



Friday 29th November 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

It must be nearly Christmas! How do I know? I can hear children rehearsing lines for the end of term play, I can hear singing rehearsals in the Hall and in classrooms, we are discussing parties, trees, the stage etc. etc. It is a busy time at school but we also want to ensure that children keep to as much of a routine as possible so we try to ensure our normal timetable is retained too.

There is lots happening in school and we have been hosting lots of events for governors and teachers from other schools to see and share the great work we do here that I wanted to share with you this week.

This week Mr McGrath welcomed 16 teachers from across the city in the first of many Computing at School community meetings. The meeting focused on teaching the computing curriculum without using computers, to help children understand computing concepts better.



West Jesmond's Got Talent

Mr Rimmer, Mrs Adair and Mr Stuart are already getting things ready for our Annual talent show! We have done presentations in assembly so children need to get their application forms in asap and start rehearsing for our auditions in January 2020. Sadly we cannot accept every entry, or the performance would last over 16 hours and we do like to get a variety of acts. The more different the better!!

Children in Need

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On Friday 15th November we went all out on our spot-tacular day for Children in Need! We sold merchandise, dressed up spotty, had a bake sale and all 617 children and staff took part in Joe Wicks' Big Morning Move!

We raised an incredible £1814.59 for Children in Need!

Thank you so much to everyone who supported us in doing this.

A special mention goes to a little superstar Albie in R2 who, alongside Grandma, took Colin the dog out and about and let people have a cuddle and a stroke for a donation to Children in Need.

What a brilliant idea Albie and you raised a fantastic £50. Well done!

Mrs Oades



'Santa to a Senior' Campaign

Thank you so much to everyone who has donated to our 'Santa to a Senior' campaign. Heather from Home Instead came into school today to collect our donations and was overwhelmed by your generosity. Your gifts will make a much happier Christmas for so many in our community. Mrs Oades



The School Fair

Second hand books & toys: There will be a second hand book & toy stall at the fair. This is the ideal opportunity for you to have a good clear out. Please leave anything for this stall at the school office next week ahead of the fair.

Spring Ball



There has been an unprecedented response to the launch of the Secret Garden Spring Ball. Over 140 tickets sold/requested after the first week! Don't forget to return your forms by Friday 6th December and pay on SIMS as soon as possible to secure your place. If you have misplaced your form you can find another attached to this week's mail or at school reception.

Have a wonderful weekend and let's get ready for the final three weeks of this term! It's going to be very busy indeed!

Gary Wallis-Clarke

Young Achievers	
Isabella 4F	Kumon Maths Certificate and Medal
Yara R2	5m Swimming Award
Lilah 2H	200m Swimming Award
Zinedine 1C	Football Trophy
Annabelle 4C	1000m Swimming Award
Matilda 4C	800m Swimming Award
Emma R2	10m Swimming Award
Ishaal R2	Stage 1 Swimming Award
Raffy 1W	5m Swimming Award
Eleni 5J	Achieved 18 Brownie Badges
Angus R3	Stage 2 Swimming Award
Jonny 2E	Boat making Trophy
Tara 2S	Kumon Certificate Level 3A in Maths
Sammy 4C	Achieved 7 Brownie Badges
AJ 4C	Level 5 Swimming Award
Leo 4C	Kumon English Certificates and Scouts Certificate
Anouk 3L	200m and 100m Swimming Awards
Leo 1C	Achieved 2 Ice Skating Rosettes
Thomas 1C	Stage 1 Swimming Award