



# *Kirkstall St Stephen's*

## *Newsletter WE 23rd Sept 2022*

### Diary Dates / PTA Events

Event	Date
Themed school meal Cricket World Cup	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> October book/pay on Gateway app
Harvest Festival in church all invited	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October 2.30pm
Training day	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> October
Tempest individual photographs	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October
Half term holiday	Break up Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October
Parent consultations	WC 31 <sup>st</sup> October details to follow
Nasal flu immunisations Intra Health	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November (link closed to book)

### School attendance for Week

The class with the best class attendance is year 6 with 98.97%%

Overall attendance for school this week is 92.62%

### Kingswood Residential

Our year 6 children returned from their residential trip to Kingswood Peak Adventure this afternoon. Mrs Muranka has told us that all the children have been a credit to the school with perfect behaviour and how they have conducted themselves away from home, in some cases for the first time. They have all slept well and have had a great time! A big thanks to the staff who accompanied them, Mrs Muranka, Mr Holdsworth and Mrs Winestein who I am sure will sleep extremely well themselves tonight!

### Spaces in classes

Please be aware that we have a one or two spaces in the majority of the classes in school, due to a few families leaving us in the Summer Term. Please feel free to pass this information onto friends or relatives who are looking for a place. Our admissions arrangements can be found on the school website.

### Open afternoons and evenings

We are pleased to announce a number of open sessions for parents of potential 2023 Reception starters. These will be guided tours given by members of our fantastic Year 6, with the opportunities to explore school and, if coming during the afternoon slot, to see lessons taking place.

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October**- afternoon session

1.30-3.15pm

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November**- afternoon session and evening session

1.30-3.15pm and then 3.45-5.30pm

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December**- afternoon session and evening session

1.30-3.15pm and then 3.45-6.00pm

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January**-afternoon session

1.30-3.15pm

Please email the office on [contactus@kirkstallss.net](mailto:contactus@kirkstallss.net) if you would like to book in on a session!

### **Themed Meal Day 6<sup>th</sup> October**

We will be having a themed meal day on 6<sup>th</sup> October to celebrate the Cricket World Cup. This is free to all children in school **but please book using the Gateway App**. There are posters in notice boards around school and at the gate with the menu on.

### **Parent Volunteers**

We would love for any parents who have regular spare time during the week to come into school and be a volunteer hero! This could be hearing readers or sitting and helping small groups under the teacher's supervision.

Please contact the office on [contactus@kirkstallss.net](mailto:contactus@kirkstallss.net) or 0113 382 1960 if you are interested.

### **School Gateway App - Urgent request**

Thank you to those families that have successfully downloaded the new School Gateway App. We will be using the App for lots of different areas in school as follows:

- **Making menu selection choices for those who take school lunches, and then making payment for the weekly charge.** From next Tuesday - 20<sup>th</sup> September, those children who have not made a menu choice online will be offered a sandwich at lunchtime instead of the choices available. We will NOT be taking orders in the classroom each morning as we have been doing in the short term. Menu choices MUST be made online. Even for those children who do not have to pay for their lunch. You can make your choices and will not be charged.
- **Booking and paying for Before & After School Club Sessions.** Places are limited and pupil to adult ratios are monitored, we staff the sessions according to bookings. As a result, anyone not booking online may not be accepted in the session and parents will have to make arrangements to collect the children at the end of the school day.
- **Registering and giving consent for all our after-school activity clubs** - Again places may be limited and the sooner you register an interest and give your consent the more likely your child will get a place in the club.
- **Booking you parents evening appointments once the dates have been set.**
- **Sending and receiving general messages from school.**

For those of you still to download the app, please search for the **School Gateway App** in your usual App store and then follow the instructions given to complete the registration.

If you are experiencing problems, please contact Mrs Skelton via the school office.

### **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](mailto:ststephenspta@outlook.com)

<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 3.30 +</b>	PTA AGM in the school hall
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 7.00 +</b>	Bingo/quiz night in church or school hall
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Bun sale – PTA to sell in class at break times
<b>WC 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Children to create Christmas card designs to be sent off by PTA in time for delivery before Christmas break
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Non school uniform day – Christmas fayre donation – sweets/chocolate or alcohol
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	Non school uniform day – Christmas Fayre donation- tombola gifts
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 3.30-5.00</b>	Christmas Fayre class gift tables and Santa grotto

**Mr P Sheppard**  
**Headteacher**

