

Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope you are keeping safe and well.

As we move towards our phased return next week, staff have been busy on the school site to ensure that all is prepared in regards to safety measures and the creation of engaging activities. Needless to say, the safety of the children is at the forefront of our minds to ensure that the transition back into learning for these year groups is both fun but also provides less opportunity for children and parents to be anxious about the return to school.



## **Reception, Year 1 and children of key workers arriving at school from 8th June**

You will have no doubt already seen through Parentmail that we have informed parents and carers of the protocols from the 8th June, including our procedures for when children are dropped off and collected from school.

We would like to summarise here the key points of our systems so that parents and carers of our Reception, Year 1 and key worker classes can refer to this as necessary:

- Children will be dropped off at the pedestrian gates that leads onto the school site from Harley Shute Road. At this point, a member of staff will direct your child to the appropriate teacher who will be waiting close by.
- There are two drop off times which are 8:50am and 9:00am. You will have been notified of your drop off time already through Parentmail.
- Children dropped off at 8:50am are to be collected at 2:30pm from the same gate.
- Children dropped off at 9:00am are to be collected at 2:50pm from the same gate.
- Based on the survey last term, if you answered 'maybe' or 'no' to your child attending from the 8th June and wish to change your mind, you will need to contact the school office to confirm a change in your decision. This will ensure that we have a clear understanding of numbers to maintain the safety of all children and staff on site.
- Please note that the school week runs from Monday to Thursday. There will be no school on a Friday.

## Year 6 children arriving at the St Leonards Academy from the 8th June

Much like the information on the previous page, we wish to outline similar points for the year 6 children attending the St Leonards Academy:

- Children will be dropped off at the school gate that leads into the car park of the secondary academy. At this point, a member of staff will direct your child to the appropriate teacher who will be waiting close by.
- Children are to be dropped off at 8:40am and collected at 2:50pm from the same gate.
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## West St Leonards Learning Channel

This week, we are using the [Youtube channel](#) to provide an overview of the organisation and safety measures across the school for parents, carers and children to feel more confident about the return. You will be able to see the setup of a classroom, the routes around the building that will support social distancing and also understand how our play times will work. The video is already uploaded and [ready for you to watch straight away](#).

## Class Emails

We hope you have been able to make full use of the class email addresses and have sent through your work for teachers to see. Please ensure that you are continuing to use these to send through work so feedback can be provided and children can maintain this line of communication with their teachers.



## East Sussex Book Award

The deadline for entries and voting in the East Sussex Children's Book Award is the 12<sup>th</sup> June with the winner announced on the East Sussex Children's Books Award web page on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June.

Voting and competitions are on the Book Award web page: <https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/libraries/activities-and-events/book-award/>.

Here children can read and vote for their favourite book, come up with a great piece of creative writing based on the shortlisted books, write and upload a book review, do a drawing of their favourite character/setting or create and draw a book cover. Once they are done, all they need to do is submit their entries through the online forms.

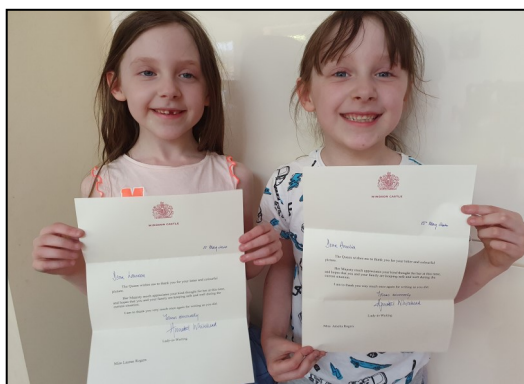
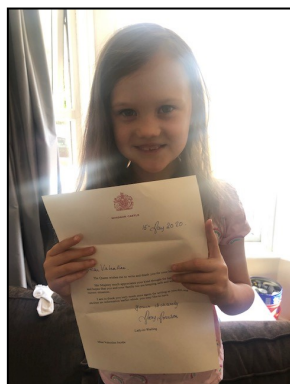
The organisers have also uploaded some short videos by some of the shortlisted authors onto the Book Award webpage, talking about their books – take a look at these: <https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/libraries/activities-and-events/book-award/meet-the-authors/>

