



Friday Flyer

*Inspired by the Christian faith, our children will treasure a **love of learning**, a **belief in themselves and others**, and a **respect for the world around them**, helping them to grow and flourish throughout their lives.*

Dear Families

Here are the weekly reminders for next week and school information:

Upcoming Dates

Monday 22 April

Earth Day

Year 6 Bikeability - all week

Friday 26 April

Hérons and Parrots class swimming

Word from the Head



It was brilliant seeing all the children back with us on Monday looking smart in their summer uniform. We are having a big push on all shirts being tucked in, hair being tied back and smart black school shoes. Thank you as always for your support in this.

The children have enjoyed being on the field this week for their lunchtime play and Mrs Searle has expertly moved the activities over so they can all still enjoy skipping, dancing, football and more. All we need now is for the hail to stop and the sunshine to make an appearance!

Our new House Captains were voted in this week and we are very proud of all our children who were confident enough to stand up and give their impassioned speeches to take on this important leadership position. We would like to say huge congratulations to Eloise P, Sienna C, Ellie D, Walter D, Nualani C, Beth I, Eric M and Joshua M who were successfully nominated.

The Year 6 children have been busy this week in their mock SATS and have worked incredibly hard. We are providing additional tuition during school time to those who would benefit from it. Thank you for supporting your children at home with their learning. It really does make a huge difference to their overall confidence and skill level.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs MacLean

Smart phone free childhood- do you want to join the St Lawrence and Orchard conversation?

You may have seen in the press the new campaign to connect parents in local communities so that together they can agree not to give their children smartphones until at least 14, or social media before the age of 16. As part of the national movement, St Lawrence and The Orchard schools have set up a Whatsapp group for parents wanting to delay giving smartphones to their children or those concerned by the issue. Please visit the link [here](#).

On Thursday 21st March @ 8pm at St Mary's Church, the team leading this initiative for The Orchard, St Lawrence and St Albans, hosted a live stream of Jonathan Haidt's talk, on Smartphone vs Smart Kids. Jonathan is widely considered to be the leading global voice on the changing nature of childhood due

to smartphones and social media. A renowned social psychologist and author, he's currently the Professor of Ethical Leadership at NYU. [Here](#) is the link to his talk.

Raising a Resilient Child in the Digital Age- Parent/carer talk in the summer term

We would like to invite Dr Weston (an expert in this field) to deliver an evidenced-based talk at St Lawrence Junior School on Raising A Resilient Child in the Digital Age. Please look out for the form on ParentMail which will be going out next week to register your interest. If we know how many parents are interested in attending, we can plan appropriately.

Zebra Crossing

The official announcement for the new zebra crossing can be found on the [Surrey County Council Website](#), where people can download the Public Consultation report if interested. Congratulations to all those involved in this long campaign for pupil safety.

Earth Day

Children are invited to wear a green accessory (e.g. hairbands, socks, hats, gloves etc) for a 50p donation. As the eco council have been working towards becoming 'Hedgehog Champions' this year, they have chosen to donate the money raised to the [British Hedgehog Preservation Society](#). Please also encourage your child(ren) to enter our WILDLIFE ART COMPETITION! Children were invited before the Easter holidays to create a piece of art (or take a great photograph) of the wildlife around us. As I haven't yet received many entries, I am extending the deadline to Tuesday 30th April! Please make sure that their name, class, wildlife identification and the location in which it was seen is clearly written on the entry. All entries will be displayed in a special eco art gallery. One winner from each year group will also receive a prize

Astra Recycling

Thank you for continuing to donate your unwanted items to Astra Recycling. This quarter you have helped raise £98 for the school.

Sports Kit

Please check at home if you have any St Lawrence sports kit and return as soon as possible. Thank you.

Clubs

Teacher-led clubs start next week - there are some spaces in athletics, running and cricket clubs - please log on to ParentMail to book your place. Each teacher-led club runs for 10 sessions so please make a note in your diary of each club's finish date.

Ties

Please check at home and return any borrowed ties to the office. If your child is in Year 6 and no longer needs their ties, please donate to the office if they still have some life in them. Thank you.

Surrey Youth Games

Please see attached a flyer regarding the Surrey Youth Games. One area of focus for the Surrey Youth Games is that **all of the sports are targeted at beginners and participants must not be a club member** in the sport they choose to take part in. Further information regarding the Surrey Youth Games can be found [here](#). Most of our sessions start next week.

Sports in particular where more participants are needed:

- Girls Touch Rugby, school years 5-8. Sessions to take place at Cobham Rugby Club
- Street Basketball, boys & girls teams, school years 7&8, sessions to take place at Xcel Leisure Centre
- Boccia, boys & girls with physical or learning disability, sessions to take place at Spelthorne Leisure Centre in partnership with their Parasports Club

- Swimming, boys & girls, school years 4-6, sessions to take place at Hurst Pool. These are referral only and for those who are not confident in the water and would benefit from additional swimming lessons. These participants will need to register directly with LRazey@elmbridge.gov.uk.

Participants can register via our [website](#).

Enjoy your weekend,

St Lawrence School Office

Follow us on Twitter at: [@StLawrenceEM](https://twitter.com/StLawrenceEM)

[Visit the school website here: http://www.stlawrence-junior.surrey.sch.uk/](http://www.stlawrence-junior.surrey.sch.uk/)

[Email: admin@stlawrence-junior.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stlawrence-junior.surrey.sch.uk)