



# The Communicator

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As always, well done to all the children, families and staff for their hard work this week. The children at home and at school now seem settled into a good routine and continue to learn as well as possible.

As you may have seen in the press school will remain closed for most pupils until 8th March. We are disappointed not to have all the children back after half term but we know all the children will continue to do their best with remote learning. We will of course update you with our plan with re-opening as soon as the government instruct us to do so

### Children attending school

The staff supervising children in school continue to be pleased with their hard work and super learning. Please remember that critical worker places are to enable parents to work. Please keep your child at home if possible on the days that you are not working. Your child should join in with the remote learning for the class on any days they are at home. Please continue to advise us if your child is unwell, unable to attend school or anyone in the household has covid symptoms or your child needs to isolate as a close contact.

### Children learning at home

In spite of technical difficulties both at home and school at times this week, our children continue to learn well in all subjects. It is very important that children attend all lessons and are on time and complete and submit their work. Please do ensure that your child is submitting all the work for the day by the end of the day unless you have discussed this with a member of staff.

### Reading

Whether your child is at home or at school, the most important thing for children of all ages to do is to read. As you will not have access to school reading books, please read with or to your child whatever books you are able. Information about reading resources has been given by teachers and also on previous Communicators. In addition, Collins Big Cat are offering families free access to book banded e books which will be useful for children learning to read of any age. Go to <https://connect.collins.co.uk/school/teacherlogin.aspx> and enter the username [parents@harpercollins.co.uk](mailto:parents@harpercollins.co.uk) and the password Parents!21 Choose the Collins Big Cat purple picture and you will be taken to a menu with the different coloured book bands down the left hand side. Choose the colour of the last banded book your child had from school and you will be able to choose from several fiction and non fiction books for that colour. If you are unsure which book band to choose, please contact your child's teacher or the office.

### World Book Day

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March and we will celebrate books and our love of reading on that day wherever we are. We would love children to dress up as a character from their favourite book whether they are at home or school. However, I must encourage you to follow the local Coronavirus restrictions at the time and make only essential journeys. If your child already has a costume or you can create one with items already at home or purchased on an essential journey, please do so. If not, your child may wear pyjamas in order to enjoy a bedtime story.

### Parents Evening

We will be holding Parents Evening appointments by phone on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021 from 3.20 – 6.00pm. Please book your appointment by logging into Scopay from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February. Please put the phone number that you want to be contacted on next to your booking. It is important that teachers talk to all parents (children learning both at home and at school). If you are unable to attend on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February, please contact the office and we will arrange an alternative time for you.

### WOW award School



Nursery - *Emmy-Rae Taylor*  
Reception - *Ezimai Kelsall*  
Year 1 - *Skylar Statham*  
Year 2 - *Frankie Lesti-Johnson (home)*  
Year 3 - *Leighton Kelsall*  
Year 4 - *Archie Johnson*  
Year 5 - *Imogen Bailey*  
Year 6 - *T-Jay Minshull*

### WOW award Home School



Reception - *Bailey Hawkes*  
Year 1 - *Mia-Rose Kearney*  
Year 2 - *Heidi Burgess*  
Year 3 - *Sophia Allcock*  
Year 4 - *Luke Finnemore*  
Year 5 - *Jacob Hewitt*  
Year 6 - *Lucas Jones*

### Values and Virtues (Grateful & Generous)

Nursery : *Sofia Gromova*

### Presentation award

(for presenting work to a very high standard)

Nursery - *George Borune*  
Reception - *Ted Maughan*  
Reception - *Callen Wheeldon*  
Year 1 - *Isla-Rose Jones*  
Year 1 - *Lola Nixon*  
Year 2 - *Ann-Lorraine Cabalbal Agsalda*  
Year 2 - *Emily Callan*  
Year 3 - *Natasha Cook*  
Year 3 - *Theodora Peter*  
Year 4 - *Winnie Maughan*  
Year 4 - *Rhys Johnson*  
Year 5 - *Anya Wilshaw*  
Year 5 - *Julia Prokopiuk*  
Year 6 - *Lucas Schifano*  
Year 6—*Jessica Osborne*

