



Kirkstall St Stephen's

Newsletter 13th October 2023

Diary Dates / PTA Events

Events this half term	Date
Tempest individual photographs from 9.00am (children in uniform please)	Thursday 19 th October
PTA bingo and quiz night church hall	Friday 20 th October 6.30-9.00pm
Equalities & Inclusion parent group meeting	Tuesday 24 th October 3.30-4.30 Year 6 classroom
October half term holiday	Monday 30 th October
School re-opens	Monday 6 th November
Parents evening 3.45-7.00pm (phone conversation slots available throughout week) PTA used uniform sale after school	Wed 15 th November 3.30pm
Nasal Flu Immunizations in school	Friday 1 st December AM
Break up for Christmas	Friday 22 December

School Attendance and punctuality this week

The class with the best attendance this week is Year 4 with 99.54%.

The most punctual class this week is year 1 class. The overall attendance for school was 93.62%

Ofsted inspection visit- Wednesday 11th & Thursday 12th October

Many thanks to parents for the incredibly positive comments given via the parent survey and for speaking to Mr Wardle, lead inspector, during our two-day inspection.

Thanks to all the staff for their hard work in preparation and throughout the inspection. Also, the children were a credit to the school and behaved brilliantly throughout.

Although we are not currently allowed to share the grading of the inspection, we are very happy with the result. The official final inspection report will be published in around 6 working weeks and we will send it to all parents when we are able to. This should be during the w/c 27th November 2023.

Finally, many thanks to the Praying Parent group for providing staff with nibbles and snacks to keep us going over the period- it was very much appreciated!

Nasal Flu Immunizations

All parents of primary school children have the opportunity to have their children immunized against flu. The date that this will take place in school will be **Friday 1st December**.

We have sent out information via Dojo from the Leeds Community Health Team which gives instructions on how to request that your child/children receive the immunization.

There is a link to follow and you will need to enter the unique school code of EE108043.

This link will close 3 days before the 1st December. Any requests made after this date means those children cannot be seen in school. There may be the opportunity to have children immunised in local clinics at a later date.

PTA Bingo & Quiz Night

Our fantastic PTA are hosting a bingo and quiz night on Friday 20th October 6.30pm until 9.00pm. Tickets will be on sale from a PTA volunteer on the top playground after school each day at a cost of £2 if bought in advance or £3 on the night.

There is a licensed bar and snacks and hot drinks will be available to buy. Any children in pre-school are free.

"Give it 100%" in November

In March this year, we began our 'Give it 100%' attendance initiative, whereby for the whole month we rewarded children weekly with stickers and extra playtime if they had 100% attendance or no unauthorised absence (that means there is a genuine reason for being absent and the school office is informed). We also gave a certificate to children who achieved it all month.

We will repeat 'Give it 100%' in November, starting when we return from the holiday on the 6th November and it will stretch until Friday 1st December. Watch out for the banner!

PE Partner – October Half Term Holiday Club

We are hosting our fun holiday clubs at KSS led by PE Partner coaches.

The clubs run from 9.00 to 3.30pm and places cost £17.00 per day per child (you can book individual days).

Children must be between the ages of 5 and 11.

As always, the clubs will be a great mix of fun games, sports activities and exciting adventures with our coaches and are simply a brilliant way to keep the children entertained and active during the school holidays.

If you would like to book, please click the link below.

You can book individual days.

<https://pepartner.coordinate.cloud/project/41811>

Spread the word!

We will be holding open afternoons and evenings on the following dates for parents of potential 2024-25 reception children. Our brilliant Yr6 tour guides will take groups around school and there might be a tasty treat from the kitchen!

Please spread the word throughout the community and there will be banners advertising these soon!

Thursday 16 th November 1.30-3.20pm 3.40-5.00pm	Open afternoon and evening Reception 2024
Thursday 7 th December 1.30-3.20pm 3.40pm-5.00pm	Open afternoon and evening for Reception 2024
Thursday 11 th January 1.30-3.20pm	Open afternoon September 2024

PTA events in the Autumn Term 2023

Thank you to our amazing PTA and the amazing activities and funds that they provide!

WC 16 th October	PTA Christmas card designs
Friday 20 th October	PTA Bingo and Quiz night in the Church Hall
Wednesday 15 th November	PTA used uniform sale
Friday 1 st December	Non-uniform day for Xmas Fayre – children to bring in good quality unused or unwanted gifts for tombola
Friday 8 th December	Non- uniform day for Xmas Fayre -children to bring in sweets and chocolate
Wednesday 13 th December	Xmas Fayre

The PTA would love to hear from you if you would like to join them and support the school. Please feel free to contact them on the following email address: - ststephenspta@outlook.com

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