



# St Mary's Primary School

Newsletter 14

18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We start this week by saying a huge thank you to our PFA for providing a lovely Christmas lunch for the children today to round off the Autumn Term. It's certainly felt very festive in the school and we hope that the children have had a lovely time! We also had a visit from one of Santa's elves who came to help give the children gifts. We were delighted to welcome parents to our outdoor singing performance on Thursday afternoon and would like to thank Mrs Orr-Ewing and Miss C for organising it. Thank you also to those of you who enjoyed watching the Pippin Class Nativity this afternoon. We are so pleased to be able to share this with you and well done to all the children involved for putting on such a confident and enthusiastic performance!



Elsewhere this week, Orchard Class have been learning all about the Second World War. Children have approached the topic with curiosity and have had some great discussions using evidence and sources from the past. Our DT session baking scones went very well despite the ration-style ingredients.



Pippin Class have been doing lots of Christmas crafts this week as well as rehearsing for their performance of "A King is Born". Well done Pippin, we are very proud of you!



#### Important: Track and Trace Information

Thank you for all your support so far this term in order to keep school as safe as possible. As we enter the Christmas holidays, please ensure you are aware of the following information so that we can continue to play our part in keeping everyone safe.

**In the event that your child develops COVID-19 symptoms and has a positive test result during the Christmas holiday period, there are steps which we must ask you to take.**

- If your child develops symptoms (a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste) please arrange a test immediately.
- For the first 6 days after teaching ends, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, please inform us by emailing [office@stmarysthorncombe.co.uk](mailto:office@stmarysthorncombe.co.uk) This email address will be monitored daily until 24<sup>th</sup> December and will allow us to take the necessary steps.
- If a test result is positive and symptoms began after 48 hours of being at school, please follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
- If your child has to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case after the first 6 days following the end of term, you do not need to inform us until the first day of the new term. In our case this is an INSET day on 4th January.

#### Circuits with Miss Smith

Well done to everyone who has been joining in with our morning work-outs! We're all feeling much stronger and will be continuing our daily sessions after the Christmas holidays, starting on our first morning back on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

#### Local Food Links

The Spring menu is now available on the Local Food Links website – do make sure you place orders for school lunches at least 7 days in advance.

Wishing everyone a really lovely Christmas break and we look back to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

Yours sincerely, Miss Smith