



Kirkstall St Stephen's

Newsletter WE 9th Sept 2022

Diary Dates / PTA Events

Event	Date
PTA Teddy Bears Picnic now in Church Hall	Monday 12 th September 1.15-3.00pm
Training day	Friday 14 th October
Tempest individual photographs	Thursday 20 th October
Half term holiday	Break up Friday 21 st October
Nasal flu immunisations Intra Health	Thursday 3 rd November details to follow

Queen Elizabeth II

Our school community were deeply saddened by the news of the passing of Queen Elizabeth yesterday. I spoke to the children in a special assembly this morning and talked about celebrating her life and achievements. I will lead a more in-depth assembly closer to the end of the period of mourning. Children have had the opportunity to create special prayers in class and we will use these to make a ribbon chain in the hall. They have also been reminded that they can speak to any staff member and especially Mrs Winestein, if they are feeling sad.

Nasal Flu Immunisations

Nasal Flu Immunisations will take place in school on 3rd November. This will be carried out by Intra Health and is open to all children from Reception to Year 6.

Parents will be able to complete a **YES** or a **NO** consent form online by following the link below. This form will also provide information about flu, how it works the ingredients and signs and symptoms and it is then submitted directly to Intra Health prior to the session.

Please note the link will expire on 22nd September

If you require any support or have any questions about the immunisations, please contact the specialist immunisations team on 0333 3583 397 option 2 ext 3 or email immunisations.leeds@intrahealth.co.uk

If you would like your child to receive the nasal or injectable Non-porcine flu vaccine in school please follow this link to complete an online consent form;

<https://www.nhsimms.uk/FLU/information?Id=108043&Type=FLU>

School Gateway App

Our new app **School Gateway** is in place and has replaced School Spider. You should use the App to book and pay for school meals, book Before and After School Club, give consent and pay for school trips, and register for any after school activity clubs that we arrange. You can access this via your usual app store and register using the information we hold in school for you i.e. your mobile phone number and your email address. We are a cashless school and so all transactions should be done via this App. To enquire about availability of places in Before and After School Club or bookings please email: - beforeandafterschoolclub@kirkstallss.net

This will also be used alongside Class Dojo to provide you with information such as alerts, newsletters, and reports.

School meals – All children taking school meals, paid or free, should pre-book their choice using the App, please download and begin using it as soon as possible.

Parents along with the children, can select their meal choice and make a payment where requested.

Booking is required before 8am each morning. Where no pre-booking has been made the children will be offered the sandwich or jacket potato option at that day's meal time. We ask that payments are made a minimum of weekly in advance although you can book and pay as far in advance as you wish.

Charities

Our new school council will soon be formed and one of the key things they will be leading is our school charity focus for this year. I know we have many parents who work or support charities and was wondering if you would like to 'pitch' to our council members and also, if successful, work with them to help promote the charity in school. Please contact the school office if you are interested!

MVMNT and Artforms

I'm please to announce that, starting next week, our children in Years 1, 3, 4 and 5 will have the opportunity to take part in PE sessions led by the MVMNT specialised sports group. In addition, children in Years 4 & 5 will also have the chance to take part in specialised music lessons with a member of the Artforms group.

Therefore, on Tuesday afternoon Years 1 & 3 will have MVMNT teaching PE

On Thursday morning, Years 4 & 5 will have MVMNT teaching PE and Artforms teaching Music

Applying for High School Places in 2023

It is that time of year again where families in Year 6 need to apply for their child starting high school next year. You can find out more information and apply online at www.leeds.gov.uk/apply.

Applications are open between 1ST August until 31 October 2022 and you need to list 5 schools in order of your preference. Only putting one school will not increase your chances of getting that school.

My Mito Mission

Isabella from year 2 and her mum ran their 5k race on the 30th July for a charity that researches with Mitochondrial disease. So far, they have raised £315. Well done everyone!

PTA events Autumn Term 2022

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

Monday 12th September 1.15-3.00pm	Teddy bears picnic for new Reception children in Church Hall, with used uniform sale.
Tuesday 27th September 3.30 +	PTA AGM in the school hall
Friday 7th October 7.00 +	Bingo/quiz night in church or school hall
Wednesday 19th October	Bun sale – PTA to sell in class at break times
WC 17th October	Children to create Christmas card designs to be sent off by PTA in time for delivery before Christmas break
Friday 25th November	Non school uniform day – Christmas fayre donation – sweets/chocolate or alcohol
Friday 2nd December	Non school uniform day – Christmas Fayre donation- tombola gifts
Wednesday 7th December 3.30-5.00	Christmas Fayre class gift tables and Santa grotto

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.”