



Kirkstall St Stephen's

Newsletter 17th March 2023

Diary Dates / PTA Events

Events this half term	Date
"Give it 100%" attendance initiative from 1 st March to 31 st March	From 1 st March
PTA Bingo Night in Church Hall- 5.30-8.30am Tickets on sale from the PTA in the afternoons	Friday 24 th March
Year 3/4 production "Get out of my swamp!" PM performance in the Church hall Tickets payable on Gateway	Tuesday 28 March 2.00-3.00pm
Year 3/4 production evening production 6.00-7.00pm performance in the Church hall Tickets payable on Gateway	Thursday 30 March 6.00-7.00pm
Easter service in church	Friday 31 March 2.30pm
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 5 with 99.22%- that's brilliant!
Overall attendance for school this week is 93.87%, and the most punctual were Year 6.

"Give it a 100%"

We began rewarding children with a sticker and extra playtime for good attendance and no unauthorised absences this week. We will continue doing this each Thursday until the 31st March!

You may have seen on Class Dojo that there will be a change to the time that the registers close after Easter. This means that children arriving after 9.15am will be coded as "**U**" **this means an unauthorised late after the registers have closed**, and they lose the morning session mark. This closure time is in line with other schools in the area. This is to encourage good punctuality and attendance.

Governors

Many thanks to Mr Phil Steward and Mrs Sue Hudson for their amazing work as Governors as they step down from their respective roles. Mr Steward has done a sterling job as Chair of Governors, helping to lead the school through COVID and in supporting me in my first year as Headteacher. Mrs Hudson has been a governor for over 20 years! With their retirement, there will be opportunities for more people to join the governing body. Watch this space for further information.

Cards

I have noticed children swapping football & Pokémon cards in school. This is absolutely fine, but can I please ask that children swap at the start of the day before school starts and at the end of the day at pick-up. This will lessen the chance of cards going missing or any potential arguments that might occur.

PTA events in the Summer Term 2023

Friday 24 March	PTA Bingo and quiz night 5.30-8.30 church hall
Wednesday 26 April	Bun sale KS2 to bring buns
W/C 2 May	Coronation tea towel design Children will create a design for a tea towel and these will be sold later in the summer
W/C 8th & 15th May	Fathers' Day project similar to Mothers' Day design and merchandise
Thursday 18th May	Movie night details later
W/C 10th July	Used uniform sale
Thursday 13th July	Leavers disco

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

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