



Kirkstall St Stephen's

Newsletter 20th October 2023

Diary Dates / PTA Events

| Events this half term | Date |
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| Equalities & Inclusion parent group meeting- all are welcome and there will be child care | 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 |
| Christmas pantomime for all children "Treasure Island" | Thursday 7 th December 9.30am |
| Reception Nativity AM and Pm performances – further details to follow PTA Xmas fayre after school 3.30-5.00 | Wednesday 13 th December |
| Break up for Christmas | Friday 22 December |

School Attendance and punctuality this week

The class with the best attendance this week is Year 6 with 97.50%.

The most punctual class this week is Reception class. The overall attendance for school was 93.19%

Tempest Individual Photographs

All children should have brought home a proof of their child's photograph taken by Tempest Photographers.

All orders and payments should be completed online on the Tempest website. If you order **in the next two weeks** delivery is free to school. Orders received after this date will be despatched to your home address.

Damaged phonics/reading books

We have a lovely new Twinkl phonics reading scheme and have spent many thousands of pounds purchasing phonics books to match this scheme. Whilst most children take and bring back these books in a good condition, we are finding that some books are damaged when they are returned.

We believe it is parents' responsibility to ensure books are sent back in the same condition as received and we will ask parents to pay for damaged books. If this is not done, then we might only send e-books back with that child.

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.

"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!

The Food Project - Yorkshire 3 Peaks Challenge

A group of school parents will be completing the Yorkshire 3 Peaks Challenge tomorrow and would really love your support and donations. They are raising funds to help those who struggle to be able to get food as hunger reality is a reality for many in our community. Please donate as generously as you can. Tomorrow will be a tough challenge, especially with the weather warning, but this is our way of helping. We would really appreciate your support. Parents doing the challenge are Suzanne Nutter, Kathryn Gray, Nicola Howsam, Tim Payne and Reverend Stephen Kaye! Please see link to donate: https://givealittle.co/campaigns/888651e8-8b6f-4463-ac30-2f554ac43fc4?fbclid=IwAR1k9ZXkbvuwT5jN8v6xxV4crW4FH7YS7QnWCtaw_33dbM2B8btAgFR05cM

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!

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| 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!

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| 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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