

# St Mary & St John CE Primary School

Headteacher: Elizabeth Burton



Newsletter 7: 24.01.20

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all coping with January – it's never the easiest month but all is running smoothly at school with the usual range of trips, visits and assorted activities which make for the positive life of our school.

**Congratulations** to Chris Chamier-Williams and his family on the arrival of a new baby boy Robin last week. Chris is currently on paternity leave and he will be back next Wednesday 29 January. He supports the cricketers at lunchtime, so I have been standing in and I am really impressed with the standard of play. Some future stars in the making!

**Thank you** to the group of parents who organised Monday evening's first aid training on emergency response using cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and an automated defibrillator. We had an excellent turn out with an experienced facilitator who led the session very well and gave us sensible and reassuring advice.

**Thank you** to Emma Crocombe, our Maths Coordinator, for organising a maths day on Tuesday 21 January. This was a big success with lively presentations to different year groups making maths fun and engaging. We are working as a whole school to raise the profile of maths this year and this was one example of our initiatives.

**Thank you** to our PTA for raising a magnificent £7000 from our Winter Fair. The PTA support us with so much at school and recently paid for the transport for the trips to *Beauty and The Beast* and *The Snow Queen* – thank you wonderful PTA! Their next event is the popular car racing on Saturday 8 February at 3.00 in the main hall. Please come along and get those wheels moving!

**School lunches.** We have introduced two meat free days in our school lunches with popular vegetarian dishes on the menu on Mondays and Thursdays. There are three choices every day; we are the only school who offers three rather than two options. This is to ensure that there is something for everyone on the menu. Our children are very aware of the environmental and health impacts of too much meat consumption, so we are pleased that our catering company responded to our idea of meat free days.

**Our eco council** are working this term on reducing waste in lunch boxes – they have put together some ideas which I will send out in a separate letter. They worked hard in their last meeting to be persuasive without being too dictatorial or bossy!

Best wishes,

Liz Burton