Here is a link to access the ebooks online: <https://eastsussexlibrary.overdrive.com/library/kids>

## Letters from the Queen

Over the past few weeks, we have been notified of some West St Leonards children who have written letters to the Queen to explain what they have been doing since the school closure, as well as drawing pictures for the Queen to look at and sending their best wishes at this unpredictable time.

Not long after sending these, the children all received replies to their kind letters. Well done to Valentine, Lauren and Amelia for showing their POW values in their letters by being so kind and considerate. You all look so proud to receive your letters in return!



## Half Term Times Table Rock Stars Tournament

Congratulations to Avocets who hold onto the crown for another week with Piotr B being the top player for the week.

We would like to add a special mention to Jack and Jamie D in Reception too as they have showed great effort in Numbots. Well done!

# Gold Award

Teachers have thoroughly enjoyed receiving work since the start of the new term. Here we have some children who have sent in new work but also some that we wish to celebrate for continuing with existing projects over a number of weeks. Remember to keep sending your pictures of home learning in next week, even if you are in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 as we want to keep celebrating your great efforts!



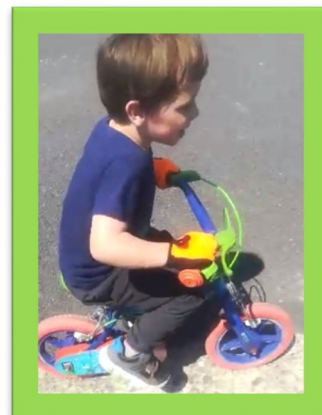
**Puffins - Alicia W**

Congratulations to Alicia who will finally get to see her design on the side of an ambulance. What a superb way to show your support for the NHS and a great design!



**Ducklings - Zeliha K**

The work that you have completed this week is fantastic Zeliha. It is great to see that you have enjoyed doing your home learning in the sunshine. You should be very proud of your writing Zeliha, you are definitely striving for a 5. Well done.



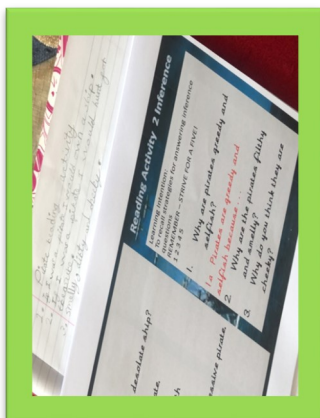
**Robins - Owen S**

Owen has worked hard on a number of different creative projects this week and has always shown a positive attitude to his work. The recent task he is most proud of however is learning to ride his bike without stabilizers. That is definitely something that requires a lot of POW values to be used. Well done.



**Blackbirds—Zachary D**

For continuing to read a variety of books and completing the learning whilst still taking time to look after his plants. This might be an older picture Zachary but it shows how much you enjoy looking after your plants! We look forward to seeing more pictures of how they grow.



**Warblers - Isabella C**

For making a great start to the new distance learning packs from school and keeping regular with Bug Club reading. Great job Isabella!



**Kingfishers - Mikolaj B**

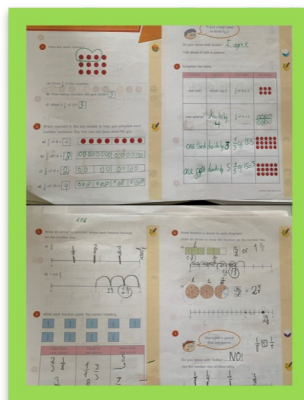
Well done Mikolaj - you have worked very hard on your online learning. It has been great to track your progress and to see how you have been tackling those tricky reading questions. Keep it up!





