



Kirkstall St Stephen's

Newsletter 6th October 2023

Diary Dates / PTA Events

Events this half term	Date
World Mental Health Week WC 9 th October Tuesday children can wear yellow to school	Tuesday 10 th October World Mental Health Day
October Harvest Festival in church 2.30pm	Wednesday 11 th October
Reception 2024 open afternoon 1.30-3.20pm	Thursday 12 th October 1.30-3.20pm
Tempest individual photographs	Thursday 19 th October
Equalities & Inclusion parent group meeting	Tuesday 24 th October 3.30-4.30 Year 6 classroom
October half term holiday	Monday 30 th October
School re-opens	Monday 6 th November
Parents evening 3.45-7.00 (phone conversations throughout week) PTA used uniform sale after school	Wed 15 th November 3.30pm
Break up for Christmas	Friday 22 December

School Attendance and punctuality this week

The class with the best attendance this week is Year 6 with 98.75%.

The most punctual class this week is Reception class. The overall attendance for school was 93.47%

World Mental Health Week

Next week is the start of World Mental Health week and on Tuesday 10th October it is World Mental Health day and in recognition of this we would like children to wear something yellow to school, no donation is necessary. In recognition of this If anyone is struggling please don't be afraid to come in and speak to us. Mrs Winstein is our mental health ambassador in school and it is good to talk!

Harvest Festival Wednesday 11th October

You are warmly invited to our Harvest Festival service at 2.30pm on Wed 11th October at St. Stephen's church. If you are able to send any tins or dried goods in as part of the collection for the local food pantry we would be very grateful.

"Give it 100%" in November

In March this year, we began our 'Give it 100%' attendance initiative, whereby for the whole month we rewarding children weekly with stickers and extra playtime if they had 100% attendance or no unauthorised absence (that means there is a genuine reason for being absent and the school office is informed). We also gave a certificate to children who achieved it all month.

We will repeat 'Give it 100%' in November, starting when we return from the holiday on the 6th November and it will stretch until Friday 1st December. Watch out for the banner!

PE Partner – October Half Term Holiday Club

We are hosting our fun holiday clubs at Kirkstall St Stephen's primary School, led by your PE Partner coaches.

The clubs run from 9.00 to 3.30pm and places cost £17.00 per day per child (you can book individual days). Children must be between the ages of 5 and 11.

As always, the clubs will be a great mix of fun games, sports activities and exciting adventures with our coaches and are simply a brilliant way to keep the children entertained and active during the school holidays.

If you would like to book, please click the link below.

You can book individual days.

<https://pepartner.coordinate.cloud/project/41811>

Spread the word!

We will be holding open afternoons and evenings on the following dates for parents of potential 2024-25 reception children. Our brilliant Yr6 tour guides will take groups around school and there might be a tasty treat from the kitchen!

Please spread the word throughout the community and there will be banners advertising these soon!

Thursday 12 th October 1.30-3.20pm	Open afternoon for 2024 Reception children
Thursday 16 th November 1.30-3.20pm 3.40-5.00pm	Open afternoon and evening Reception 2024
Thursday 7 th December 1.30-3.20pm 3.40pm-5.00pm	Open afternoon and evening for Reception 2024
Thursday 11 th January 1.30-3.20pm	Open afternoon September 2024

PTA events in the Autumn Term 2023

Thank you to our amazing PTA and the amazing activities and funds that they provide!

Wednesday 4 th October	PTA bun sale Reception and KS1 to bring buns
WC 16 th October	PTA Christmas card designs
Friday 20 th October	PTA Bingo and Quiz night in the Church Hall
Wednesday 15 th November	PTA used uniform sale
Friday 1 st December	Non-uniform day for Xmas Fayre – children to bring in good quality unused or unwanted gifts for tombola
Friday 8 th December	Non- uniform day for Xmas Fayre -children to bring in sweets and chocolate
Wednesday 13 th December	Xmas Fayre

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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