Breakfast Club Team.

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School Allotment Volunteers

We were delighted to welcome three of our School Allotment volunteers to assembly on Monday to present them with this year's award for the Best Group Project in the 2019 Newcastle Allotment Competition! Our volunteers work incredibly hard throughout the year to maintain our allotments and to share with the children their knowledge of fruit and vegetable growing, and to give them the opportunity to learn about the changes throughout nature's year. It was a pleasure to present the award to Jenny, Drew and Trish on behalf of all the volunteers.

Jesmond Jog

There has been much excitement amongst the children in school this week as each year group has trialled our new Jesmond Jog. This is a 10 minute run/walk around the KS2 yard that each class will do twice a week to help children increase their levels of activity in school, to increase their resilience when they're beginning to feel tired and hopefully discover that exercising in the fresh air is fun! It was great to see so many happy, smiling faces running around the yard, including some of the adults!

Half-Term Holiday Check

Please do check in your diaries you have the Autumn half-term holiday marked. We break up at 3.20 pm on Friday 25th October and return to school at 8.45 am on Monday 4th November 2019. Many other Local Authorities and schools do have different half-terms this year so please do check! We will get Christmas event dates out to you next week so that you can make a note of these in your diary too.

Reception Afternoon Tea

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

Operation Encompass



We are pleased to share with you that our school has been given the opportunity to take part in a new Home Office approved project. It is being led by Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner Dame Vera Baird and Northumbria Police in partnership with Barnardo's and Operation Encompass. The project, named Operation Encompass the Next Steps, aims to form part of a wider strategy to break the cycle of Domestic Abuse through education and support.

The project will help all children in Northumbria to learn about friendships, relationships, emotions and rules so that they can live and work together safely.

Our school will also benefit from having one of twelve School Safeguarding Liaison Officers who will:

- Work with our teachers to deliver an age appropriate session exploring aspects of Domestic Abuse/friendships /relationships/emotions
- Be available in school at specified times so that children and parents can talk about issues that they may have around relationships and Domestic Abuse.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for children and the whole school community.

With my very best wishes for the week ahead.
Gary Wallis-Clarke

Young Achievers

Layla Y3C	10m Swimming Award
Scarlotte Y3C	Badge 6 at Gymnastics
Aila Y1C	Stage 1 Swimming
Halle Y2O	50m Swimming Award
Daisy Y4C	Joining the World of Mermaids at Jesmond Pool
Jessica Y3S	Novos Tigers Under 8's Star Player
Dylan Y1C	5m, 10m and 15m Swimming Award
Harith Y4F	Red Belt in Karate
Christos Y2O	Completed the One Fun Run organised by the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation
Ariel Y2S	400m Swimming Award
Ariana Y2S	10m Swimming Award
Olive Y1B	Joining the World of Mermaids at Jesmond Pool
Cecile Y1C	Modern and Ballet Dance Certificate
Amelie Y1C	Badge 6 at Gymnastics
Thomas Y4E	Heaton Hawkes Ospreys Under 9's Man of the Match
Jan Y6W	Red House Farm Falcons Under 11's Man of the Match
Anna Y6W	1 st Place in a Drawing Competition
Dania Y3C	Red Belt in Karate
William Y4E	Tennis Trophy