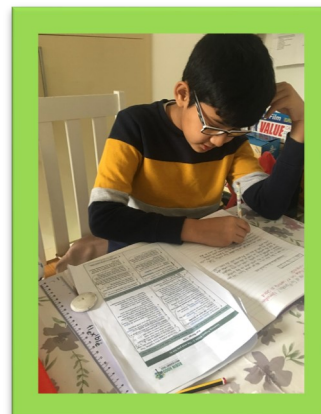
Nightingales - George D

For showing excellent perseverance in his work in school despite a fractured arm. You haven't let it stop you and even the other children in the class have commented on how hard you have worked. Well done George!



Sandmartins - Milana P

Great job with your Maths work this week Milana. You've stuck with it and each piece you have sent through has shown that you are understanding more and more each time. Well done!



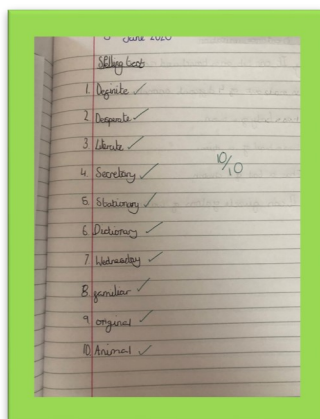
Avocets - Ruben P

Ruben has shown great determination in completing his distance learning and has even risen to the challenge of completing additional tasks set through to him once he has finished his work. Keep it up!



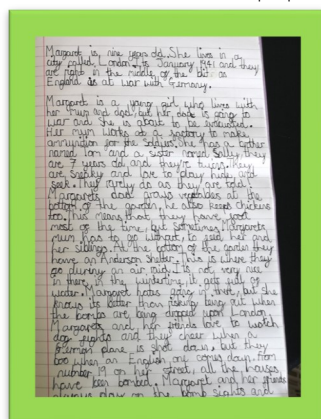
Oystercatchers - Samuel H-C

Your artwork on the Titanic was amazing, using great colours which added a realistic feel and it was clear that you had researched images to add vivid detail.



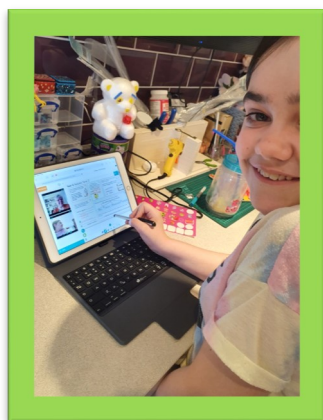
Hérons - Cerys B

Cerys has produced fantastic work over the lockdown period but this week I am celebrating her perseverance with her spellings. She is always practicing and striving to do her best in this area even when it's tricky. Keep up the good work Cerys!



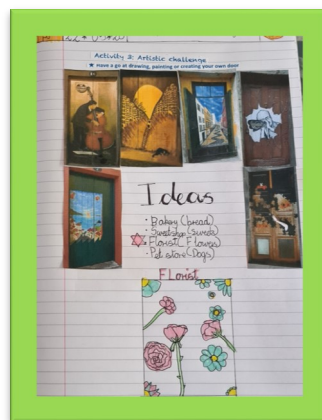
Cranes - Jack S

The gold award this week goes to Jack S who has been working very hard to complete all of the assigned work and in addition to this he has planned and written an entire story from the perspective of a child during WW2. He spoke to his great grandma about her experience of the war and did some research, then used this to help him set the scene. He worked for weeks to ensure it was planned thoroughly, then he typed it out on the computer and is now in the process of writing it up in best with illustrations. Well done Jack for this creative and heartfelt story!



Razorbills - Sophia I

The gold award goes to Sophia for her tireless efforts in completing her work, including over the weekends! We look forward to seeing what great results come out of your perseverance.



Swifts - Lily VW

Excellent work Lily, showing as much dedication to your presentation at home as you do in school. It's wonderful to see such creative ideas!