



# St. Lawrence CE Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Friday 22nd May 2020

## **Update May Half Term and 2<sup>nd</sup> half of summer term**

Firstly, we would like to thank you for all your continued support and engagement with the home learning over the last half term. In total, the children have created over 5,000 journal entries in Seesaw across the classes, which is marvellous! Teaching staff have been delighted to see how diligent, creative and engaged our pupils have been but above all seeing the children having fun in these exceptional times.

We will not be providing home learning activities during this half term as a well-earned break is needed for all. Staff will be in school however, planning and reorganising the school building in readiness for the phased return, proposed by the government for after the half term break.

With this in mind, from 2<sup>nd</sup> June staff will be now be returning to St. Lawrence supporting our Key Worker pupils and those who will be phase returning in certain year groups. This will ultimately mean it will be more difficult for staff to maintain the same level of remote education provision for pupils attending the phased return or in the year groups who are not eligible to attend. Feedback and marking comments will not be able to be provided in great detail and there may be a delay on responses and uploading work to your child's journal. We do appreciate your understanding with this during this transitional period.

Due to the success of Seesaw for parents and children, staff will continue to plan and timetable suggested work for children to complete at home for the remaining weeks of the summer term. To ensure that the curriculum offer will be the same for children in school receiving face-to-face teaching and those at home the work we will be setting exactly the same activities. We have chosen to use Oak National Academy, BBC Bitesize, and other remote education platforms as these have been specifically recommended and provide support for parents. This will provide continuity for parents, children and staff whether children are in school or at home.

Further information will be communicated to the parents of children in the year groups on the phased return once plans have been finalised.

We are currently in the process of writing end of year reports based upon the information we have gathered about your child from September to March and will be contacting you via Parentmail about filling in a section highlighting your child's response to school to include in our reports. Please look out for this after the half term break. As always, after these reports are sent out we will offer you the opportunity to discuss any aspects with us, should you feel you need to, by telephone.

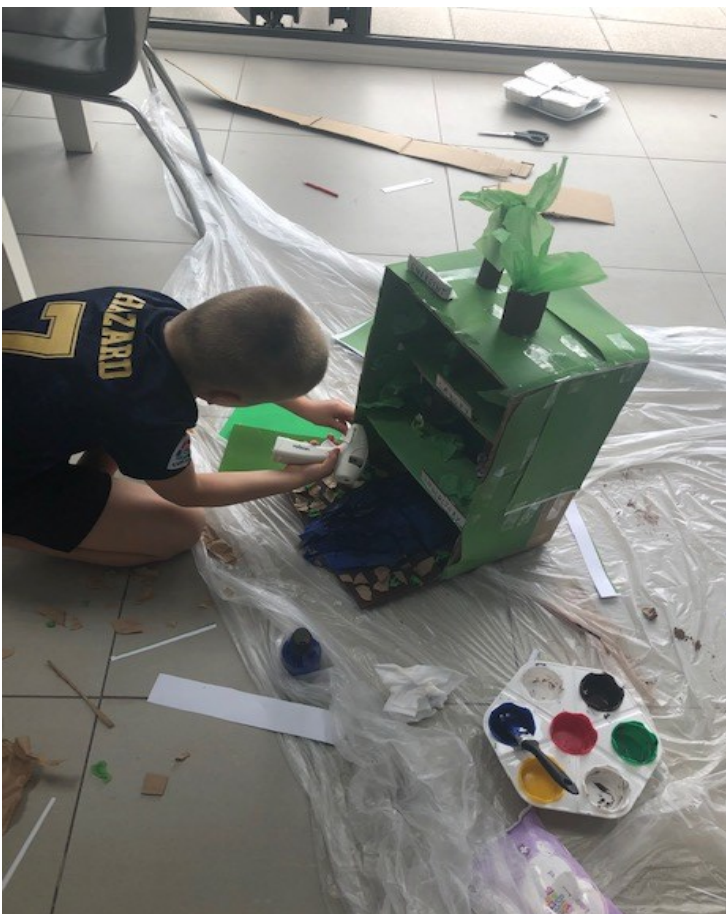
Finally, we would like to place on record our thanks to all the staff who have worked tirelessly throughout the last few weeks and months. They have adapted to changes, fulfilled new working arrangements, supported our key worker pupils whilst juggling their own challenging personal circumstances. As always, their commitment to the profession of teaching and to the pupils and families at St. Lawrence has been tremendous. The kind messages and emails of support that many have you sent us have been so lovely to receive and truly meant the world. We really have missed you all and look forward to meeting with some of you again very soon as we look to a phased return and some sense of normality.

With our best wishes

Miss Osterfield and Mrs Moore

# Remote Learning





Brilliant model making. Well done Miley and Charlie!