



Kirkstall St Stephen's

Newsletter 20th January 2023

Diary Dates / PTA Events

Events this half term	Date
Skipton Castle trip Year 2 (please pay & give consent on School Gateway)	Wednesday 1 st February
Drop in morning in the school hall- 9.00 till 10.15 for tea and a chat	Wednesday 8 th February
Friday 10 th February break up for half term Non- uniform day "Dress to Express"	Friday 10 February
Monday 20 th February school re-opens	Monday 20 th February

School attendance for Week

The class with the best class attendance this week is year 6 with 97.58%.

Overall attendance for school this week is 94.99%

Free School Meals

Leeds City Council have been running a campaign this week to try and increase the number of children eligible for Free School Meals. If you think you may be eligible and you do not already receive Housing Benefit or Council Tax Support you will need to complete an online form to apply. Please follow this link;

<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/apply-for-free-school-meals>

if you already receive Council Tax Support this automatically means your child will get free meals and we will be notified. Even if your child is in key Stage 1 and gets the Universal Free meals it is still worth applying as the award will carry through school with them. School also receives extra funding called Pupil Premium.

Term time absence and appointments

The phone line is now back up and working, so please remember to notify Mrs Wren in the school office on 0113 3821960 of any absences due to illness or of any appointments.

Please can we remind parents that if you require time off for your child in term time for holidays you must request this in advance. There is a form on the school website or you can obtain one from the school office. Absences are only authorised in "exceptional circumstances" and it is at the Head Teacher's discretion.

Where at all possible please try to arrange medical appointments outside of school hours to avoid disruption. If your child has to leave early for an appointment we will be asking you to provide evidence of this in the form of either the text or hospital letter.

PTA events in the Spring Term 2023

Many thanks to the PTA for their brilliant bun sale on Wednesday. We will come back with the raised total next week!

Late January TBC	Mothers' Day cards created by children and then designs sent off by PTA in readiness for Sunday 19 th March.
Thursday 23rd February	PTA disco
Friday 24 March	PTA Bingo and quiz night

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

Mr P Sheppard Headteacher