

After a very long and busy term we are now looking forward to the Christmas break. The term ended on a high with the FS2/KS1 nativity performance of "The Very Grumpy Sheep" and the KS2 Carol concert which were both a great success and very well attended. We would like to thank you for all the support you gave the children in preparing for the performances.

Our Christmas tree "Santa's journey" came 3rd in the St Marys Children's Tree Competition – thank you to everyone who voted for us.

We would like to say a big thank you to the OPA for a very successful Christmas Fayre which helped to raise vital funds for the school. The total amount raised will be announced once all receipts and expenses have been processed. Also thank you to everyone who attended on the night and/or donated prizes for the raffle and tombola. Y2 won the tombola and will receive their prize in the New Year.

The House Point Award for the term went to the Spartans who enjoyed a circus skills workshop earlier this week.

Staffing

We are sorry to be saying goodbye to Mr Hickling who will be starting his new job in January. We would like to thank him for all of his contributions to Orchard, especially all of the sporting events and clubs that he had organised and attended over the 3 years he has been with us.

Year 3/4 swimming

Swimming lessons for Y4 will start on Thursday from 17th January until 14th February (5 weeks). Y3 will start their swimming lessons on Thursday 28th February until 28th March (5 weeks).

School Diary on the website

Please keep up to date with all the events that happen at school by looking at our website. We update our calendar weekly and this is the best way to ensure that you have the most up to date information about events taking place in school. The APP will also give you regular reminders of upcoming events.

Please see the calendar dates attached.

Ms M. Fieldsend