



Kirkstall St Stephen's

Newsletter WE 7th October 2022

Diary Dates / PTA Events

Event	Date
Harvest Festival in church all invited	Wednesday 12 th October 2.30pm
Training day school closed to pupils	Friday 14 th October
PTA bun sale KS2 to bring donations of buns	Wednesday 19 th October buns are 30p each
Tempest individual photographs	Thursday 20 th October
Half term holiday	Break up Friday 21 st October
Parent consultations	WC 31 st October details to follow
Nasal flu immunisations Intra Health 2 nd chance to book if you missed first time. Follow link sent on Dojo today.	Thursday 3 rd November Link open again till 14/10/22

School attendance for Week

The class with the best class attendance is Reception class with 95.81%, they were also most punctual! Overall attendance for school this week is 94.07%

Harvest Festival

It is our Harvest Festival next week Wednesday 12th October at 2.30pm in church. Please can we ask for donations of dry goods like tins and packets of food and these will be distributed to "The Food Pantry" at St Andrews Church and PAFRAS which helps asylum seekers and refugees.

Umbrellas

We have had quite a few children coming to school with umbrellas. Please can we ask that they **do not** bring them as they can be quite hazardous on the playgrounds at break times. Now the weather is changing coats with hoods on are better or waterproofs.

School Holiday Club for Half Term

PE Partner is running a fantastic holiday club at our school at the half term holiday Monday 24th October to Thursday 27th October. The days will be filled with fun games, sports and craft activities.

Individual days run from 9.00 to 3.30pm and cost £16.00 per place and can be booked through this web link.

<https://pepartner.coordinate.cloud/event/148877>

Kirkstall Valley Development Trust

KVDT, based in the Church Hall have asked us to highlight the following events they are hosting to help support the community:-

Our hub launch day is next Wednesday. People can call in for a cuppa and cake anytime between 9am and 4pm. Our free-to-use children's library is also now open. On a Monday and Wednesday, there are free hot lunches available from 12pm for anyone who is struggling with the cost of living at the moment. No need to prove low income or benefits status, just call in.

Reading Heroes

We are looking for volunteer reading heroes! You should have been sent a letter on Class Dojo detailing our volunteer reading scheme and what it involves and how you can apply if you have some spare time.

Please apply here to be a Reading Hero

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=_THXih4xTUeS2iFJoA3djnR%20xTYXxGDFELebzAb4I2oJUNjhQN0FUNehCN1VOT0FIS05RSFVPQ0tKUi4u

Skills Heroes

As well as reading heroes we are looking for skills heroes who may have a love or aptitude to a particular subject or art skills who can come in and share those skills with the children. Please follow the link below:-

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=_THXih4xTUeS2iFJoA3djnR%20xTYXxGDFELebzAb4I2oJUQ1VXWFRFMDI2UFZUTEdRR0ZLRTdLWktUUy4u

School Houses

I would really like to begin a system of school houses using the colour groups the children were placed in for Sports Day.

Please can I ask children to submit ideas for names of the four houses. This could be on a piece of paper to me, via Class DOJO to their teacher or in an email to the office.

The only stipulation is that the names have to be important to KSS, our local area or Leeds. For example, famous people or landmarks. We will choose the winning suggestions just before half term.

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 17th November- afternoon session and evening session

1.30-3.15pm and then 3.45-5.30pm

Thursday 8th December- afternoon session and evening session

1.30-3.15pm and then 3.45-6.00pm

Thursday 5th January-afternoon session

1.30-3.15pm

Please email the office on contactus@kirkstalls.net if you would like to book in on a session!

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

Wednesday 19th October	Bun sale – Please bring buns/cake donations in the morning. 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