



# 12th February

## School news Update

*Our church school creates a firm foundation where together, with God's help and with the help of others, we learn for life, achieve our best and grow in faith.*

### End of half term

We have reached the end of half term and I'm sure that you are all looking forward to a well deserved break next week. We won't be setting any remote learning so please do try to take the opportunity to have some time together away from learning. This is a good opportunity for me to also say a huge thank you to our parent community who have engaged so well in our remote learning with their children. We are so grateful to parents as we know that this is challenging but please do know that your effort is really appreciated. Please do continue to let us know via email to the office or directly with class teachers via STARZ if there is any feedback that you wish to share or if we can support further with.

### Book order

Over the last week in KS2 we have been asking your children what books they would love to read on their return to school – we have been busy ordering them all and as you can see we have a great many that have now arrived! Rather than waiting until the children return, we would like to make these available to the children in the first week back and will share details with you about collecting them from school. KS1 also have new books to collect that Mrs Macleod has chosen for them and we will continue to make reading books available to Van Gogh class too. We are so excited to have so many new books to share!



### Free e-books



The publisher, Collins, are giving parents free access to 330+ KS1 Collins Big Cat e-books. Big Cat is a reading resource that we use in KS1 and so we know that the books are a really high quality. To access go to [Collins Connect](#) and click on the Teacher portal. The username/email is: [parents@harpercollins.co.uk](mailto:parents@harpercollins.co.uk) and the password is: Parents!21

Along with [Oxford Owl](#) this is a great way to access high quality reading books from home.

### Live author events

Apologies to those of you who tried to join the live author event with Michael Morpurgo yesterday – we struggled to join in school too. The organisers sent an apology and this included a link to a recording of the event which we sent via email yesterday afternoon. We hope you will enjoy watching it.

## Virtual after school clubs



The [Youth Sport Trust After School Sport Club](#) is a free resource to help all young people feel part of a club while many of them are not attending school or out of school clubs. Focusing on much more than physical fitness, the club will help children develop physical literacy and the confidence to try new sports.

The **free to access** After School Sport Clubs will be held at 5pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Each week there will be a different focus, with Tuesdays introducing the basic theme and Thursdays involving a sport-specific session. Children and young people can join in the live broadcast on the [YouTube channel](#) or have a go at some previous sessions [here](#).

## Parent consultations

We are aware that next half term we would usually be inviting parents in to school to meet with class teachers. We know that this won't take its usual format but we do feel that the link between home and school is vital so would like to make contact with each family, be it virtually or by telephone. We are currently planning the format that this will take and once we know more about when the children are likely to return, we will share this with you.

## Half term holiday camp

Barracudas have put together a virtual half term camp with activities available online led by some of their staff. The timetable of events is shown and the link needed to join can be found [here](#).



**We would like to wish all of our children, their families, our staff and Governors, a restful and safe half term break!**

