



Kirkstall St Stephen's

Newsletter 17th November 2023

Diary Dates / PTA Events

Events this half term	Date
Nasal Flu Immunizations in school Non-uniform day please bring good quality gifts for the tombola	Friday 1 st December AM
Christmas pantomime for all children "Treasure Island" Open afternoon and evening for Reception 2024 1.30-3.20 & 3.40-5.00pm	Thursday 7 th December 9.30am
Non-uniform day for Xmas Fayre please bring in sweets and chocolate	Friday 8 th December
Reception Nativity – further details to follow	Tuesday 12 th December AM Wednesday 13 th December AM
PTA Xmas fayre after school 3.30-5.00	Wednesday 13 th December
KS1 Christmas show for parents PM	Monday 18 th December
KS1 Christmas show for parents AM	Tuesday 19 th December
School Xmas dinner book/pay on School Gateway <i>Please note</i> if there is no booking on the day and you wish your child to have the meal it will be the vegetarian option only. Class Christmas parties PM	Thursday 21 st December
Break up for Christmas Christmas Church Service 2.30pm	Friday 22 December
Return to school after Christmas	Monday 8 th January 2024
Open afternoon for Reception 2024 children 1.30-3.20pm	Thursday 11 th January

School Attendance and punctuality this week

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

The most punctual class this week was year 4. The overall attendance for school was 91.63%

Children in Need

Thank you so much to everyone who gave a donation for Children in Need today. **We have raised £145.90 so far, well done everyone!**

Staffing update

We are sadly saying goodbye to Miss Sheard, Mr Moriarty and Mrs Reed this month, as they are moving on from their various roles in school. We thank them for their dedication and positivity and wish them all the best in the future.

We have recruited Mrs Lynsey Richards to work as a teaching assistant in Reception from January 2024 onwards and Mrs Sharee Jones to work as a teaching assistant in Year 6 up to Christmas and then a combination of Year 5 and 6 from January 2024 onwards.

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

British Sign Language

Workers Education Association (WEA) are offering low cost (or FREE for people on benefits / low incomes) online courses in British Sign Language for beginners. Courses are 5-6 weeks. The Beginners course will give you an introduction to BSL so you can learn the basics. The festive sign song course will teach you to sign along to festive songs, teaching you some BSL basics along the way. You can always share what you've learned with your kids!

See the links below for details and how to enrol:

https://www.wea.org.uk/courses/skills-life/communication-skills/20-november-personal-development-beginners-british-sign?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=socialmedia&utm_campaign=Summer+Learning

https://www.wea.org.uk/courses/skills-life/communication-skills/14-november-personal-development-bsl-festive-sign-song?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=socialmedia&utm_campaign=Summer+Learning

“Give it 100%” in November

This has now started and will run to 1st December. Each week children will receive an extra playtime and a sticker on a Thursday afternoon if they have no unauthorised absence or late marks (after registers close at 9.15pm). We will also give a certificate to children who achieve this over the month.

PTA events in the Autumn Term 2023

We would like to pass on a huge thank you to our PTA, who have again contributed to the school £1,400 to support the school trips for every class. Their support with this helps us keep the costs of trips down for all our families and allows us to continue taking the children to amazing places each year. Thank you to all our PTA and those who support their fundraising.

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Friday 8th December	Non- uniform day for Xmas Fayre -children to bring in sweets and chocolate
Wednesday 13th 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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