



# St. Lawrence CE Primary School

**Executive Head Teacher - Ms. Helen Osterfield**

**Head of School - Mrs. Alison Moore**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Friday 12th June 2020

Firstly, I hope that everyone is safe and well and continuing to adjust to the new way of life. As a school we are adjusting to a new way of working, and like you, await the announcements from the government on the next steps to take as a school. During the last two weeks we have welcomed back some of our key worker children who are arranged in two bubbles and we will be welcoming back some of our reception children on Monday 15th into a third bubble. This week a few parents have questioned why we have made the decision to take back Reception other than the other year groups mentioned, I just want to reassure parents that Miss Osterfield and myself follow all the national guidelines outlined by the government and DfE. The proposal was based on school capacity and staffing and that we needed to prioritise Key Worker Families first, followed by Nursery and Reception, then Year 1 and finally Year 6. As a small school, I am sure you will agree that we have limitations in terms of space and capacity and at this time our three classrooms are in full use.

The children here at St. Lawrence are at the heart of all that we do, and even if they are remote learning still very much belong to the St. Lawrence community. Please do contact class teachers via SeeSaw or by email and telephone if you do have any questions, queries or concerns or need any help or support with anything. We are still class teachers to our whole class and miss you all greatly. We do understand that these are very uncertain times in education and we may not have the answers but we are always happy to support if we can.

As I mentioned earlier in the week via Parentmail, class teachers are now in the process of writing end of year reports for the children here at St. Lawrence. These reports will be sent out to you in early July. As part of the report format there is a section for the pupil to respond and we would very much like to include your child's responses on the report. Thank you very much to all those parents who have emailed their responses back to school, this is most helpful. If you haven't completed this yet please could you do so by emailing the school office [a3091@telford.gov.uk](mailto:a3091@telford.gov.uk) by Friday 19th June at the latest for your child's comments to be included. We will be arranging telephone conversations with parents after these reports have been sent out and will let you know how this will be arranged in the coming weeks. This will give you the opportunity to talk to class teachers and we can hopefully answer questions that you have regarding your child's progress.

Sending my very best wishes to you all.

Mrs Alison Moore



The Reading Agency and Libraries Present

# SILLY SQUAD

Summer Reading Challenge 2020

Silly Squad Summer Reading Challenge 2020 is a celebration of funny books, happiness and having a laugh! This year the challenge has gone digital!

The Challenge starts on Friday 5th June 2020, and the Summer Reading Challenge Facebook page is hosting a launch party from 4pm.



The Silly Squad is a team of animal friends who love to go on adventures and get stuck in to all different kinds of funny books

Children aged 4 – 11 years can join the Silly Squad on a new adventure by setting themselves their own personal reading challenge to complete this summer. The online platform will help them keep track of their books, review and rewards they unlock along the way.

Children can read any books in any format, fiction, non-fiction, picture books, audio books, eBooks and eAudio books via our Libby App.

The Challenge helps to support the **social** and **cultural** development of pupils in a fun, creative and child-directed way.

It encourages comprehension skills such as using imagination and empathy to explore a text beyond the page

It develops a **growth mind-set** for children who take part

The Challenge allows children to become more **independent** in their reading when choosing books



If you would like to take part in this year's Summer Reading challenge go to

[www.readingagency.org.uk/schools](http://www.readingagency.org.uk/schools)

for more details