



# Kirkstall St Stephen's

## Newsletter 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024

### Diary Dates / PTA Events

Events this half term	Date
Harvest Festival in church	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October 2.30pm
Mental Health Awareness day – everyone wear yellow!	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October
<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
Tempest in school for individual pupil photographs	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October
PTA bingo night-venue and time to be confirmed later	Friday 18 <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 4 with 97.08% and Year 5 class were the most punctual.

Overall school attendance was 93.95%.

**To report an absence please ring the school on 0113 3821960 and choose option 1, or message Mrs Wren on School Gateway or Class Dojo (not class teacher as this may not be seen). Please do not use the main school email as a means of reporting reasons for absence.**

**Where no reason has been provided for an absence this will be unauthorised.**

**Late arrivals before 9.15am are recorded as late. Late arrivals after this time are an unauthorised late.**

**Unauthorised marks have an 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Mental Health Awareness Day

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October, it is World Mental Health Day.

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/our-work/public-engagement/world-mental-health-day>

We will be marking the day by asking children to either come in some yellow clothing, or some item of yellow. Classes will be making things, so do not worry if you cannot source something.

Mrs Winstein, our pastoral leader, will be holding a coffee morning in the hall after drop off at 9am on the 10th for anyone to come in and chat.

### **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 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

Head Teacher Mr P Sheppard