



# Kirkstall St Stephen's

## Newsletter 13th December 2024

### Diary Dates / PTA Events

| Events this half term   | Date                                  |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| 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 18 <sup>th</sup> December   |
| School Christmas dinner please book/pay on School Gateway asap<br>If your child has dinners and there is no booking on the day for them they will receive the vegetarian (green) option as we cannot guarantee availability of the turkey option. | Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December    |
| No Celebration Assembly<br>Singing around the Christmas tree for just the children<br>Church service 2.30pm<br><b>Break up for Christmas holidays</b>   | Friday 20th December                  |
| School re-opens   | Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025   |
| Final open afternoon for Reception 2025 parents   | Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2025 |

### Attendance

The class this week with the best attendance was year 6 with 89.22% Year 2 were the most punctual and overall school attendance for the week was 83.87%.

**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 let Mrs Wren in advance if your child needs to leave school early for a medical/dental appointment that cannot be taken outside of school hours. We will ask for sight of the appointment text message or letter in order to potentially authorise these absences.**

### Kirkstall Living Advent Trail

The Kirkstall Advent Trail has now started. Windows across Kirkstall are illuminated with Christmas Scenes. New scenes are illuminated each day to 24<sup>th</sup> December.

This is organised by local residents and there is a map you can follow displayed in the notice board outside the main school gate.

### Christingle Candles

Every year we normally hand out Christingle candles to every child. Parents can donate and the money collected goes to the Children's Society or the candle can be handed into church if you and your family attend the Christingle Service in Church.

If you would like a Christingle candle please call into the school office as we do not have as many this year to hand out. Or you can donate online to Christingle.org or scan the QR code on the candle.

## Christmas Fair

Many thanks to all our amazing PTA parents for setting up and running the Christmas Fair on Wednesday. It was very busy and a lot of fun! The Grotto was a great success and I hope the children enjoyed meeting Santa!



**Head Teacher  
Mr P Sheppard**