



Kirkstall St Stephen's

Newsletter 11th November 2022

Diary Dates / PTA Events

Event	Date
Open afternoon (1.30-3.15pm) and evening (3.45-5.30pm) in school for potential reception children	Thursday 17 th November
Children in Need day- see below	Friday 18 th November
SNT to see Rec & YR6 height /weight	Thursday 24 th November
Movie Night "Bad Guys" 4.45-7.15pm	Thursday 24 th November
Non-uniform day donations of sweets, chocolate or alcohol	Friday 25 th November
PTA Christmas Fayre gifts and Santa grotto 3.40-5.00pm	Wednesday 7 th December
Panto in school- "Goldilocks" further details to follow	Wednesday 30 November
Break up for Christmas holidays	Friday 16 December
Return to school in New Year	Tuesday 2 nd January 2023

School attendance for Week

The class with the best class attendance is Reception with 95.26%, and Reception class are also the most punctual.

Overall attendance for school this week is 91.30%

PTA Movie Night Thursday 24th November

The PTA have organised a movie night on Thursday 24th November and the film "Bad Guys" will be showing from 4.45 until 7.15pm. This is rated as U so suitable for all ages.

Tickets will be on sale from Monday 14th November from members of the PTA on the playground or from the office. The cost is £2.50 per child and for that children will receive a slice of pizza, popcorn and a drink. Please if you are sending in money to the office to enclose it in a named envelope with the exact money. Tickets must be purchased in advance and not on the night so we know how many to cater for.

SIAMS

On Wednesday we were visited by an inspector from the Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) organisation who came to examine the school in relation to the question- *'How effective is the school's distinctive Christian vision, established and promoted by leadership at all levels, in enabling pupils and adults to flourish?'*

Although I am not able to divulge the potential grades we received until the official report is published in around three weeks, I can confidently say that we were very pleased with the result! The inspector, Mrs Melanie Barratt, was especially complimentary towards the children and staff and the relationships cultivated between school and families. Well done everyone!

Children in Need Friday 18th November

Next Friday 18th November is Children in Need. Children can come in their pyjamas or wear any Pudsey Bear clothing or items in return for a donation to the good causes that this event helps. Please can we remind you that children must still wear sensible footwear and coats for playing out in.

Applications for Reception Places for September 2023

Applications are now open online for Reception places for September 2023. You can apply until 15 January 2023. To find out more information visit www.leeds.gov.uk/apply

You can find out about the admission process, find your nearest schools and read each schools admissions policy. You will be invited to put down five school choices, it is important that you list in order of preference your five choices. Only listing one school does not ensure you will be offered that school and you may be given a place in a school not of your choosing.

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@kirkstallss.net if you would like to book in on a session

Kirkstall Valley Development Trust message

From next week, we will be keeping the hub in the Church Hall open until 4.30pm on Wednesdays so that people can drop in to use the library and have a drink and snack after school. We will also have a clay workshop running. The workshop does have a small cost of £4 per child and £1 each for additional siblings. I have attached a flyer for the clay class. Please can parents and carers attend with their children.

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

Thursday 24th November	Movie night "Bad Guys" 4.45-7.15pm school hall Tickets to be purchased in advance
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 Fair- class gift tables and Santa grotto

Mr P Sheppard Headteacher