



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 29 April

Year 6 Bikeability - all week

Friday 3 May

Hérons and Parrots class swimming

Word from the Head



St Lawrence was a sea of green on Monday as we came together to celebrate Earth Day. We were reminded of the sounds of nature as we stood outside for our two-minute silence and listened to the leaves rustle and the birds sing. Thank you to our Eco Council who delivered a wonderful assembly on looking after our planet and for reminding us about how we can be eco-friendlier.

Our Year 6 have been having a fantastic time this week learning how to ride safely on the road during Bikeability. They have been praised highly by the instructors for their politeness and respect towards others, as well as their cycling ability. It seems to have encouraged more families to cycle to school and we would like to keep that momentum going- particularly given the congestion outside of the school gates at the moment. Why not dust off your bikes, now that the weather is warmer, and have a go at cycling one or two days if possible?

We came together this morning to discover about all the brilliant learning that has taken place so far in Parrots class. We enjoyed a humorous 'Newsround style' assembly with information about the climate in North and South America, Salsa making and story sharing. Thank you to Miss Evans who brought it together so expertly. As one parent put it: 'I love how it gives the children the opportunity to practice public speaking - I wish I had this when I was young.'

New Worship Ambassadors will be voted in soon so watch this space. They will be an integral part of developing the use of our Reflection Garden- particularly appealing now the weather is warming up!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs MacLean

Rewards

Our focus at school is for being polite and courteous to each other and all members of staff as well as listening and responding to adults. Children who show these behaviours are rewarded with a Gem, those that go above and beyond will receive a Diamond. **This week's winners are Eagles class.**

Our Neighbours / Roadworks

We appreciate that the roads around the school are busier whilst the crossing is being installed. Please be considerate to each other and our neighbours during this time. We have had a report of tempers flaring and an incident of someone being verbally threatening.

Surrey Schools Admissions Deadline

The deadline for accepting your child's place at St Lawrence or The Orchard is on Tuesday 30th April.

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. The form was sent to you all today to register your interest.

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 see link: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/GqbmEjXuW3x7tamVozRN23>

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:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yVq4ARlINVg>

Swimming

Herons and Parrots class: Please (please!) ensure you have your swimming kits with you on a Friday. Thank you.

Fundraising

We are delighted to share with you that some of our children continue to demonstrate acts of generosity and kindness by raising money for charity. We are incredibly proud of their efforts and commitment to making a positive impact in the community.

Charlotte in Year 4 has been taking part in the Stand up to Cancer dog walking challenge - walking 60 miles during April. She is almost at her target - well done Charlotte! Please see her link below



[Charlotte's Giving Page](#)

fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org

If you missed our previous communication, tomorrow Bethany in Year 6 will complete a swimathon of 2.5km in support of Cancer Research UK and Marie Curie

If you would like to sponsor Bethany please visit <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/bethanyives>

Enjoy your weekend,

St Lawrence School Office

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