

18 December 2008

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a week of many magical moments in school, with my personal highlight being the wonderful carol concert. It was so good to see the hall full to capacity and the children were just marvellous. We all enjoyed the pantomime, and Mr Kinsella developed his reputation for audience participation and struck up a 'special friendship' with the pantomime dame that will take him quite some time to live down.

You may have noticed that the school grounds are being transformed. The mound has reached completion with its newly laid turf, bark and sleeper steps. The orchard has been planted at the far end of the field and our KS2 play equipment is being installed as we speak. Many volunteers have helped turn the dream into a reality, and on behalf of us all, I'd like to say THANKYOU to you all! (Richard Pollard, Ryuko Aoto, Tomer and Mariko; Raphael Lyne, Clare Stourton, Thomas and Sophie; Dan and Saul Woodford; Phil Withington; Seana Wilson; Ben Grieg; Sean Rouse; Phil Done; Dave Farrow and Juliet Snell. – I hope this is everyone, please forgive me if I have omitted you from the lengthy list.)

I can't quite believe that my first term has come to an end. They do say time flies when you're having fun! St Luke's has already worked its special magic upon me and has wriggled its way into my heart. Thank you all for just being you - a very special community indeed. I am an exceptionally lucky Headteacher. Have a wonderful Christmas and try to squeeze some peace and joy in amongst all the busy times.

With love

Anna



School Orchard. There are now 15 fruit trees in the orchard, most of which are apple trees. The full list is:

Quince	Meeches early
Plum	Marjorie seedling
Plum	Victoria
Pear	Conference
Cherry	Morello
Cherry	Sunburst
Apple	Bramley
Apple	Russet
Apple	Lord Lambourne
Apple	Sunset
Apple	Elstar
Apple	Scrumptious
Apple	Fiesta
Apple	Herefordshire Russet
Apple	Sparton

More details about the apples can be found at <http://www.orangeippin.com/>.

Dates for Spring Term

- Monday 12 January, Handwriting (in place of Tables) Club begins
- Tuesday 13 January, Swimming for Class 4 begins at Parkside Pool
- Tuesday 13 January, Joy's Football Club begins
- Wednesday 14 January, Dance Club begins
- Thursday 15 January, Year 3/4 Fitness and Football Club begins
- Friday 23 January, 19:00-21:00 FOSSILs Quiz Night
- Wednesday 4 and Thursday 5 February, Parent Consultations
- Friday 13 February, School closed for staff training
- Monday 16 to Friday 20 February, Half Term Holiday
- Wednesday 4 to Friday 6 March, Kingswood Residential (at Overstrand, Norfolk) for Years 3/4
- Tuesday 31 March, Last swimming session for Class 4
- Friday 3 April, 15:15 Spring Term ends

After School Clubs. Please note that it has not yet been decided whether Art and Craft (for years 1/2) and Cookery (for juniors) will continue next term.

End of Term. School closes tomorrow, Friday 19 December at 3:15pm for the Christmas holiday, and reopens at 8:55am on Tuesday 6 January 2009.