

# Kirkstall St Stephen's

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## RE: Newsletter

Dear Parents & Carers,

This has been a very different and unusual week in school for us all, however we are very pleased to inform you it has been a successful one. The children who have attended school have been so positive and an absolute joy, it is like the school is starting to smile again.

### Reception Class

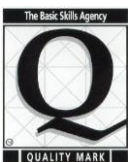
On Tuesday we welcomed back our first wave of Reception children who came in for 2.5 hours on Tuesday and Wednesday, leaving just before lunch. The feedback from parents has been exceptionally positive and the children were happy- no tears in school at all! We had 11 pupils with more considering returning from the 15<sup>th</sup> June (we are operating a 2-week review period).

### MEP Club

Our MEP Club has grown slightly as more Key Worker pupils have returned this week. We now have a Lower MEP and an Upper MEP club where pupils are split by age. This is working well and the children have adapted well to the new routines. Next week is the last week the children will be required to bring a packed lunch to MEP+56, from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> we will be opening up our school lunch 'grab bag' to MEP Club. Please let us know if this is something you would like for your child if you haven't already done so.

### Playtime Clarification

Advice on the schools Risk Assessments from Leeds City Council changed slightly from Friday last week which means that children returning to school can use some shared equipment when necessary. This is great news for the children as it means PE lessons and break times can have equipment available, provided it stays within the bubble. It will be cleaned regularly and children will be asked to wash their hands prior to use and at the end of the sessions.



## Year 1 and 6

We are planning to bring back some of our Year 1 pupils from Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> onwards. The children in Year 1 will be in school on a Thursday and Friday only. The detailed letter with timings on should have been sent out this afternoon to all Year 1 pupils.

Parents of Year 6 pupils will receive their letter with timings on Monday. It will detail their 'bubble leader' and drop off and pick up times.

Please remember the decision to send your child back into school is yours. There will be no fines for parents who choose not to send their child/children back, but you have our full support if it is the right decision for you.

## KSS Challenge

The KSS Challenge for over the holidays has been to create a picture from nature and we have some wonderful entries. Please see our video here: <https://youtu.be/TlumloD8KEI>.

The challenge for this week is **'to write/make a thank you letter or card to someone who has helped you through lockdown.'** It might be a parent or grandparent who has been helping you with your school work, or a doctor or nurse if a family member was sick. Please send your entry to [ksschallenge@kirkstallss.net](mailto:ksschallenge@kirkstallss.net) by 10am on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June.

## 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. 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.

Best Wishes, Stay Safe

Miss Barnett

Deputy Headteacher