



Kirkstall St Stephen's

Newsletter 15th November 2024

Diary Dates / PTA Events

Events this half term	Date
Non- uniform day (please donate unwanted gifts for the PTA Xmas fair)	Friday 29th November
Kirkstall St Stephens Church Xmas fair 11.00-2.00, stalls and food	Saturday 20th November
Christmas pantomime in school for children	Monday 2nd December
Nasal Flu Immunizations in school AM/ details on Class Dojo and below Consent link closes 28th November	Thursday 5th December
Non- uniform day (sweets and chocolate donations please for PTA Xmas fair)	Friday 6th December
Reception Nativity 9.30 am PTA Xmas Fair after school 3.30pm	Wednesday 11th December
Reception Nativity 1.30 pm	Thursday 12th December
Key Stage 1 performance PM 1.30pm	Monday 16th December
Key Stage 1 performance AM 9.30am	Tuesday 17th December
Class Christmas parties 1.15pm	Wednesday 18th December
School Christmas dinner please book/pay on School Gateway Menu will be on Gateway shortly	Thursday 19 th December
Break up for Christmas Church service 2.30pm	Friday 20th December

Attendance

The class this week with the best attendance was Year 2 with 100%! Year 2 were also most punctual and overall school attendance for the week was 95.08%.

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. If we do not hear from you as to the reason for absence it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence.

Do you think your child is eligible for Free School Meals?

All children in Key Stage 1 receive free school meals as part of the Universal Free Meal Scheme. However, it is worth checking to see if you are eligible for when children move into Key Stage 2 and meals are payable. If you have a Free School Meal award this will stay with your child throughout primary School and into high school.

Also, school receives extra funding called Pupil Premium for every child with a Free School Meal award. This helps to subsidise trips and events in school.

Please go to the link below and it will take you to the Leeds.gov.uk website where you can get further information on eligibility and how to apply:

<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/apply-for-free-school-meals>

"Give it 100%"

In March this year, we began our 'Give it 100%' attendance initiative, whereby for the whole month we rewarded children weekly with stickers and extra playtime if they had 100% attendance or no unauthorised absence (that means there is a genuine reason for being absent and the school office is informed). We also gave a certificate to children who achieved it all month. We will repeat 'Give it 100%' in November, starting when we return from the holiday on the 4th November and it will stretch until Friday 29th November.

Nasal Flu Immunizations

The nasal Flu Immunizations will take place in school on Thursday 5 December. Information regarding the immunizations have been put on Class Dojo.

Please use the link to complete your consent/refusal:

<https://www.leedsimmunisations.co.uk/forms/flu>

The code for your Kirkstall St Stephens School is **EE108043**

The link will close one week before the immunizations take place. If you do not consent in advance for your child to receive the immunization they cannot be seen on the day.

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!

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