



# Kirkstall St Stephen's

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## School Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

Last week Miss Barnett sent out a letter explaining our plans and arrangements for the end of this school year and the beginning of the new school year in addition to the staffing arrangements for the next academic year. We all remember the congestion at the beginning and end of the school day pre Covid and the new arrangements are an attempt to avoid this. We will be sending out a parent / carer feedback survey to parents towards the end of September so that parents and carers tell us their views on how this well or not they feel the new procedures are. I would ask that you give the new procedures a few weeks and hopefully they will prove to be a success. I have already had many positive responses from parents regarding the proposed changes in September.

Other things we can also look forward to next year is the return of whole school Collective Worship and Assemblies in the school hall. This is something we have all greatly missed and I am really looking forward to resuming these in September. Playtimes and lunch-times will also be largely organised as before Covid. Similar, it seems like an awful long time since we were last in St Stephen's Church; these visits will also be resumed. School trips and more visitors coming into school is also something for us to look forward to in September.

Thank you all for your incredible support in these challenging times and I hope you all manage to have a good and restful summer break. The Autumn Term is my last term as Head at St Stephen's and I look forward to seeing you all in September. I am sure that Mr Sheppard the new Headteacher from January 2022 will be in school as a part of the transition process during the Autumn term and I'm sure you will make him feel as welcome as I have always felt during my time at St Stephen's.

### **Mrs McCroakam - Retirement**

This week marks Mrs McCroakam's last week in School before she embarks on her retirement. Mrs McCroakam has worked at St Stephen's for 23 years and a further 5 years before that as a volunteer. She has made such an incredible difference to so many children across the school over the years. Mrs McCroakam is such a kind, caring and professional member of the St Stephen's team and she will be sadly missed. Thank you for your many kind contributions this week and I am sure you will all join me in wishing her well and congratulating her on her move into retirement.



### Lost Property

All unnamed lost property will be placed in the red bin by the bike shed at the end of school tonight. We always try to get named uniform back to its owners but we can't if there is no name on. Please feel free to have a rummage and all unclaimed goes to the uniform exchange which is being held in Bramley during the holidays as mentioned in last weeks' newsletter.

### Merit and VIP

<b>Year</b>	<b>VIP Award (Values In Practice)</b> We have 6 core values in school that we try to reflect in our actions <b>Thankfulness, Trust, Perseverance, Respect, Justice &amp; Forgiveness</b>	<b>Merit for the week</b> Awarded for an amazing achievement this week
Rec	<b>All Reception Class</b> for a super first year of school life	<b>All Reception Class</b> for working so hard in a difficult year. Well done!
1	<b>Nissi Okuyemi</b> for being an always child all year round!	<b>Raees Bashir</b> for a super attitude during our animal experience.
2	<b>Jake Pickering</b> for always being a ray of sunshine. Jake is always smiling and has a positive attitude	<b>All of Year 2</b> for being amazing this year we have loved teaching you!
3	<b>All of Year 3</b> for perfect behaviour for our animal encounters!	<b>Logan Hill</b> for outstanding effort in our active maths lessons.
4	<b>All of Year 4 for all working so hard through a challenging year and making us so proud!</b>	<b>Erica Bayat</b> for being so sensible on our trip to Kirkstall Abbey.
5	<b>Layla Almond</b> for always being so respectful towards her teacher and classmates.	<b>Dominic Hastings</b> for his fantastic maths score in our end of year tests, he has made such progress.
6	<b>All of Year 6</b> for having a smile on their faces all week!	<b>Kelis Stewart</b> for helping us all get ready for Oscar's Night!

### Class Attendance for the year

<b>Reception</b>	<b>92.64%</b>	<b>Year 4</b>	<b>94.90%</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>95.82%</b>	<b>Year 5</b>	<b>95.11%</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>96.09%</b>	<b>Year 6</b>	<b>95.11%</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>96.02%</b>		

**The overall school attendance for the year is 95.10%**

We hope you enjoy the holidays and we will see you all on Monday 6th September

Kind Regards

Mr Viles  
Headteacher