



# *Kirkstall St Stephen's*

## *Newsletter 16th December 2022*

### Diary Dates / PTA Events

Event	Date
Break up for Christmas holidays	Friday 16 December 2.30
<b>Return to school in New Year</b>	<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023</b>
PTA Used uniform sale in the hall	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2023 3.15pm+
Open afternoon for potential September 2023 Reception families	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 1.30-3.15pm
Bun sale in school- EYFS and KS1 children to bring in buns/cakes etc to then be distributed throughout school by the PTA	Wednesday 18th January 2023

### Thank you

It is coming up to one calendar year since I took over as Headteacher of KSS. I couldn't ask for a warmer, and more friendly and loving school to lead and I thank all children, staff and parents for their continued positive support. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year everyone and see you in 2023!

### School attendance for Week

The class with the best class attendance is Reception with 92.27%. Overall attendance for school this week is 88.67% due to substantial amounts of illness and Reception had the least number of late arrivals.

### Goodbye Mr Crossley!

It was a bittersweet moment today to cap off the annual 'Songs around the tree' competition (won by Year 3!) when the children sang a special version of Leeds United's 'Marching on Together' with edited lyrics to say goodbye to Mr Crossley. It certainly brought a tear to many eyes! We will miss Henry and wish him all the best in his new role at Ireland Wood Primary.

### Rudolph Run

Last Friday the Rudolph Run took place at Kirkstall Abbey in aid of the charity "Give a Duck" which supports children's cancer. We were the first ever school to take part and the organisers commended the children, staff and volunteers for their enthusiasm and perseverance.

We have managed to raise £246.40 so far. Thank you to all who donated and you can still contribute to this worthwhile cause on School Gateway!

### Gate Access and Opening Times

We would just like to remind parents that the school gate opens at 8.45am and at 3.15pm to allow parents to drop off children and collect. Please can we ask that parents do not press the bell to gain access before these times. Children are still in lessons before 3.15 and the gate must remain closed as a safeguarding issue until teaching staff are ready to release children.

### PTA events in the Spring Term 2023

<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023 3.15pm+</b>	Used uniform sale in the hall
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023</b>	Bun sale in school- EYFS and KS1 children to bring in buns/cakes etc to then be distributed throughout school by the PTA
<b>Late January TBC</b>	Mothers' Day cards created by children and then designs sent off by PTA in readiness for Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> March.
<b>Late February TBC</b>	PTA disco
<b>Late March TBC</b>	PTA Bingo night

Many thanks to the PTA for their hard work and dedication raising funds to be used in school. It's really appreciated!

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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