



# Kirkstall St Stephen's

## Newsletter 22nd March 2024

### Diary Dates / PTA Events

Events this half term	Date
Key Stage 2 performance "Under the Sea" in the school hall No tickets required just sign up for performance you require in the office. (This is for the purpose of numbers attending only) <b>The evening performance is now full apologies!</b>	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March AM 9.30-10.30 <b>PM 6.00-7.00 FULL</b>
Easter Service in church 2.30pm	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>School closed Good Friday</b> <b>And for Easter holidays</b>	<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b>
<b>School re-opens</b>	<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April</b>
Tempest class photographs	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April
May Bank Holiday school closed	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May
Spring mid term	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May - 31 <sup>st</sup> May
Training day Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June school closed	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June
Break up for summer holidays Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July Monday 22 July and Tuesday 23 July training days	Monday 22 July/Tues 23 July Training days

### School Attendance and punctuality this week

Please remember that notifying us of a child's appointment or absence must be done either by leaving a message on the school phone or you can message Mrs Wren on School Gateway or Dojo. Mrs Wren is the first point of contact for attendance matters relating to absences or time off for appointments in school time.

The class with the best attendance this week is Reception class again with 96.67%

The class this week with the least number of late arrivals, was Year 1. The overall attendance for school this week was 93.08%.

### March "Give it 100%"

This week sees the start of the "Give it 100% initiative on 1<sup>st</sup> March. Each week, children will be rewarded for either 100% attendance or authorised absences. At the end of this period on the 28<sup>th</sup> March, all children that have achieved 100% attendance/or any authorised absences will receive a certificate. Hopefully you will see that this initiative is not to punish anyone for having a genuine reason to be off school, but instead to encourage good attendance and punctuality.

### Year 3 & 4 Production 'Under the Sea'

We are all really looking forward to the Year 3 & 4 production of 'Under the Sea', all about the tale of the Little Mermaid. We can confirm the following dates for parent performances in the school hall.

#### **Morning performance:**

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 9:30am -10:30am

There is no charge for this event but for the interest of numbers attending we ask that parent's put their name down on the booking sheet in the school office. Space is limited in the hall **so only two places** for each performance please.

### **Our Board of Governors Needs You!**

We currently have several vacancies for Foundation Governors and a Parent Governor on our Governing Body. For Parent Governors there is no special requirements other than being a parent of a child currently attending the school. For a Foundation Governor you don't need to be a parent of a child in the school but you will need to be able to affirm our Church of England ethos.

We want to make sure the school remains a place where children feel they are cherished, challenged and children of God.

#### **What's involved?**

As Governors, we meet every term, usually for two meetings (six in total each academic year). The meetings are usually between an hour to two hours in length (depending on how much work we have to do), and usually take place in the evening. You will be expected to read up on papers relevant to the meeting and participate in the discussions at the meeting.

You will need to be motivated and keen to learn, but induction training is provided, and there is plenty of opportunity for personal development and growth.

For the Parent Governor role, we are particularly interested in parents from the earlier years in school (Key Stage 1) as those years are underrepresented in our Governing Body.

For the Foundation Governor roles, we would particularly welcome applicants from an education background and people with finance and budgeting experience, but we would be happy to hear from anyone with an interest in this role.

If you or a family member are interested in becoming a Parent Governor or Foundation Governor, please either get in touch with the school office to express interest or if you have more questions please feel free to speak to either Timothy Payne or Linda Dray who are current Governors and can be found on the bottom playground during drop off most mornings.

**Mr P Sheppard**  
**Headteacher**