



Executive Head Teacher - Mrs Rebecca Nash Head of School - Mrs Alison Moore

Dear Parents,

18th June 2021

Firstly, we would just like to thank you all for your patience and understanding during the last 10 days. We understand that the situation hasn't been ideal and we can only apologise for the disruption it has caused. We have followed the advice from Public Health to the letter and they have been most helpful answering and responding to queries. For those of you who emailed in, I am sure you will agree, response times were swift and detailed. For those pupils at home, we thank you for the engagement with work on SeeSaw and some of the lovely comments you took the time to make. Children in school, have been impressing supply teachers with their wonderful behaviour and commitment to their work.

Today, it has been wonderful to welcome back the majority of our pupils and staff, for those of us who have remained in school, we breathed a hefty sigh of relief this morning! We look forward to welcoming the whole community back on Monday for the final few weeks of term.

Transition Days

The DfE have advised this week that schools should not be mixing as part of their transition days unless a wide range of safety and control measures are in place and strictly adhered to. We have already had notification from a number of secondary schools that their secondary transition days, planned for 5th and 6th July, will not be going ahead this year. The reason for this is children feeding into them from different settings poses difficulties with transition arrangements and maintaining bubbles. We will be contacting our year 6 parents separately to discuss further and liasing with Secondary Schools for further support.

We have thought carefully about our own transition procedures in school this year, we will have to alter what we do in order to follow the recommended guidelines and maintain bubble ways of working. Children will of course, have the opportunity to meet their new teachers for September, but it will be teachers that move to meet the class rather than pupils moving. Our new Reception children will be able to visit after school with their parents but not as a collective group.

Class Transition Day





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Our transition session will need to be much shorter than in previous years and we will be planning it during the week commencing 5th July. The day and session time will be confirmed next week and the organisation of classes for September will be sent out shortly.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding transition please do contact the school office and Mrs Moore will happily arrange a telephone conversation to discuss further.

<u>RSE Week</u>

You will have received letters informing you of the content of our compulsory RSE sessions for each year group a few weeks ago. We had planned for RSE week to take place next week but this has now been rescheduled for a week later, week commencing 28th June. This note is for your reference to keep you informed, as there maybe questions following the sessions.

<u>Artist in Residence</u>



We are looking forward to welcoming Henry Parker in to school during the next few weeks of term. Henry is a Fine Art and Art History Graduate who studied at Liverpool Hope University and will be working in all the classes through school. During the last few weeks staff have been focusing on the Art curriculum on offer and adapting plans in order to show progression through the age ranges. Henry will be working with the children on the strand of

sketching and the focus will be on self portraits. We are looking forward to welcoming Henry to St. Lawrence and sharing the work children have produced at the end of the unit of work. This is an exciting opportunity and always wonderful to have a specialist in school.

Staggered Start and Finish Times

From September we will continue with the staggered start and finish times until further notice. Parents and residents of Preston have commented on how much better it has been alleviating some of the congestion round the village and we feel it will benefit our new starters in the first few weeks of term. When we confirm organisation of classes next week we will publish the new start and collection times for September.







Sizzling summer - class

Class 1 have been learning **S**0 much about the of season summer. It has been lovely looking at the children's pictures showing their perfect summer scene. Here is a selection of their wonderful pictures.



We have created a beautiful summer display in our classroom.





Remote Learning in Class 2 this week...

Harry (Year 3)

Once upon a time, there was a lonely bookmark who loved space! He wanted to explore the universe, but he needed to find the right book. After looking for weeks, he finally found the book called Space. He cant open the book on his own because he isn't strong enough, so he opened the window and the wind opened the book just as he planned , he jumped inside and saw the magical tales come to life!





Remote learning in Class 3 this week.

Firstly, I would just like to say how proud we are of the children this week; they got back into the routine of online learning really quickly and we have been so impressed with the work that has been uploaded. Children in Year 4-6 took part in a live History lesson through Zoom on Tuesday afternoon where the children began to learn about what it was like to go to school in Victorian times. We loved looking at all of your 'Copperplate' style handwriting, just like children back in Victorian times would have produced! Thank you to all of the adults too, who has been supporting the children at home.

Year 4 and 5

During this week in Year 4 and 5, we have had a busy remote period of learning. In Maths, we have been using our knowledge of fractions and applying this to decimals (please see photographs) and in English we have been working on the features, grammar and purpose of biographies. In RE this week, we continued our learning about the Trinity, following on from Mrs Moore's assembly last week in school and the children have also been busy with a homeschool Forest School Activity, and with practising their Spanish at home. In Science, the children completed a lesson about camouflage (please see photographs).

Science work - creating camouflage moths!







Year 6 work this week



<u> Maths – decimals!</u>



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<u>English</u>

Year 6 have been very busy and working hard from home this week. They have produced excellent writing using online Jane Considine – The Write Stuff lessons. They have written imaginative, descriptive pieces throughout the week. Well done!

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ICT - 3D Modelling

In Year 6, children used an online ICT lesson to create a 3D model! They used devices at home to follow instructions and create a model of their choice.







<u>St. Lawrence Values Award</u>

Our St. Lawrence Values Award is an award nominated by the pupils to the pupils and reflects the school's values. Children are so intuitive and can often pick up on those little details that sometimes adults miss out on, so it is lovely that children get to vote.

This week Harlow has nominated Soraya for the value of "Helping and Supporting". Harlow was tidying up the classroom and Soraya very kindly helped her without being asked.

<u>Class One</u>

Isabella – Fantastic work in PE, showing great strategies. Ariana-Jane – helping and supporting your friends

<u>Class Two</u>

Finn—for always trying his best and being polite.

Reuben-for being resilient and not giving up.

<u>Class Three</u>

Max P - for an excellent week at home on Seesaw.

April – for excellent effort and perseverance with maths while working at home.

