



# Kirkstall St Stephen's

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## RE: Newsletter

Dear Parents & Carers,

This week we welcomed back Year 1 as well as Reception Class. Once again the children have astounded us with their enthusiasm, smiles and energy, what positivity they bring! So far we have had just over half of Year 1 returning (with some in the key worker groups) and just under half of Reception Class. The behaviour and attitude of all pupils has been incredible and a real credit to you all. We are really excited to welcome back Year 6 next week!

## School Wider Re-opening

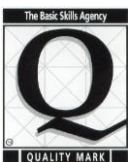
With the current restrictions in place; our school will be full with places allocated to these three year groups and our MEP Clubs. This is how it looks across school:

Group	Adults	Rooms
MEP Upper	Miss Hawes & Mrs Matthews	Hall
MEP Lower	Miss Lewis- Year 5	Year 5
Reception	Miss O'Connor, Mrs Winestein, Mrs Adams	Reception, Year 1, Year 2
Year 1	Mrs Straw, Mrs Pickard, Mrs Reed	Reception, Year 1, Year 2
Year 6	Mr Crossley, Mr Holdsworth, Miss Williams	Year 4, Year 6, Year 3

All staff who are not currently shielding or absent on medical grounds are all now back working in school. Our Senior leadership team has started planning a range of options for the return of all year groups from September, Mr Viles intends writing to you next week to provide further details following the next set of government guidance.

## September- Reverse Transition Week

In September we intend to do a reverse transition week when children return. In the coming weeks we will confirm new class teachers for each year group for the next academic year, but in order for the pupils to have time with their teachers from this year- we will be working in time for them to revisit their teacher, to enable them to share their stories of lockdown and their news from the



summer holidays. More details will follow on this later in the term.

## **Mrs Eileen Howes**

The funeral of Eileen Howes will take place next week on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June. As part of proceedings, Eileen's family have asked the hearse passes through the school crossing on Morris Lane between 3:15 and 3:30 so she can say good bye to the school one last time. This has touched many staff and parents or children. If you are passing, or in the area, please feel free to stand and wait as a mark of respect. We will take out MEP club for pick up 5 minutes earlier on this day in case families want to make their way up to Morris Lane.

## **KSS Challenge**

The challenge last week was **'to write/make a thank you letter or card to someone who has helped you through lockdown.'** Please see our video here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JZ-XOTkC4mw>

This week's challenge is: 'to cook or bake something special'. Send your photos to [KSSchallenge@kirkstallss.net](mailto:KSSchallenge@kirkstallss.net) before 10am on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June- enjoy!

## **Lost Property**

We have a large quantity of lost property which remains in school. We will be putting the lost property out on the wheelie lunchbox trolleys, against the wall of the medical practice by the bike sheds on every dry forecast day from Monday onwards 8:30-3:30 until further notice (hopefully we will have more dry days next week- this week has been a bit of a wash out!). If the BBC weather forecast for Leeds says showers are due the property will not be put outside. If you know your child has left property, please do come down and take a look, remember to observe social distancing.

## **Home Learning Packs**

The next set of home learning packs will be out from Monday- in the usual place under the bike sheds. They run for 2 weeks.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend,

Best Wishes, Stay Safe

Miss Barnett

Deputy Headteacher