



**ST STEPHEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY,
A VOLUNTARY ACADEMY**

Learning, living and loving one another in God's name

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Dear Parents

End of spring term

Time continues to pass very quickly in school, and it is hard to believe another term draws to a close. Although a very short term it has been filled with much activity and events, despite the best efforts at disruption by "the Beast from the East". Closing school due to adverse weather is always a difficult decision but I am grateful for all the support shown in those challenging circumstances.

We continue to try to improve the learning experience children receive at St. Stephen's. We had a very interesting and thought provoking time celebrating International Women's Day and were fortunate a number of visitors gave up their time to help us on that day.

Children from Wharfedale had a fantastic field trip to Masham enhancing their learning about rivers and on the same day Year 6 had a very successful day at Crucial Crew, which is a series of workshops about keeping safe. This followed our work in school on keeping safe on line. Children in Wensleydale also enjoyed an afternoon at Skipton Town Hall for a music festival.

We have continued to enjoy sporting success, with children from Year 5 and 6 representing the school in a swimming gala, and for 1 pupil (Marcus Lilley) to go on to represent Skipton Schools in the Area finals.

Friends of St. Stephen's continue to support school with a number of events – the end of term discos last Friday were very enjoyable and children in Key Stage 2 had the added bonus of an unexpected cartwheeling demonstration!

Over the Easter holidays we will be making changes to the library area and some communal areas in school to refresh the learning environment, and next term we will continue to work hard to improve teaching and learning across the school.

We also continue to look carefully at attendance. Most children in the school do have good attendance records – indeed today over 90 pupils will be receiving 100% attendance certificates for this half term, which is excellent. Every day in school does count.

On a sad note we say goodbye to Mrs Hannan and Miss Yates who are leaving us today. We thank them for all their hard work and wish them well for the future.

Finally, I thank you for your continued support and wish you all a very joyful and peaceful Easter.

Yours sincerely

Tony Pye
Head Teacher.

