



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 13 May

SATs Week - Year 6

Friday 17 May

Mufti Day

PTA Mayfair - One Week to Go! Saturday 18th May

Word from the Head



What glorious sunshine we have had for the last few days, finally! The school was buzzing this morning with cricket on the field, Maypole practice in the hall and of course our runners heading off for their weekly fitness session. What an active lot we have here at St Lawrence!

Thank you to Wrens class for their wonderfully informative assembly this morning on countries of the world. It was action-packed full of knowledge about continents, European countries, languages from around the world and, of course, several songs! Many parents couldn't believe how much their children had grown in confidence over the year with one simply saying 'This is a brilliant school- my child has come on so much.'

We celebrated a selection of year 4 girls in Achievement Assembly this week who played spectacular football on Wednesday, as part of the Molesey Schools Cup. They beamed from ear to ear as they proudly showed off their runners up trophy! Congratulations to these children: Sienna, Elodie, Chloe, Lana, Edith, Ella M, Lily, Sofia P, Lila, Ceris, Aarika and Sophia T. Thank you to Ms Raymonde and Mr Weeks for making it such a success.

A workshop called 'Me and my Screen: How to Achieve a Healthier Balance with Technology' has been booked for our year 6 children for the 13th June at school. It is run by Papaya- a charity that runs workshops for parents and school children- and has had excellent feedback. Please also see details below about the online Papaya parent workshop on Wednesday 22nd May. A great introduction to our in-person talk on Wednesday 10th July at St Lawrence.

Thank you for coming forward to volunteer to read with our children. It is much appreciated. If you can spare an hour or two for this important job please do email into the office- every little helps!

We wish all our year 6 children lots of luck next week as they tackle their SATs papers. They will do wonderfully, I'm sure.

Enjoy the beautiful sunshine this weekend,

Mrs MacLean

Hay fever

The start of the hay fever season is upon us. If you know your child suffers please ensure you give them their medication before they come to school so they are not uncomfortable during lessons.

"Antihistamines help stop this allergic reactions if you take them before you come into contact with the substance you're allergic to." - NHS website.

Thank you.

Earth Day Art Competition Winners

Congratulations to our Earth Day art competition winners:

Yr 6 - Walter D, Yr 5 - Rosa D, Yr 4 - Ella P J, Yr 3 - Eliza M

Equipment

Please ensure that your child has everything they need for the school day - lunchboxes, water bottles, swimming kits, flutes, school bags, homework - to name a few 😊. Thank you for your cooperation.

Volunteer parents

We would love to recruit some more regular volunteers to listen to our children read. Thank you to some of our library volunteers who have agreed to extend their sessions in order to help. Please do email the office if you think you could spare an hour or two a week. It really does make a difference to the children that need that regular reading practise.

Papaya Parent online talk- Wednesday 22nd May

Let's talk about kids and tech

7pm-8.30pm

Free online event Wednesday 22 May

The Smartphone Free movement is gaining a lot of media coverage and momentum within school communities. The Molesey Working Party have now joined together with other schools in Esher, Walton & Hersham to work as a team, as most children will be feeding in to the same secondaries.

The group have secured **Wednesday 22nd May** as a date for a free online talk by Papaya Parents. As availability for these talks are limited, the Molesey Working Party are very pleased to be able to use this valuable resource in the community. This will support Dr Weston's talk which will take place at St Lawrence on 10th July, which we also hope many of you can attend in person.

The online Papaya talk will cover:

- the risks to mental health and well- being associated with spending too much time online.
- Strategies for families to achieve a healthy balance with technology.
- Ways in which parents and schools can work together to identify healthy boundaries

Please add the 22 May date to your diary and an invite for this Zoom meeting will follow and also be advertised on the St Lawrence and Orchard Smart phone free WhatsApp group. <https://chat.whatsapp.com/GqbmEjXuW3x7tamVozRN23>

Papaya Parents promotes wellness and improved mental health in adolescents by helping young people achieve a healthy balance with technology. We conduct workshops with the goal of educating parents and students on the connection between smartphones and the mental well-being of adolescents. We offer practical solutions to help students and families achieve a healthier relationship with their devices through either delaying the smartphone or establishing good tech boundaries.

https://www.instagram.com/papaya_parents

Fundraising

Georgia P has cut off all her hair to donate to the Little Princess Trust, to make wigs for children with cancer and has so far also raised £225 for them through her Just Giving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/mabel-pask-1714831581731?newPage=true>. Well done Georgia!



Enjoy your sunny weekend,

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