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Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the end of this half term, I hope you and your family are safe and well. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of your child's learning.

Now, more than ever, we recognise the need to motivate our pupils so that they continue to engage in their learning in a meaningful way. We want our families and pupils to be aware that their hard work is recognised and want to offer opportunities to celebrate excellent work and effort during these difficult times.

With this in mind, we are exploring ways to further develop how we praise and motivate our pupils. Teachers are continuing to award praises for effective learning and effort. You should be notified regarding any praises your child has received through the <u>School Gateway app</u>. If you haven't already downloaded the app, there are instructions on our website, please click on the link above.

In addition, we are introducing 'Pupil of the Fortnight' in each subject and a 'Year Group Award' for each year group. On the last Friday of each fortnight, an email will be sent through schoolcomms to the nominated pupils as recognition of their continued hard work and resilience.

The most important thing for pupils is that they continue to engage in learning throughout this period of school closure and that they are supported, and feel supported, in their learning. Therefore, we will continue to monitor pupil engagement and we will share with you how well your child is engaging with their learning. This will allow us to continue to work in partnership with you, providing the appropriate support your child needs to progress in their learning.

On Sunday 31st May, you will be receiving the next Fortnightly Learning Plan for the fortnight Monday 1st June to Friday 12th June.

I hope you have a restful and enjoyable half-term break next week. Please remember that if you require any support or would like to speak to a member of staff, email us at the school email address: <u>sjhs@newport.gov.uk</u>.

Yours sincerely

Mrs R Hanford Assistant Headteacher

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