



# Kirkstall St Stephen's

## Newsletter 25th November 2022

### Diary Dates / PTA Events

Event	Date
Panto in school "Goldilocks" (Oh yes it is!) Please pay on School Gateway £3.50	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>KS1 &amp; KS2 Non- uniform day please bring tombola gifts for Christmas fayre- for example, bottles, chocolate and toiletries</b>	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December
<b>Reception Nativity</b> 9.30am in school hall 2.00pm in school hall PTA Christmas Fayre gifts and Santa grotto 3.40-5.00pm	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Reindeer Run in Kirkstall Abbey AM</b>	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>KS1 Nativity in school AM time to follow</b> School Christmas dinner in school, to guarantee availability this must be booked on Gateway in advance. <b>Class Christmas parties PM</b>	Wednesday 14 December
<b>Celebration Assembly</b>	<b>Thursday</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Christmas Church Service- 2.30pm</b> Break up for Christmas holidays	Friday 16 December
Return to school in New Year	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2023

### School attendance for Week

The class with the best class attendance is Year 3 with 95.31%.

Overall attendance for school this week is 90.04% and Reception class were most punctual.

### Parent/Children Behaviour Survey

Although we are very proud that the latest SIAMS report stated that the behaviour of the vast majority of our pupils is 'exemplary', we would like to re-examine our procedures for further rewarding positive pupil behaviour and also how we deal with episodes of poor behaviour.

We would like to gather the opinions of yourself and your children, coupled with KSS staff's viewpoints and further improve our behaviour policy.

Please can you complete the survey below **by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**.

<https://forms.office.com/r/5Jg3LRxFPu>

### Kirkstall Advent Trail

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December is the launch of the Kirkstall Advent Trail. There will be a gathering in the Church Hall car park at 6.45 and you are all invited to see the first light switched on in Vesper Terrace. There will be a 26 Piece band and feel free to bring your own mince pies and mulled wine.

### Christmas Holiday Club

We are hosting the holiday activity club again during the first week of the Christmas holidays. Please watch out for an email from us giving details of how to book if you would like your child/children to attend. Places are booked on a first come- first served basis.

### **Children In need Total**

We are pleased to announce that we raised a total of £166.65 towards Children In need. Thank you so much for your donations towards the good causes this event helps.

### **Rudolph Run**

We are delighted to host our very own Rudolph Run on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December around the Kirkstall Abbey grounds to help raise vital funds for the Give A Duck charity. In December around 150 families in the UK will receive the devastating news that their child has cancer. We would like to raise funds to provide Chemo Ducks and Huggable Hopes for the children and help to support and comfort children and their siblings as they adjust to their new world living with childhood cancer.

<https://www.giveaduck.org.uk/> Maybe Rudolph himself will join us? More details to follow.

### **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 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

### **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>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	KS1 & KS2 Non school uniform day – Christmas Fayre donation- tombola gifts
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 3.30-5.00</b>	Christmas Fair- class gift tables and Santa grotto

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