



# Kirkstall St Stephen's

## Newsletter 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023

### Diary Dates / PTA Events

Events this half term	Date
October half term holiday	Monday 30th October
School re-opens "Give it 100%" attendance initiative starts for month of November- 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November
Parents evening 3.45-7.00pm (phone conversation slots available throughout week) PTA used uniform sale after school 3.30pm	WC 13th November
Nasal Flu Immunizations in school	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December AM
Christmas pantomime for all children "Treasure Island"	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 9.30am
Reception Nativity AM and Pm performances – further details to follow PTA Xmas fayre after school 3.30-5.00	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December
Break up for Christmas	Friday 22 December

### School Attendance and punctuality this week

The class with the best attendance this week is Year 6 with 98.33%.

The most punctual classes this week were Reception and Year 6. The overall attendance for school was 93.519%

### Autumn Parent Evenings

Booking is now available for parent evening appointments for the week commencing Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November. Most days are phone call appointments with Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November being the "in person" appointments. Please make your booking via the School gateway app under "useful links"

### Nasal Flu Immunizations

All parents of primary school children have the opportunity to have their children immunized against flu. The date that this will take place in school will be **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December**.

We have sent out information via Dojo from the Leeds Community Health Team which gives instructions on how to request that your child/children receive the immunization.

There is a link to follow and you will need to enter the unique school code of EE108043.

This link will close 3 days before the 1<sup>st</sup> December. Any requests made after this date means those children cannot be seen in school. There may be the opportunity to have children immunised in local clinics at a later date.

### Miss Hawes

I am pleased to announce that Miss Hawes is expecting a baby. As a first-time excited mum, I am sure that the school community will want to give her a lot of support! Miss Hawes will be going on her maternity leave mid-way through the Spring Term 2024. During the next half term, I will give further information to Year 5 parents regarding our plans for who will be teaching Year 5 for the remainder of the academic year when Miss Hawes leaves.

### "Give it 100%" in November

In March this year, we began our 'Give it 100%' attendance initiative, whereby for the whole month we rewarded children weekly with stickers and extra playtime if they had 100% attendance or no unauthorised absence (that means there is a genuine reason for being absent and the school office is informed). We also gave a certificate to children who achieved it all month.

We will repeat 'Give it 100%' in November, starting when we return from the holiday on the 6<sup>th</sup> November and it will stretch until Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

### Our new KSS Library!

We are pleased to announce that our new school library will be ready for children to borrow books from after the half term holiday. Many thanks to Mr Reed, Mrs Coverdale and Mrs Collings for their hard work converting the workroom off the Year 5/6 playground into a beautiful reading space. You can see from the pictures how lovely it is!



### 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 16 <sup>th</sup> November 1.30-3.20pm 3.40-5.00pm	Open afternoon and evening Reception 2024
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 1.30-3.20pm 3.40pm-5.00pm	Open afternoon and evening for Reception 2024
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January</b> 1.30-3.20pm	Open afternoon September 2024

### PTA events in the Autumn Term 2023

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

<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b>	PTA used uniform sale
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	Non-uniform day for Xmas Fayre – children to bring in good quality unused or unwanted gifts for tombola
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Non- uniform day for Xmas Fayre -children to bring in sweets and chocolate
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	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](mailto:ststephenspta@outlook.com)

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