



# Kirkstall St Stephen's

## Newsletter WE 14 October 2022

### Diary Dates / PTA Events

Event	Date
Training day school closed to pupils	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> October
PTA bun sale KS2 to bring donations of buns	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October buns are 30p each
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 2 <sup>nd</sup> chance to book if you missed first time. Follow link sent on Dojo.	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November Link open again till Friday 14/10/22

### School attendance for Week

The class with the best class attendance is Reception class with 97.81%, they were also most punctual!  
Overall attendance for school this week is 95.15%

### Bun sale Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October

Next week we are having a bun day organised by the PTA. Children can bring 30p to school to purchase a bun or a cake. We are asking that children in years 3,4,5,6 bring bun and cake donations in to sell.

Events like this raise valuable funds for the PTA which goes towards subsidising trips and events in school, and who doesn't love a cake or two!

### Parent Evening Consultations

We pleased to announce our parents' evenings are scheduled for the first week after half term.

We will be holding one face-to-face meeting on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** from 3:40pm in the school hall (EYFS classroom for Reception parents)

If you would prefer a telephone call rather than a face-to-face meeting with our teachers, then each class has alternative dates in the same week for you to book this option.

Please be aware that these calls are likely to be in the form of 'no caller ID' so please remember the times you have booked and be prepared to answer. The teachers will try a couple of times and will then move onto the next appointment.

### All bookings are to be made through our School Gateway App.

From the App's home page go to 'Useful links' and you will be able to access your child's parent consultation slots from there.

Slots will be live for you to book **from 9am on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October.**

Please come back to us with any issues you have booking.

### **School Holiday Club for Half Term**

PE Partner is running a fantastic holiday club at our school at the half term holiday Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October to Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> 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>

### **Healthy Packed Lunches**

Please can we remind parents of children bringing in packed lunches to try and include healthy options and reduce the amount of unhealthy choices, such as sweets, chocolate and crisps.

### **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:-

*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](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](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=_THXih4xTUeS2iFJoA3djnR%20xTYXxGDFElebZAb4I2oJUQ1VXWFRFMDI2UFZUTEdRR0ZLRTdLWktUUy4u)

### **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 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!

### **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>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Bun sale – Please bring buns/cake donations in the morning. 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**