



Kirkstall St Stephen's

Newsletter 2nd February 2024

Diary Dates / PTA Events

Events this half term	Date
Art exhibition in school 3.40-4.40 (see details below)	Wednesday 7th February
Deadline for Mother's Day card designs to be handed in (see below for payment details)	Friday 9th February
Break up for half term	Monday 19th February
Return to school	Monday 19th February
Parents' evening 3.30-7.00pm (phone calls throughout the week)	Wednesday 21st February
PTA film night	Thursday 29 th February
WC 4 th March Cultural celebrations this week	WC 4 th March
World Book Day Themed dinner menu "The World of Harry Potter" please book/pay on Gateway	Thursday 7 th March

School Attendance and punctuality this week

Please remember that notifying us of a child's appointment or absence must be done either by leaving a message on the school phone or you can message Mrs Wren on School Gateway or Dojo. Mrs Wren is the first point of contact for attendance matters relating to absences or time off for appointments in school time.

The class with the best attendance this week is Year 3 with 94.83%

The class this week with the least number of late arrivals, was Year 1. The overall attendance for school this week was 92.13%.

Homework Survey

We are currently reviewing our homework policy and would like your help in thinking how we can improve the homework we set for children.

Apologies we initially put the wrong link on Dojo please use the one below. Please complete the forms by Friday 9th February.

<https://forms.gle/rtv1svEFeb2pa1zy6>

School Art Week Exhibition "Collaboration"

On the 7th February between 3.30-5.00pm we are holding an art exhibition throughout the school and in the school hall. This exhibition is to showcase the work that the children will create throughout art week.

Our exhibition is called "Collaboration" and this is our theme for art week this year.

Everybody is welcome to come and view the exhibition! We are inviting parents, carers, family and friends to come and see what we have created. Please bring in some change as there will be refreshments for sale in the hall and any money from the sale of these will go towards the art and DT curriculum. We hope to see you there!

PTA News/Mother's Day Designs

Designs for Mothers' Day cards should have been sent home. Parents will be able to order from the design. You will get a free card with all orders but will be able to order not just cards but mugs, coasters, note pads and even a plant pot with the completed design on.

Orders to be in by 9th February. Return design to school office and either pay by exact cash amount, or pay online to the PTA account using the following details:

Nat West Bank KSS PTA
Account No 32066686
Sort code 52-30-11

The Governing Body is Recruiting

We would love to add more parent and Foundation Governors to our committed and skilled governing body. A Foundation Governor does not need to be a parent of a child in school but must be able to affirm our Church of England ethos.

We want to ensure that Kirkstall St Stephen's remains a place where everyone knows they are cherished, they are challenged and they are children of god.

Could you use your skills and time to play your part in this?

In particular we would welcome candidates who:

- Are confident decoding numerical data
- Are able to identify patterns and anomalies in statistics
- Can scrutinise budgets

We would also love you to apply if you have experience in education.

If you would like to chat through more of what being a school governor entails, chat to parents Tim Payne or Linda Dray in person or contact school and we can pass your details onto them.

Mr P Sheppard
Headteacher