

Dear parents, carers and children

I hope you are keeping safe and well.

As you are all aware the Prime Minister made an announcement on Sunday that schools may open on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June for some year groups. I knew this would happen eventually but I must say I was surprised by the year groups. The Government has said that schools will open 'if it is safe to do so' to Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. So, we have started planning based on the guidance we have been given by the Department for Education. This is not an easy task and I will admit it is keeping me awake at night. Many parents have already asked if school will be the same. The simple answer to that is no! But, we will do everything we can to ensure that children feel safe and secure.

I will write early next week to update you with our plans and how this will be organised. Thank you to the parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 that have replied to the questionnaire about returning to school. If you haven't completed this yet please do. I will also reply to any questions raised early next week.



This gorgeous rainbow landed on my desk today and it now has pride of place in the school entrance. A massive thank you to Mrs White, it is beautiful, thoughtful and incredibly kind.

As always I have been amazed by the creative ways our families have been learning at home.



Miniature cooking by Iris – this looks like fun.



Creative face painting



Baking from Charlie M. This looks delicious



Mrs Pickett set a baking challenge this week to bake some scones. We had so many gorgeous entries. Please take a look at the school website for photographs of the entries and the winners.

<https://www.stleonards-ce.e-sussex.sch.uk/blog/2020-05-14-mrs-picketts-baking-challenge-results>

The baking challenge for next week is homemade pizza. I am looking forward to that one.

Finally, can I say a massive thank you to all the parents, carers and children that have sent in lovely messages of support. These are very challenging times for us all and those messages have meant the world and have personally kept me going.

Stay safe #TeamStLens.

Marie Burgess - Headteacher