



# St Mary's Primary School

Newsletter 11

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Pippin Class have been working very hard practicing their Nativity performance this week and have tried on their costumes. Some children have been sent home with scripts so if parents could help them to practice their lines, it would be much appreciated. We will confirm our performance date as soon as possible.



Miss Chestney and Mrs Battersby have also requested that all children bring their bag or bookbag to school each day with their reading book, reading record and homework. Thank you!

Orchard Class have been independently writing their portal stories and ended the week working together to edit them. In RE, they have begun designing a WAT temple based on the architectural features found in Buddhist temples. Orchard Class aimed high this week in Maths with various multiplication and division tasks across the year groups.

## COVID-19 Guidance Update

With this week's announcement of the new tier system following lockdown, we have not been informed of any major changes in guidance and we will therefore be continuing to operate as we have been this term. Should we be notified of any changes in guidance, we will ensure families are informed.

## Circuits with Miss Smith

Well done everybody who has been attending our daily workout session - we can see and feel the difference in our strength and stamina. At the children's request, we will be continuing to run these each day up until Christmas, so please continue to attend. If anyone else would like to join in, just let the office know so that we can manage numbers appropriately.

## Choir

Thank you to Mrs Orr-Ewing and Miss C for running today's choir practice – it was lovely to see lots of enthusiasm! The choir hope to present the Christmas songs they have begun learning soon. We will let you know when we can confirm arrangements for this.

### Breakfast and After School Club

This week After School Club have taken part in “Hearts for Homes”, writing messages and drawing pictures for residents of care homes as part of a movement to combat loneliness which is rising due to the current situation. Does anyone know if any care home residents, or any other older people, who might enjoy receiving these? If so, please let us know.

After School Club have also constructed some more bug hotels for the wildlife garden which should help increase our habitat diversity – we’ll enjoy seeing who might choose to move in!



### Local Food Links Christmas Lunch

Local Food Links have asked us to remind parents about their Christmas Lunch - have you ordered yours? Wed (16th Dec) is our Christmas Lunch date. If you would like to order, please do so by Wednesday 9th December at the very latest. Please see the attached poster for menu details.

Visit <https://my.localfoodlinks.org.uk/> to order.

### Message from the Chair of Governors - Parent Governor Vacancies

The Governing Body currently has two vacancies for Parent Governors. If you think you may be interested in becoming a Parent Governor, please contact the office, who can put you in touch with an existing Governor who will be able to give you more information about what’s involved.

Alternatively, you can look up the National Governance Association online at [www.nga.org.uk](http://www.nga.org.uk), who say: “School governors and trustees make a valuable contribution to children’s education, opportunities and futures. Being a school governor or trustee is a challenging but hugely rewarding role. It will give you the chance to make a real difference to young people. Schools need governing boards that have a balance and diversity of knowledge, skills and experience to enable them to be effective.”

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,  
Miss Smith