



# Kirkstall St Stephen's

## Newsletter 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024

### Diary Dates / PTA Events

Events this half term	Date
PTA Annual General Meeting in school-all welcome if you would like to join or support. Childcare available	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September 3.30-4.30pm
Themed school meal "Fakeaway Classics" Book/pay on School Gateway	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October
Harvest Festival in church	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October 2.30pm
<b>Training Day school closed</b>	<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October</b>
Open afternoon for potential Reception children 2025	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October 1.30-3.20pm
PTA bingo night-venue and time to be confirmed later	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October
Tempest in school for individual pupil photographs	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Break up for half term holiday</b>	<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>
<b>School re-opens</b>	<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>

### Attendance

The class this week with the best attendance was year 1 with 98.33% and they were also most punctual. Overall school attendance was 95.82%.

### Mrs Bailey

I am sad to announce that Mrs Bailey will be retiring from KSS after the Christmas holidays. Since January 2006, Mrs Bailey has been a pivotal part of the KSS team, leading RE and Collective Worship, as well as many pupil groups. We will all miss her, but still have the majority of this term to enjoy working with her!

### School Choir

Does your child like to sing and are they in Key Stage 2? If so then come to our new choir on Mondays straight after school until 4.10pm. Numbers are limited so first come first served.

It will be run by two parent volunteers but please contact the school office if you are interested or email: [contactus@kirkstallss.net](mailto:contactus@kirkstallss.net)

### Asda Cash Pot Initiative

Parentkind have teamed up with Asda and are donating millions of pounds to schools through their Cash pot for Schools Initiative. All you have to do is opt in through the Asda rewards app, choose our primary school and scan and shop in store or online.

Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our school at no cost to you. Also, every time somebody chooses our school, Asda will give an additional £1 to the Cash pot. This fantastic initiative runs until 30<sup>th</sup> November.

3 Steps to get started :-

1. Download the Asda rewards app and sign up.
2. Select Kirkstall St Stephen's primary School
3. Shop in store or online at Asda.com.

We would be so grateful if you could choose our school when you opt in. The money raised will be split evenly between classes and go towards valuable equipment, trips and memorable experiences for our children.

### **KSS Open Days**

Please spread the word about our open afternoons and evenings for future 2025 reception children. As usual, we will ask some Year 6 guides to do tours of the school and there might be a delicious snack to enjoy!

Dates

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October- 1.30-3.20pm

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November- 1.30-3.20pm and 3.40-5.00pm

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December- 1.30-3.20pm and 3.40-5.00pm

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025- 1.30-3.20pm

### **Lunchtime Supervisory Assistants**

Do you have a spare hour a day? Do you have the skills to supervise a class of primary school children during their lunch break? If so please contact Mrs Skelton on the school email to discuss the possibility of joining our lunchtime team for 5 hours a week term time only.

See the school website for further information about the role.

### **KSS Pre School Staff Vacancy**

Kirkstall St Stephens Pre School are looking for a reliable, enthusiastic and fun-loving Early Years practitioner to join the team. A level 2/3 or above in childcare qualification and past experience of working in early years setting would be an advantage but not essential. An enhanced DBS check will be under taken for the position.

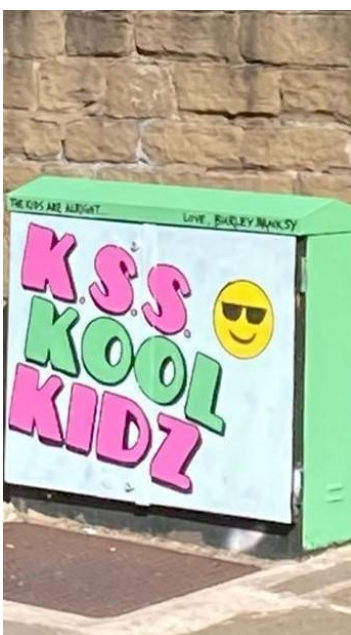
The post is for 16 hours per week, term time only. Extra hours may become available.

Please contact the following for an application form and further information:

[Sam.thackwray@ksspreschool.co.uk](mailto:Sam.thackwray@ksspreschool.co.uk)

### **Burley Banksy**

I would like to thank Burley Banksy Art for his lovely tribute to the KSS community and in particular the children. If you have not already seen it, we have our own Burley Banksy telephone exchange box, on Morris Lane, opposite the school at the bottom of Park Mount. Thank you Burley Banksy and we look forward to inviting you into school in the future to work with the children in our Art Club.



Head Teacher Mr P Sheppard