

Kirkstall St Stephen's

Church of England Aided Primary School
Headteacher : Mr S Viles

<http://www.kirkstall-st-stephens.leeds.sch.uk/>
contactus@kirkstallss.net

Morris Lane
Kirkstall
Leeds
LS5 3JD
0113 3821960

Friday 29th May 2020

RE: Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have been enjoying this glorious half term weather! I can't believe how incredible the weather has been throughout the whole lockdown! Staff have been exceptionally busy this week preparing school for our wider reopening. We have changed layouts, moved resources, installed additional outdoor sinks, markers, barriers and more to try and make our school environment as safe as possible. I would like to say a huge thank you to all staff who have given up their holiday again to help us prepare!

KSS Challenge:

The KSS challenge has been 'To create a picture from nature'. This will be rolled over to next week (as it has been the holiday!) the deadline for entries is 10am on Thursday 4th June. I have loved the entries I have seen so far!

Opening School to more Pupils:

Following the government's announcement yesterday, we are pressing ahead with our plan to reopen our school to more pupils from Tuesday 2nd June. We are starting with Reception pupils, then in the week commencing 8th June Year 1 pupils and lastly Year 6 from Monday 15th June. We have been open for children of Key Workers and Vulnerable pupils throughout and will continue to do so. School is closing at 1pm on Wednesday afternoons to all pupils to enable a deep clean mid-week.

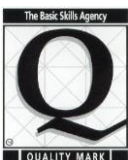
Entry to school for MEP Club and Reception & Year 1 Pupils:

The start of the school day will be different to pupils and parents, as we try to ensure strict social distancing for everyone's safety.

Reception children have all received a letter this week detailing their bubble group and specific timings. Please ensure you check your letter carefully and bring your child at the appropriate time if you have chosen to send your child into school at this point. At this moment in time we have approximately half of the children returning.

For more details on the

morning and pick up system- this video has been



compiled:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KenbK97WHbs&feature=youtu.be>

Year 1 and Year 6 letters will go out next week with further details, once we have evaluated Receptions return.

MEP Pupils:

For those parents who have requested an MEP club place, those have all been accepted. MEP club will be run in 2 groups from now on, Key stage 1 and Key stage 2. There is a small change to our operating times due to the staggered start and end times. We will have an open window for MEP pupils to arrive from 9:00-9:20am (this is in contracts to the Year group times which must be adhered to), I will meet pupils by the church hall path and send them into the playground where they will be directed to their room by another member of staff. Collection is 3:15- the pupils will be waiting in the bubble zone. If there is any reason this causes you a problem please inform the school office via email.

Home Learning packs:

Despite Monday being a training day the new home learning packs will be available from Monday, under the bike sheds. They have a different format to them this time, with some short daily activities included.

Home - School Learning Agreement:

A new home school learning agreement has been written and sent out to parents and carers today. This runs alongside an addendum to our school behaviour policy. Please read through this before sending your child into school. By returning your child to school you will be agreeing to this home school learning agreement.

Some Sad News:

Lastly, we end with some sad news. Unfortunately; Eileen Howe our long-time Lollipop Lady; sadly passed away last week. Although Eileen was in her 80s the death came as a shock, and we know many in our school community will be deeply saddened. If any child/family would like to send in a comment, picture/drawing or well wishes to school, we will take care to compile them and pass them on to her family.

Best Wishes, Stay Safe

Miss Barnett

Deputy Headteacher