

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Once again sitting in my office to write this and it is eerily quiet and anyone that has spent time here at St Leonards knows that it is never quiet! I am missing the noise, laughter and general hubbub that goes on around the school. I am also missing the faces of our amazing children, parents and staff.

I have very much enjoyed seeing what is going on at home and the new skills that the children are learning. I've seen woodwork and DIY, sewing, baking, cooking, piano playing, arts and crafts. None of these are things we sent home for you to do so it is great to see how inventive you are all being.

The staff are updating the blog with activities so please remember to check this out. I have added two challenges this week. The Hastings Half Marathon Challenge and Act Fast First Aid Challenge. These can be viewed here: <https://www.stleonards-ce.e-sussex.sch.uk/blog/2020-03-31-hastings-half-marathon-challenge> <https://www.stleonards-ce.e-sussex.sch.uk/blog/2020-03-30-act-fast-first-aid-challenge> Please take some time to look at them.

In my last newsletter I mentioned that we had created a new email address (teamstlens@stleonardsceprimaryacademy.org) You can use this email to send photos, work or messages that you would like to share with our community. We will aim to put as many of these in our newsletters as we can.

You might be wondering what we are getting up to in school. Each day there are between 4 and 6 members of staff in school. We are caring for anywhere between 1 and 15 children. We are based in the school hall (we are not using classrooms). Each child has their own table base and meals and activities are completed at the tables (2m apart). We do Joe Wicks every morning followed by an hours activity (reading, art, craft, cooking). We then complete a 1 mile run around the school playground and have a drink and snack. Another 1 hour activity and then lunch. We try and get outside in the allotment in the afternoon and we end the day with a film and popcorn.

Lots of parents have asked what we are teaching, I hope the above answers that. We are currently providing child care for the children that are with us.

Finally, we are open every day and are on the end of the phone if you need anything. This is a really challenging time and we are here to help. DCAT have set up a hardship fund if you are in need you can find it here <https://www.dcat.academy/hardship>

Please stay safe and keep well.

Marie Burgess

Headteacher

"What is the bravest thing
you've ever said?" asked
the boy.



"Help," said the horse.