Kirkstall St Stephen's Newsletter 23rd October 2026

Diary Dates and Forthcoming PTA Events	Date
Break up for half term holiday	**Friday 23 October**
Return to school	**Monday 2 November**
Open afternoon and evening for 2027 Reception children	**Wednesday 4 November** **1.30-3.20pm** **3.40-5.00pm**
Parent's Evening (phone calls throughout week as well) **PTA used uniform sale from 3.30pm**	**Wednesday 11 November 3.45-7.00pm**
Tempest Individual photographs (on roll children only)	**Wednesday 18 November AM in school**
Open afternoon for Reception 2027	**Wednesday 2 December 1,30-3.15pm** **3.40-5.00pm**
Non- uniform day for Xmas Fair tombola	**Friday 4 December**
Reception Nativity- further details to follow	**Wednesday 9 December**
"Winter Warmer" with Santa after school -further info to follow	**Wednesday 9 December**
Key Stage 1 Christmas show-further details will follow **Key Stage 1 Christmas show**	**Monday 14 December 1.30pm** **Tuesday 15 December 9.30am**
Class Christmas parties	**Wednesday 16 December pm**
Christmas Church Service in St Stephen's Church **Break up for Christmas break**	**Friday 18 December 2.30pm**
Return to school 2027	**Monday 4 January**

Class with best attendance this week	**Reception 98.05%**
Overall school attendance	**95.8%**

Correct Procedure for Reporting Absence

A Ring the school office on 01133821960 and leave a message on option1.
B Email via the school email contactus@kirkstallss.net or contact Mrs Wren on nicola.wren@kirkstallss.net
C Message Mrs Wren via School Gateway.
Please do not use Class Dojo or message other members of staff.

Light Night

The first PTA Light Night was a great success, with children putting on headphones for a silent disco, playing games and crafting! Many thanks to our brilliant PTA for organising and running the night and also all the teachers that stopped to support!

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 2nd November and it will stretch until Friday 27th November.

Sign the Petition

One of our parents has set up a petition to ask for the support of parents and residents in our community to see if we can improve the safety of the zebra crossing at the front of school.
Some years ago, we did have a crossing patrol and the zebra crossing was put in to replace this. However as many of you are aware it can be quite hazardous at times and vehicles do not always stop!

https://c.org/FLHj5QKwVK

Many thanks to Ms Fox for getting this petition started!

PTA Christmas Cards

Templates have been sent out to all classes this week for children to design a Christmas card. The designs will be done in class and then passed on to the PTA for printing by Class Fundraising.
The children will then bring home the printed design and you will be able to order Christmas cards and other items with your child's design on direct from the Class Fundraising website.
The orders are then delivered to school in time for Christmas.

Have a lovely half term everyone!

Phil Sheppard
Head Teacher