



Kirkstall St Stephen's

Newsletter 15th March 2024

Diary Dates / PTA Events

Events this half term	Date
PTA disco Reception/KS1 3.30-5.00pm KS2 5.00-6.30pm Online payment details below or from PTA on top playground	Thursday 21 st March
Key Stage 2 performance "Under the Sea" in the school hall No tickets required just sign up for performance you require in the office. (This is for the purpose of numbers attending only)	Wednesday 27 th March AM 9.30-10.30 PM 6.00-7.00
Easter Service in church 2.20pm	Thursday 28 th March
School closed Good Friday And for Easter holidays	Friday 29 th March
School re-opens	Monday 15 th April
Tempest class photographs	Thursday 18 th April

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 Reception class with 97.12%

The class this week with the least number of late arrivals, was Year 5. The overall attendance for school this week was 91.04%.

March "Give it 100%"

This week sees the start of the "Give it 100% initiative on 1st March. Each week, children will be rewarded for either 100% attendance or authorised absences. At the end of this period on the 28th March, all children that have achieved 100% attendance/or any authorised absences will receive a certificate. Hopefully you will see that this initiative is not to punish anyone for having a genuine reason to be off school, but instead to encourage good attendance and punctuality.

PTA Disco 21st March

Tickets are on sale now from the PTA on the top playground after school or via the PTA Nat West BACS account below.

If you are paying via BACS please ensure you message the PTA on Dojo providing the child's name that your payment relates to for the register. You cannot pay for these on School Gateway.

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The price is £4.50 each and this includes a hot dog/veggie dog, crisps, a bag of sweets and a drink. Other items are available on the night.

Please remember that tickets will not be available on the day of the disco and the final day for purchase is Wednesday 20th March. Any child not registered will need picking up at the end of the school day.

Year 3 & 4 Production 'Under the Sea'

We are all really looking forward to the Year 3 & 4 production of 'Under the Sea', all about the tale of the Little Mermaid. We can confirm the following dates for parent performances in the school hall.

Morning performance:

Wednesday 27th March 9:30am -10:30am

Evening performance:

Wednesday 27th March 6pm- 7pm (children need to arrive no later than 5:30pm for costumes and prep)

There is no charge for this event but for the interest of numbers attending we ask that parent's put their name down on the booking sheet in the school office. Space is limited in the hall **so only two places** for each performance please.

Our Board of Governor's Needs You!

We currently have several vacancies for Foundation Governor's and a Parent Governor on our Governing Body. For Parent Governor's there is no special requirements other than being a parent of a child currently attending the school. For a Foundation Governor you don't need to be a parent of a child in the school but you will need to be able to affirm our Church of England ethos.

We want to make sure the school remains a place where children feel they are cherished, challenged and children of God.

What's involved?

As Governor's, we meet every term, usually for two meetings (six in total each academic year). The meetings are usually between an hour to two hours in length (depending on how much work we have to do), and usually take place in the evening. You will be expected to read up on papers relevant to the meeting and participate in the discussions at the meeting.

You will need to be motivated and keen to learn, but induction training is provided, and there is plenty of opportunity for personal development and growth.

For the Parent Governor role, we are particularly interested in parents from the earlier years in school (Key Stage 1) as those years are underrepresented in our Governing Body.

For the Foundation Governor roles, we would particularly welcome applicants from an education background and people with finance and budgeting experience, but we would be happy to hear from anyone with an interest in this role.

If you or a family member are interested in becoming a Parent Governor or Foundation Governor, please either get in touch with the school office to express interest or if you have more questions please feel free to speak to either Timothy Payne or Linda Dray who are current Governor's and can be found on the bottom playground during drop off most mornings.

Mr P Sheppard
Headteacher