



# Kirkstall St Stephen's

## Newsletter 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### Diary Dates / PTA Events

Events this half term	Date
WC 29 <sup>th</sup> January art week in school	WC 29 <sup>th</sup> January
Cllr Fiona Venner- Kirkstall 'surgery' in school hall 9-11am	Wednesday 31st January
Art exhibition in school 3.40-4.40 (see details below)	Wednesday 7th February
<b>Break up for half term</b>	<b>Friday 9th February</b>
<b>Return to school</b>	<b>Monday 19th February</b>
Parents' evening 3.30-7.00pm (phone calls throughout the week)	Wednesday 21st February
PTA film night	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> February
WC 4 <sup>th</sup> March Cultural celebrations this week	WC 4 <sup>th</sup> March
World Book Day Themed dinner menu "The World of Harry Potter" please book/pay on Gateway	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March

### School Attendance and punctuality this week

Please remember that notifying us of a child's appointment or absence must be done either by leaving a message on the school phone or you can message Mrs Wren on School Gateway or Dojo. Mrs Wren is the first point of contact for attendance matters relating to absences or time off for appointments in school time.

The class with the best attendance this week is Year 4 with 95.0%

The class this week with the least number of late arrivals, was Reception. The overall attendance for school this week was 92.11%.

### Homework Survey

We are currently reviewing our homework policy and would like your help in thinking how we can improve the homework we set for children.

Apologies we initially put the wrong link on Dojo please use the one below. Please complete the forms by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February.

<https://forms.gle/rtv1svEFeb2pa1zy6>

### School Art Week Exhibition "Collaboration"

On the 7<sup>th</sup> 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!

### Huxley Year 5

One of our pupils, Huxley in year 5 is walking 26 miles to raise money for clean water for a village in Sierra Leone this weekend. If you would like to sponsor him for this fantastic cause the link is:

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/HUXLEYSKIPTON?utm\\_term=8X92WXP64](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/HUXLEYSKIPTON?utm_term=8X92WXP64)

### **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.

### **PTA News**

Designs for Mothers' Day cards will be sent home this week. Then parents will be able to order from the design. You will get a free card with all orders but will be able to order not just cards but mugs, coasters, note pads and even a plant pot with the completed design on.

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)

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