



Kirkstall St Stephen's

Newsletter 19th January 2024

Diary Dates / PTA Events

Events this half term	Date
Mothers' day cards to be designed in school, templates to be handed out next week	Monday 22 January to 7 February
Orders to be returned to school by 7 th Feb	
"Meet the PTA" coffee morning and used uniform sale in school hall 9.00 -10.00	Wednesday 24 th January
Cllr Fiona Venner Kirkstall 'surgery' in school hall 9-11am	Wednesday 31st January
WC 29 th January art week in school	WC 29 th January
PTA Quiz in Church Hall- postponed	
Art exhibition in school 3.40-4.40 (see details below)	Wednesday 7th February
Break up for half term	Friday 9th February
Return to school	Monday 19th February
Parents' evening 3.30-7.00pm (phone calls throughout the week)	Wednesday 21st February

School Attendance and punctuality this week

Please remember that notifying us of a child's appointment or absence must be done either by leaving a message on the school phone or you can message Mrs Wren on School Gateway or Dojo. Mrs Wren is the first point of contact for attendance matters relating to absences or time off for appointments in school time.

The class with the best attendance this week is Year 6 with 97.50%

The class this week with the least number of late arrivals, was Reception. The overall attendance for school this week was 90.26%.

School Policy in Relation to Illness

We just wanted to remind parents' that we have a 48-hour policy in relation to illness where there has been vomiting. Details of this can be found on the school website.

We ask that children remain off school for 48 hours after the last episode of sickness. This is to try and reduce transmission of bugs and viruses throughout school.

School Art Week Exhibition "Collaboration"

On the 7th February between 3.30-5.00pm we are holding an art exhibition throughout the school and in the school hall. This exhibition is to showcase the work that the children will create throughout art week.

Our exhibition is called "Collaboration" and this is our theme for art week this year.

Everybody is welcome to come and view the exhibition! We are inviting parents, carers, family and friends to come and see what we have created. Please bring in some change as there will be refreshments for sale in the hall and any money from the sale of these will go towards the art and DT curriculum. We hope to see you there!

The Governing Body is Recruiting

We would love to add more parent and Foundation Governors to our committed and skilled governing body. A Foundation Governor does not need to be a parent of a child in school but must be able to affirm our Church of England ethos.

We want to ensure that Kirkstall St Stephen's remains a place where everyone knows they are cherished, they are challenged and they are children of God.

Could you use your skills and time to play your part in this?

In particular we would welcome candidates who:

- Are confident decoding numerical data
- Are able to identify patterns and anomalies in statistics
- Can scrutinise budgets

We would also love you to apply if you have experience in education.

If you would like to chat through more of what being a school governor entails, chat to parents Tim Payne or Linda Dray in person or contact school and we can pass your details onto them.

PTA News

Designs for Mothers' Day cards will be done in class next week. Then parents will be sent the completed template home with the order form on it. You will get a free card with all orders but will be able to order not just cards but mugs, coasters, note pads and even a plant pot with the completed design on.

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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