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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a good weekend.

I want to thank you for all your hard work in home-educating your child. I have seen some amazing learning and I am full of admiration for those of you who are trying to work from home and teach your child at the same time. Please do not worry if you are struggling - it is far more important that the whole family is happy and well. Your child's teacher is available to help if you would like more support. We have bought some new laptops and will be delivering them to families that requested them today. There is money in the school budget for more laptops should the need arise, so again, please contact me if IT devices are needed.

We hope your child enjoyed seeing the film clips teachers prepared last week. This week, we have the class Zoom sessions. If any of you did not receive the log in details for your child's class Zoom session, please get in touch with me.

Some good news about Art club - Ms Stephens is able to take more children for her virtual Art club as she is now doing two sessions a week. If your child is interested, please email:

lindsey.a.stephens@gmail.com

I have just added two books about Coronavirus aimed at primary school children (more suitable for KS2) in the whole school section which you may find useful:

<http://www.barham.kent.sch.uk/assets/documents/whole-school/Coronavirus-A-Book-For-Children.pdf>

<http://www.barham.kent.sch.uk/assets/documents/whole-school/parsleymimblewoodsavestheworld.pdf>

As I am sure you will be aware, there is much speculation in the media about when schools will re-open and which year groups will go back first. I have not had any confirmation and am likely to find out at the same time as you but as a staff we are looking at possible scenarios and how to keep everyone as safe as possible.

We are all looking forward to the day when it is safe for the children to be back in school. Until then, please keep sending us photos of the children and their pets, home-learning and any other activities that are going on. These pictures make our day.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Al Higgins'.

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