*Please ensure that you supervise your children carefully before school starts and after you have collected them at home time to avoid accidents and other children being hurt. Children should not be playing on playground*

Thank you to all those parents who completed our remote learning survey. It was pleasing to read that the overwhelming majority of parents are pleased with the remote learning which is being offered and feel that it is helping children's learning and wellbeing. Comments relating to individual teachers have been passed on to them and they were grateful to read your positive feedback at such a challenging time. A few parents identified themselves as having difficulty uploading work; we believe that we have contacted all those who put on their name to explain how to do this. If you are experiencing difficulties uploading work, please do contact school and we will be happy to support you. We have carefully considered the suggestions for improvement made (see below)

Send a reminder for live lessons	Each class has a slightly different timetable to help to make it easier for sharing devices. Unfortunately, we are unable to text reminders for so many different times. However, if you download Teams onto your phone, a reminder will pop up on your phone, even if you join the lesson on a different device.
Assembly links in the TEAMS calendar instead of by text	KS2 assembly links are in the TEAMS calendar. Reception class join the KS1 assembly but children in Reception do not have individual TEAMS log ins so we are unable to send the KS1 assembly link that way at present.
Breaks for siblings at the same time	We appreciate that different timings for siblings can be challenging. Lunch time is the same for all classes. Morning breaks are staggered so that children in school do not mix on the yard and our timetables are organised to make it as easy as possible for siblings sharing devices to have access to the live lessons. However, there is a gap between the 2 morning lessons for completing work and independent tasks and families are free to organise this time to best suit their needs.
Work to be uploaded earlier	We aim to upload work in advance but not so far in advance that children become confused about which task is for which day. If you need particular work further in advance, please contact the school office and we will arrange this for you if at all possible
Extra work for children who finish early	Teachers plan tasks which they believe will take the time allocated if they are completed properly. If your child frequently finishes early, please contact the teacher via the office and we will be pleased to advise you. The very best use of any child's time at the moment is to keep practising their reading, spelling, handwriting, number bonds and times tables. Please continue to access Times Table Rock Stars and the reading resources shared by the teacher and practise the spelling lists sent home in any spare time.
Teachers available outside of live lessons to support children struggling with work	Teachers are available via the chat each day to answer questions and give support (Y2 upwards). If you prefer not to use the chat facility or your child is younger than Y2, please contact the office to leave a message for the teacher and they will telephone you to offer support.

Our prayer of the month for Early Years and KS1 is Glory be and for KS2 is the diocesan prayer for vocations. Please say these at home when you are able

**Prayer of the Month for January:  
Early Years and KS1**

Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end.  
Amen.



**Prayer of the Month for January for KS2:  
Diocesan Prayer for Vocations**

Lord Jesus, send labourers into your harvest.  
Inspire in the hearts of your people  
vocations to the priesthood and religious life.  
Bless our families with a spirit of generosity.  
May those whom you call to the priesthood and religious life  
have the courage to give themselves to your Church  
as co-operators in your work.

St. John Vianney: Pray for us

Yesterday, the Catholic Church celebrated the feast of St Thomas Aquinas. Thomas became well known for his study and writing in philosophy and theology. It is said that he showed a deeper understanding of the teachings of Christ than any other. His love for Jesus led him to write prayers and hymns that we still use today. Thomas was a humble man who knew that his gifts came from God and was keen to use them to help others. We pray that he will help all of our children with their learning and that they will use their gifts and talents just like Thomas did.

I wish you a peaceful weekend. Please remember to follow the current restrictions so that they can be reduced as soon as possible. As always, we are here to support all our families in whatever way we can. Please do not hesitate to contact us.

