



Kirkstall St Stephen's

Newsletter 15th September 2023

Diary Dates / PTA Events

Events this half term	Date
Year 6 Kingswood residential/return Friday 22 nd September pm	Wednesday 20 th September
Friday 29 th September Training Day school closed	Friday 29 th September
October Harvest Festival in church 2.30pm	Wednesday 11 th October
Reception 2024 open afternoon 1.30-3.20pm	Thursday 12 th October 1.30-3.20pm
Tempest individual photographs	Thursday 19 th October
October half term holiday to return Monday 6 th November	Friday 27 th October
Parents evening 3.45-7.00 (phone conversations throughout week) PTA used uniform sale after school	Wed 15 th November 3.30pm
Break up for Christmas	Friday 22 December

Site security

Many thanks for your patience and understanding yesterday in regards to the threats that some Leeds school received and our increased security because of this.

We have reviewed access arrangements into and around school and, for example, staff are now mindful to keep children away from the gates at playtimes.

Can we please remind parents that if they are buzzed in to enter either the front upper or lower gates, that they shut these behind them and not allow another person to follow them. This is especially important if the person is an unknown, such as a delivery driver. They must wait and ring the office.

We do have arrangements for a 'soft invacuation' of children if there is a perceived threat outside. We will have a planned practice this later in the half term and all children will be made aware of what to do. However, we will be mindful of how we present this to children in order to not scare or upset anyone.

I will notify you beforehand about the arrangements before we do the practice.

Spread the word!

We will be holding open afternoons and evenings on the following dates for parents of potential 2024-25 reception children. Our brilliant Yr6 tour guides will take groups around school and there might be a tasty treat from the kitchen!

Please spread the word throughout the community and there will be banners advertising these soon!

Thursday 12 th October 1.30-3.20pm	Open afternoon for potential 2024 Reception children
Thursday 16 th November 1.30-3.20pm & 3.40-5.00pm	Open afternoon and evening for potential 2024 Reception children
Thursday 7 th December 1.30-3.20pm & 3.40-5.00pm	Open afternoon and evening for potential 2024 Reception children
Thursday 4 th January 2024 1.30-3.20pm	Open afternoon for potential 2024 Reception children

PTA events in the Autumn Term 2023

Thank you to our amazing PTA and the amazing activities and funds that they provide!

Tuesday 19th September 3.30-4.30pm	PTA Annual general meeting in school -all welcome if you would like to join or support
Wednesday 4th October	PTA bun sale Reception and KS1 to bring buns
WC 16th October	PTA Christmas card designs
Friday 20th October	PTA Bingo and Quiz night in the Church Hall
Wednesday 15th November	PTA used uniform sale
Friday 1st December	Non-uniform day for Xmas Fayre – children to bring in good quality unused or unwanted gifts for tombola
Friday 8th December	Non- uniform day for Xmas Fayre -children to bring in sweets and chocolate
Wednesday 13th December	Xmas Fayre

The PTA would love to hear from you if you would like to join them and support the school. Please feel free to contact them on the following email address: - ststephenspta@outlook.com

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