

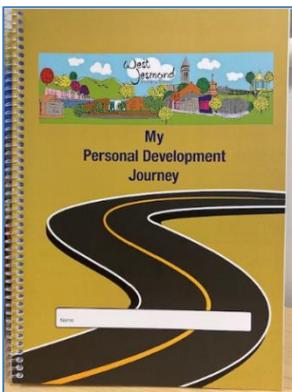


West Jesmond Family Newsletter 10 Autumn Term 2023



Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

Personal Development: 50 Fantastic Things to Do at West Jesmond



This term we launched our new Personal Development Journey Books. Every child in the school will have one of these books that will travel with them during their time at West Jesmond and go home with them at the Year 6 Graduation. The books help our children and staff to map out aspects of their Personal Development each year. The children will collect up special moments, memories and achievements. They will also explore ideas about Future Aspirations and see how their ideas change. At the front is our Fantastic 50 Things to do at West Jesmond. The 50 Things are only a selection of the opportunities our curriculum provides our children, but were chosen to create a core of enjoyable and inspiring experiences that we believe every child should have!



Parents' Inclusion Coffee Morning: Adults and Children's Mental Health

All parents are invited to the latest of our Inclusion Coffee Mornings on Friday 1st December 9am-9.45am. Emma Clarke, our Family Support Officer, will be there to talk and meet with parents and there will be the chance to ask question to her and Sharon Miller, a School Nurse, about adult and childhood mental health. As always, all parents are also welcome to use this as a chance to meet and talk to each other over a tea or coffee.

West Jesmond Families Supporting the Community

Thank you for your enormous generosity over the last couple of weeks in supporting a number of causes. Last Friday, over £2,500 was raised for Children in Need. You also supported a large number of local families with your donations of winter clothing, buggies and scooters. Thank you.

Parent Reader Volunteers

Our parent reader volunteers have started supporting our children in school. We are very grateful for your support and I have been hearing how much our children have enjoyed reading with you. Thank you to everyone who is coming in and if you want to become involved in the scheme, please contact school and ask to speak to Mr Snelders.

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Friends Quiz

Thank you to the Friends of West Jesmond and to our Friends of West Jesmond for organising another great West Jesmond Quiz Night. Unfortunately, after a hard fought battle, the Teachers prevailed and managed to take back the coveted winners' trophy that was taken from them last year!

Special thanks to Dan The Quiz Man, for volunteering his time and effort to support the school and putting on such a fun and challenging quiz. We look forward to seeing you all at the next parent event! Here is a picture of a rather pleased Mr Rimmer holding up the trophy – hopefully this will inspire even more of you to do all you can to prevent this terrible scene of teacher joy being repeated next time!



West Jesmond Eco Tree

A festival of decorated Christmas trees is taking place on Saturday 2nd December at St Hilda's Church Hall. Come and see West Jesmond Eco Committee's spectacularly decorated Christmas tree! Don't forget to vote for us!



Stars in Our Schools 2023! Memories and Mentions Collection

We have been talking with our children about the Stars in Our Schools, an annual celebration of school support staff. In assemblies, we gave our thanks to all the people who ensure that our school is a safe, happy and successful place for us all to be.

We asked you last week to send in any messages, memories or special mentions about any of our support staff team (Learning Support Assistants, Breakfast/After School Club, Wellbeing, Cleaners, kitchen staff, caretakers...).

We are looking for memories and mentions of when a member of the school staff has supported your child or you as family to collect in a special book and share with all staff.

Please send your memories and comments to Mr Allen at rallen@westjesmond.newcastle.sch.uk



Year 6 at Lockerbie

Our year 6 children have been at Lockerbie this week for three days of adventurous activities. Here are a few pictures of them on their first day and we will be sharing a lot more with parents and carers through Facebook. We look forward to welcoming back some very tired, but very happy children (and staff) on Friday afternoon!



Friends Christmas Fair Raffle

Look out for the raffle tickets that came home with your children. There are some great prizes to be won! Tickets are £1 each. Please return any ticket stubs and correct cash via school office/book bags

School Council in the community

Once a month, School Council have been visiting Fleming Court Care Home to take part in some inter-generational activities with our new friends. On our two last visits, we have created some artistic masterpieces and wonderful poppy based displays together, which beautifully decorated the home. We have really enjoyed our visits so far and getting to know our new friends better and are already looking forward to our visit in December to share some in some carol singing together.



Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Matt Ward (Headteacher)

Dates for Your Diary

Next Week

- ❖ **Monday 27th November** **Choir singing at RVI Christmas Lights**
- ❖ **Monday 27th – Weds 29th Nov** **Reception Parents' Mastering Number Workshops**
- ❖ **Thursday 30th November** **Introducing Parliament Assembly**
Year 2 Visit to the Discovery Museum

- ❖ **Friday 1st December** **School Choir Singing at Exhibition Park**
Cake Stall 6P
Parents' Inclusion Coffee Morning (9- 9.45)

Further Ahead (Seasonal events in green)

- ❖ **Thursday 7th December** **Winter Stories with Chris Bostock (Rec, Yr. 1/2)**
- ❖ **Friday 8th December 5-7pm** **Christmas Fair**
- ❖ **Monday 11th December** **Choir singing at City Library**
- ❖ **Tuesday 12th December** **Key Stage 2 Christmas Lunch** 
- ❖ **Tuesday 12th & Weds 13th December** **Reception Christmas Shows (9.15am)**
- ❖ **Wednesday 13th December 1.30pm** **Choir Singing at the Grainger Market**
- ❖ **Thursday 14th December** **Year 2 Christmas Show 9.15am & 2.15pm** 
- ❖ **Friday 15th December** **Year 1 Christmas Songs and Crafts 2pm**
- ❖ **Tuesday 19th December** **Key Stage 1 Christmas Lunch** 
- ❖ **Wednesday 20th November 5-6pm** **Winter Songs by Lantern Light Key Stage 2**
- ❖ **Friday 22nd December** **End of Term** 
- ❖ **Monday 8th January 2024** **Start of the Spring Term**