



Kirkstall St Stephen's

Newsletter 27th September 2024

Diary Dates / PTA Events

Events this half term	Date
Themed school meal "Fake away Classics" Book/pay on School Gateway	Thursday 3 rd October
Harvest Festival in church	Wednesday 9 th October 2.30pm
Mental Health Awareness day – everyone wear yellow!	Thursday 10 th October
Training Day school closed	Wednesday 16th October
Open afternoon for potential Reception children 2025	Thursday 17 th October 1.30-3.20pm
PTA bingo night-venue and time to be confirmed later	Friday 18 th October
Tempest in school for individual pupil photographs	Thursday 17 th October
Break up for half term holiday	Friday 25th October
School re-opens	Monday 4th November

Attendance

The class this week with the best attendance was year 2 with 98.66% with Reception class with least late arrivals.

Overall school attendance was 94.39%.

Any absence must be reported to school before 9.30am and a reason provided. Arrivals after this time are recorded as an unauthorised late unless you have told us of a medical appointment and provided proof beforehand.

You can ring the school on 0113 3821960 and leave a message, or message Mrs Wren on School Gateway or Class Dojo (not class teacher). Please do not use the main school email as a means of reporting reasons for absence.

Unauthorised absence or late arrivals after 9.15am impact on your child's overall attendance. As per the new guidance unauthorised marks over a period can lead to further action.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest festival service is on Wednesday 9th October at 2.30pm in church. All are welcome to come along.

This year we are collecting tins and toiletries (such as shower gel, toothpaste and toothbrushes) for our local food project here in Kirkstall and also for PAFRAS, a charity which works with refugees and asylum seekers in Leeds.

Any contributions would be very gratefully received and will be collected by the class teacher and taken over to the church service.

Sir Ian McGeechan

We were honoured by a visit from the famous ex-rugby union player and coach, Sir Ian McGeechan, this week after school. Sir Ian was a pupil at KSS in the 1950's and was filming a documentary about his life and used parts of the school as a backdrop!

Asda Cash Pot Initiative

Parent Kind 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 30th 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 17th October- 1.30-3.20pm

Thursday 7th November- 1.30-3.20pm and 3.40-5.00pm

Thursday 5th December- 1.30-3.20pm and 3.40-5.00pm

Thursday 9th January 2025- 1.30-3.20pm

Head Teacher Mr P Sheppard