

# Kirkstall St Stephen's Newsletter 28th March 2024

## **Diary Dates / PTA Events**

Events this half term	Date
School closed Good Friday	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March
And for Easter holidays	
School re-opens	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April
Fathers' Day cards to be completed in school and sent home	w/c 15 <sup>th</sup> April
To be returned to school no later than Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	
Tempest class photographs	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April
May Bank Holiday school closed	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May
PTA movie night- details TBC	Thursday 16 <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
PTA Leavers' Disco- details TBC	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July
Break up for summer holidays Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Monday 22 July/Tues 23 July
Monday 22 July and Tuesday 23 July training days	Training days

#### **School Attendance**

Overall attendance for the school year so far is 91.92%.

As it has been a shorter week and there has been no Celebration Assembly there is no class attendance figures.

#### "Deaf Friends" Event

On Tuesday the school hall was alive with lots of different children from different schools with hearing impairments. It was wonderful to see the joy and energy created and lovely that lots of children got to meet and play with each other. Many thanks to Mrs May and the DAHIT team for organising it!

### "Under the Sea"

Wow, what an incredible performance from Year 3 & 4 children! I was mesmerised by their costumes, singing and acting and I firmly believe that was better than any Disney film. What superstars!

Many thanks to all the Year 3 & 4 staff for bringing this to life and roll on the Year 5/6 production in Summer 2!

#### Mr Holdsworth

It is a bittersweet moment, as today, Mr Holdsworth leaves us to fulfil his dream of living and studying in Japan. John has worked at KSS since July 2010 and will be missed by all for his dedication and positivity. Good luck John!

## **Fast Track Attendance**

After another successful 'Give it 100%' positive attendance initiative, we will be running the authority-backed 'Fast Track' initiative after Easter. This is where we will be notifying certain families with persistent absence (<90% since September) that we will be monitoring their child's attendance for four weeks. If improvements (full attendance or no unauthorised absences) have not been made the families will be notified of another four-week monitoring period and then, if improvements have still not been made, then there is a possibility of a fine issued by the authority's attendance team.

Have a lovely Easter holiday everyone!

Mr P Sheppard Headteacher