



# *Kirkstall St Stephen's*

## *Newsletter 24th February 2023*

### Diary Dates / PTA Events

Events this half term	Date
"Give it 100%" attendance initiative from 1 <sup>st</sup> March to 31 <sup>st</sup> March	From 1 <sup>st</sup> March
World Book Day, dress to the theme of "Reuse and recycle" Themed lunch menu for World Book Day book/pay on Gateway	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March
Break up for Easter	Friday 31 March
Return to school after Easter break	Monday 17 April

### School Attendance for Week

The class with the best class attendance this week is Year 1 with 98.71%- that is fabulous!  
Overall attendance for school this week is 95.88 %, and the most punctual were Reception class.

### "Give it a 100%"

Next week sees the start of the 'Give it 100%' initiative on 1<sup>st</sup> March. Each week, children will be rewarded for either 100% attendance or authorised absences. At the end of this period 31<sup>st</sup> March all children that have achieved 100% attendance or any authorised absences will receive a certificate. Hopefully you will see that this initiative is not to punish anyone for having a genuine reason to be off school, but instead to encourage good attendance and punctuality.

### World Book Day 2<sup>nd</sup> March

We normally ask that the children dress up as a favourite character from a book. This year we are having a theme of '**Reuse and Recycle**' to be kinder to the planet. Outfits could be something found in a charity shop, borrowed or reused and even an old outfit. Or even make something from recycled items and be creative. There are also many book characters that actually wear normal clothes and with a bit of tweaking of hair and accessories you can be transformed without splashing the cash!

### Kirkstall Art Trail

Kirkstall Art trail is set to return this summer from 15-16<sup>th</sup> July. This is a celebration of art in our community. It is a weekend long series of free exhibitions, installations, performances and activities for everyone.

Kirkstall Art trail organisers are looking for artists, makers, organisations and workshop facilitators based in West Leeds to take part. You can submit an application through Curator Space by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April.

Express your interest to host or help by contacting: -

Website [kirkstallarttrail.wordpress.com](http://kirkstallarttrail.wordpress.com)

Email [kirkstallarttrail@outlook.com](mailto:kirkstallarttrail@outlook.com)

### Three Peaks Challenge in Aid of CRY Charity

Thomas from Year 2's mum and aunty are walking the Yorkshire 3 Peaks tomorrow, to raise money for a charity called CRY (Cardiac Risk in The Young). It is a cause close to their hearts and the aim is to support all school age children to be checked at an early age. The go fund me link is

[https://www.gofundme.com/f/fundraising-for-cry-cardiac-risk-in-the-young?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=product&utm\\_campaign=p\\_email%2B4803-donation-alert-v5](https://www.gofundme.com/f/fundraising-for-cry-cardiac-risk-in-the-young?utm_medium=email&utm_source=product&utm_campaign=p_email%2B4803-donation-alert-v5)

**PTA events in the Spring Term 2023**

Many thanks to our brilliant PTA for their hard work last night running the school disco- it was great fun!

<b>Friday 24 March</b>	PTA Bingo and quiz night
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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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