



22nd February

Welcome back to
Spring B!

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 really hope that you managed to enjoy a restful half term and that you all stayed safe and well. Today we eagerly await the announcement of when children will return to school and we pray that this will be the 8th March for all children. If there is a need to change any of our systems or routines once our Risk Assessment has been updated in light of any new guidance, we will let you know as soon as we can.

New Reading Books

In the last newsletter, we let you know that we have been busy asking the children to choose their preferred books from a selection of recommended reading books for their age. These have all now arrived and have been stamped and collated. We would love it if you were able to come to school to collect the books for your child so that they can begin to enjoy them.

The books will be organised into families so that you only need to make one visit to school if you have more than one child. Collection can be made between 9:15am and 2:45pm this week on the following days:

- Wednesday if your surname starts with the letter A to F
- Thursday if your surname starts with the letter G to M
- Friday if your surname starts with the letter N to W

Each child not in school has two school books to borrow – Year 1 and 2 have been chosen by Mrs MacLeod and children in Years 3 to 6 have at least one of the books that they chose and the other has been chosen by their teacher.

They will be placed outside the main entrance in a covered trug in case it rains and we sincerely hope that the children will love these new books!!

We will continue to make reading books available to Van Gogh class too – please message Mrs Wilcock through your child's STARZ page to request more when needed!



A reminder that we also shared the details of free e-books below: 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 and the password is: Parents!21

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

NSPCC Virtual Assembly

In the past we have invited the NSPCC in to school to deliver their 'Speak Out Stay Safe' programme with our children. In response to the current pandemic, they've changed the way this programme is delivered and part of this includes a virtual assembly which will be broadcast live tomorrow at 10:00am via their [Facebook page](#). The assembly will share the importance of children speaking out and staying safe and seeking support if they are worried. It will feature TV presenters Ant and Dec as well as comedian and children's author David Walliams.

Daisies Montessori Nursery School Relocation

You may recall that we informed parents before Christmas that we have been working closely with Daisies Montessori Nursery to build a brand new purpose built nursery on our school grounds. At the time, we let you know that we had received approval from the Diocese and the local PCC to move to the planning application stage and this application has now been submitted to

Huntingdonshire District Council. The link to the planning application and the plans of the proposed building can be found on the planning website [here](#). We feel that this is a fantastic opportunity for both the school and for the village and we would be delighted to meet (virtually) to discuss the plans and to give parents an opportunity to meet with the nursery owner. If this is



something that would be useful for us to do, please email the school office before Monday 1st March so that we can set a date for this. In the meantime, we hope that parents will take a look at the plans on the link above and if you would like to submit your views, this can be done via the planning website or alternatively please email the school office and we will collate responses to share.

Free School Meal Vouchers

We have now issued the free school meal vouchers for the next 2 weeks (in the hope that we may be back in school on the 8th). If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium please do let us know by Friday if you haven't received these vouchers. Many thanks.

Lent challenge

Each year, Bishop Stephen (the Bishop of Ely) sets a Lent challenge for all church schools in the Diocese of Ely. We enjoy taking part of this each year and although we are not together in school we hope that you will enjoy this challenge which will be led by Rev'd Mandy this year in our school. She will focus on this Lent challenge each week in her Wednesday Collective Worship. We hope that you enjoy taking part as a family and please do share any pictures of what you are doing.

Fairtrade Fortnight



Today sees the start of Fairtrade Fortnight and the children have some thought provoking activities on their STARZ page to complete and again we hope you enjoy these activities. We would love to see any photos of what your children are doing or any quotes of their comments when completing these activities.