



# Kirkstall St Stephen's

## Newsletter 15th December 2023

### Diary Dates / PTA Events

Events this half term	Date
Christingle Service in Kirkstall St Stephens church 3.00pm	Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> December
KS1 Christmas show for parents 2.30pm – No tickets required! Maximum of 2 family members per family due to capacity of school hall Parents can take children home after performance (once they are changed in class, but please wait in the playground for them to be released)	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm
KS1 Christmas show for parents 9.15am - No tickets required! Maximum of 2 family members per family due to capacity of school hall	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 9.15am
Class Christmas parties PM	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December
School Xmas dinner book/pay on School Gateway Please note if there is no booking on the day and you wish your child to have the meal it will be the vegetarian option only due to expected demand for the turkey option.	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December
Christmas Church Service 2.30pm	Friday 22 December
Break up for Christmas	
Return to school after Christmas	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024
Open afternoon for Reception 2024 children 1.30-3.20pm	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> January

### School Attendance and punctuality this week

The class this week with the least number of late arrivals, was Reception, they have also smashed it with having the best overall attendance for the week with 96.67%. The overall attendance for school this week was 91.55%. We have had a lot of coughs and colds this week!

### Christingle Service

The Christingle Service takes place in church on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm and all are welcome. We will be sending home a Christingle candle with the children and this can be used to make donations which will go to "The Children's Society" charity. You can also make donations online by scanning the code on the side of the box.

### Message from Mrs Bailey

Thank you so much for all the Christmas presents you have sent in for children who are refugees and seeking asylum. Your response has been overwhelming!

The presents are now being distributed. This was the response from one mum, whose child is a recipient of a present: "The present means a symbol of embracing and celebrating whatever life we have now. It is not easy to live a life with £47.00 per week as a mother to a young child. I have to juggle every week either to buy food or nappies. This doesn't stop me from embracing the presents and looking forward to the hope of a better future." So, thank you to all who donated and your generosity.

### PTA News / Xmas Fair

Massive thank you to the PTA for organising and running the Christmas fair this year. It was a great success and we will let you know in due course how much it has raised for school funds. A list of winning raffle tickets was put on Class Dojo. We had some great prizes this year and thank you to those who donated gifts and vouchers.

Further PTA events will be announced in the New Year.

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](mailto:ststephenspta@outlook.com)

### **Year 5 Carol Singing**

Our year 5 class went carol singing at Morrisons yesterday. They managed to raise through donations a massive £300! This money will go to a school trip next year for them, details will be revealed later.  
Well done to the children and Yr5 staff for such a monumental amount!

**Mr P Sheppard Headteacher**