



Kirkstall St Stephen's

Newsletter 14th February 2025

Diary Dates / PTA Events 2025

Forthcoming Events	Date
Break up for February half term	Friday 14th February
School re-opens	Monday 24th February
Parents Consultation Evening Please see details below on how to book from Monday 10 February	Wednesday 5 th March 3.45-7.00
World Book Day Themed dinner menu on School gateway	Thursday 6 th March
Science week in school	WC 10 th March
PTA disco Rec/KS1 3.30-5.00 KS2 5.00-6.30pm	Thursday 20 th March
Year 3 & 4 performance of 'Alice in Wonderland' in the school hall.	Wednesday 2 nd April @ 5pm Thursday 3 rd April @ 1.30pm
Break up for Easter holidays Church service 2.30pm	Friday 4 th April
Return to school after Easter	Tuesday 22 nd April

Attendance

The class with best overall attendance this week was Reception class with 98.33%
Reception class were also the most punctual class
Overall school attendance is 93.05%

Procedure for Reporting Absence/Medical Appointments

The correct procedure for reporting an absence or a medical appointment in school time is as follows:

- 1 Ring the school office on 01133821960 (from 8.30am) and pick option 1 to leave a message.
- 2 Or message Mrs Wren on School Gateway or Class Dojo

Please do not message the class teacher on Dojo as this does not always get passed on.

Please be aware, any school meals booked are cancelled by 10.00am when children are absent at that point.

Parent Consultation Week

Parent Consultation week is the w/c 3rd March (second week back after half term). There will be a mixture of phone conversations and an evening on Wednesday 5th March from 3.40pm onwards. This is an in-person meeting with your child/children's class teacher in the school hall.

Appointments have been open for you to make your choice from 12.00 noon on Monday 10th February on your School Gateway app.

This can be accessed using the "useful links" button.

The telephone appointments on several evenings that week can be booked via the same app.

For children in reception and Year 3, please only make an appointment with ONE of the teachers.

Please make time to attend an appointment, we love feeding back the work and effort your children put into school and can answer any of your questions about their progress and learning.

DAHIT Event

On Tuesday 11th February, Kirkstall St Stephen's were proud to host an event for DAHIT – Leeds Deaf and Hearing Impairment Team.

This was led by Dahit's Teacher of Deaf Children, Emily Parke and attended by some of our pupils, with the support of Mrs Mughal. It was a fantastic event during which the group looked at the Chinese New Year tradition of the lantern festival and made some lovely lanterns. They also heard the story of the Chinese Zodiac and learnt the BSL signs for all the animals in the story.

Some of the feedback included:

- Kind and caring, super welcoming vibes and environment.
- The organisation was spot on!
- Lovely, relevant topic to learn about.
- Brilliant activity of lantern making, super creative

"Alice The Musical" Production for Year 3/4

Year 3 and 4 are really excited to announce our production this year. – Alice the Musical!

Performance dates are Wednesday 2nd April @ 5pm and Thursday 3rd April @ 1.30pm in the school hall.

We can't wait to get started and we are sure it will be incredible.

To ensure it is the best it could be, we are kindly asking for any donations of the items which are listed on Class Dojo (updated regularly to avoid duplicating items).

We are also asking for any large pieces of cardboard or cardboard boxes to assist with prop making.

I have added some items to our Amazon wish list if you would prefer to donate that way:

<https://amzn.eu/gZwK2EI>

If you are happy to donate anything you already have to school, please let me know via Class Dojo so I can remove them from the list. Please give any donations to your child's class teacher or drop into the office.

As always, thank you so much, we appreciate your support.

The Year 3 and 4 team.

Pancakes and Poetry

Kirkstall Educational Cricket Club will be hosting an event called "Pancakes & Poetry" on Sunday 2nd March from 3.00pm. This is on behalf of fundraising for The Kirkstall Art Trail 2025 and ENTRY IS FREE.

As well as pancakes there will be open mic poetry, children's art activities and creating your own poems.

To sign up for this event go to EVENTBRITE

PTA film night

Many thanks to the PTA volunteers and staff who helped make yesterday's film night such a success!

Can I remind parents that, for future events, we will be going cashless and will be closing the booking opportunities a few days before the event, with no option to book after this.

Have a great half term everyone!

Head Teacher Mr P Sheppard