



Kirkstall St Stephen's

Newsletter WE 1st July 2022

Diary Dates / PTA Events

| Event | Date |
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| Kirkstall Festival | Saturday 9 th July |
| Report week | WC 11 th July (reports to go out by email) |
| Maths week | WC 11 th July to 15 th July |
| PTA disco after school | Thursday 14 th July (further details below) |
| PTA used uniform sale after school | Wednesday 20 th July |
| Break up for summer holidays | Friday 22 nd July |
| Training days | Monday 25 th July and Tuesday 26 th July |
| Training day school closed to pupils | Monday 5 th September |
| School re-opens for start of new term | Tuesday 6 th September |
| Training day | Friday 14 th October |

Attendance & Punctuality

The class with best attendance over the last week is Year 4 again with 96.60 %. The most punctual class over the week was Year 6 and Year 3. Whole school attendance for the week is 91.22%

Request for Absence in Term Time

Please can we remind parents that by law you need permission for children to have time off in term time. The Head Teacher will decide whether an absence should be authorised. Head Teachers will only authorise absence in term time where there are exceptional reasons for a child to miss school. Absence in term time should be made in advance on the appropriate form and reasons for absence given. This form can be downloaded from the school website or is available from the school office.

Absence in term time will not be authorised under the following circumstances;

- 1 During school tests or exams
- 2 When a child's attendance is below 90%
- 3 During the month of September
- 4 For more than 10 days in the school year.

Please note absences not authorised are liable to a Penalty Notice.

School disco Thursday 14th July

It is the PTA disco on Thursday 14th July! tickets cost £3.50 each and Year 6 are free. These will be sold via the PTA on the top playground next week or you can send cash in a clearly marked envelope. The price includes a hotdog, crisps and a drink. There are other items for sale at 50p each like drinks and lollies.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 start at 5.00pm until 6.25pm.

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 start at 6.35pm until 8.00pm

Children must be picked up by an adult from each disco

Please also note there will be a used uniform sale after school on Wednesday 20th July,

The PTA would love to hear from you if you would like to join them and support the school further. Please feel free to contact them on the following email address:- ststephenspta@outlook.com

U 11 Basketball Team Success!

Our u11 basketball team are North West Leeds champions!!

They beat Burley St Matthias 8 -0, Shire Oak B team 16- 0, Shire Oak A team 8 -0 and Sacred Heart in the final 12- 2. The “most valuable girl” of the tournament was Layla J and “most valuable” boy was Toby T both from Year 6. Big thank you to Mr Crossley and those parents that helped in the getting to and from the matches. An even bigger cheer for the team of Joe, Johnathan, Ben, Oliver, Lemmel, Toby, Layla, and Maya champions!!!

Mito Mission

We wanted to let you know that Isabella in year 1 will be taking part in Leeds Inflatable 5K on 30 July with her mum. This event is in aid of a charity called ‘My Mito Mission’ which is a charity that researches with Mitochondrial disease. Mitochondrial disease affects all the body’s cells and can have wide ranging symptoms from seizures to hearing loss and respiratory problems. For more information, go to <https://www.mymitomission.uk/what-is-mitochondrial-disease/> This event is to raise awareness and support of this condition. If you would like to support the fundraising effort, please make a donation to the just giving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/eddiesmito>

Kirkstall Festival Saturday 9th July

The parade for Kirkstall festival will meet on **Hesketh Road at 10.30am**. The parade will be led by the City of Leeds Pipe Band and will set off at 11.00am. Please can children come in fancy dress and make or bring noisemakers. The organisers have asked that everyone attending do a Lateral Flow test the day before and if anyone feels unwell with Covid like symptoms please do not attend.

The wearing of masks is optional and please sanitise hands and be aware of social distances as this is a very busy event.

Newsletters on School website

The school newsletter has moved on the school website to the ‘Parents’ section for those who prefer to view it on there.

**Mr P Sheppard
Headteacher**



“This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all children, and expects our staff and volunteers to share this commitment.”