



Kirkstall St Stephen's

Newsletter 12th January 2024

Diary Dates / PTA Events

Events this half term	Date
SEND coffee morning in school hall 9.00-10.00 (see details below)	Wednesday 17th January
"Meet the PTA" coffee morning and used uniform sale in school hall 9.00 -10.00	Wednesday 24 th January
Cllr Fiona Venner Kirkstall 'surgery' in school hall 9-11am	Wednesday 31st January
WC 29 th January art week in school	WC 29 th January
PTA quiz in the church hall-details to follow later	Friday 2nd February
Art exhibition in school 3.40-4.40 (see details below)	Wednesday 7th February
Break up for half term	Friday 9th February
Return to school	Monday 19th February
Parents' evening 3.30-7.00pm (phone calls throughout the week)	Wednesday 21st February

School Attendance and punctuality this week

The class with the best attendance this week is Year 3 with 94.58%

The class this week with the least number of late arrivals, was Reception. The overall attendance for school this week was 90.01%.

PTA News

We are pleased to tell you that the PTA raised a huge £1,435 from the school fair. This is the biggest amount they have ever raised and we want to give a big thank you towards all who helped and contributed. This goes to help funding school trips and resources in school.

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

School Art Week Exhibition "Collaboration"

On the 7th February between 3.30-5.00pm we are holding an art exhibition throughout the school and in the school hall. This exhibition is to showcase the work that the children will create throughout art week.

Our exhibition is called "Collaboration" and this is our theme for art week this year.

Everybody is welcome to come and view the exhibition! We are inviting parents, carers, family and friends to come and see what we have created. Please bring in some change as there will be refreshments for sale in the hall and any money from the sale of these will go towards the art and DT curriculum. We hope to see you there!

SEND Coffee Morning Wednesday 17th January

The next SEND coffee morning will take place in the hall on Wednesday 17th January 8.55-10.00am. We will be joined by a representative from Scope to explain about their services, including their "Activities for all" offer. There will also be a representative from Leeds Mind to speak to parents of children in Years 5 and 6 about the Mental Health Support service they offer for children in Year 6 and above. If you have an older child and would like to also learn more about Leeds Mind, please feel to join the presentation too. Information about this can be found on their website <https://www.leedsmind.org.uk/young-people/>

We hope you can join us!

The Governing Body is Recruiting

We would love to add more parent and Foundation Governors to our committed and skilled governing body. A Foundation Governor does not need to be a parent of a child in school but must be able to affirm our Church of England ethos.

We want to ensure that Kirkstall St Stephen's remains a place where everyone knows they are cherished, they are challenged and they are children of god.

Could you use your skills and time to play your part in this?

In particular we would welcome candidates who:

- Are confident decoding numerical data
- Are able to identify patterns and anomalies in statistics
- Can scrutinise budgets

We would also love you to apply if you have experience in education.

If you would like to chat through more of what being a school governor entails, chat to parents Tim Payne or Linda Dray in person or contact school and we can pass your details onto them.

Mr P Sheppard
Headteacher