



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

Wednesday 22 May

Kew Gardens Trip - Year 3

Papaya Parent Online Talk

Parent Photographer

Friday 24 May

Hérons and Parrots Swimming

Half Term Begins 3.15pm

Please come and join us for the PTA Mayfair tomorrow!

Word from the Head



What a week it has been! Well done to our Year 6 children who worked very hard this week completing their SATs papers. We are all incredibly proud of them. They now have a wonderful term of events to look forward to, starting with their PGL trip after half term.

On Wednesday 22nd May we have a professional parent photographer coming in to take some beautiful photos of the children and our wonderful school grounds for our website. Thank you to Mrs Murthy. Please could you ensure your child is smartly dressed in their full summer uniform, shirts tucked in and cardigans buttoned up. Smart hairstyles too please. If your child has PE on that day, please could these kits also look smart. We will of course check permissions prior to using the photos.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible tomorrow for the May Fair- the forecast looks considerably kinder at the time of writing so fingers crossed we avoid any thunderstorms!

Mrs MacLean

Papaya Parent Online Talk (see information below)

Let's talk about kids and tech, 7pm-8.30pm, free online event Wednesday 22 May.

If you are interested, 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>

Lost property

Please check the lost property box in the playground before half term. This is located in the playground.

We have had a number of names items reported missing – please could you check through your uniform/PE kits to see if you have accidentally gone home with someone else's belongings. Items can be returned via the office. Thank you.

Hayfever

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

Thank you.

Absence

Please report your child's absence **EACH DAY** that they will not be attending school. Thank you for your cooperation.

Enjoy your weekend and see you at the May Fair.

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Smartphone Free Childhood is a grassroots movement of parents who believe childhood's too short to be spent on a smartphone

97% of 12-year-olds in Britain have a smartphone

When children started getting them, there was no research about their impact. Now there is, and it's overwhelming.

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Smartphones expose children to harmful content, raise the likelihood of developing a mental illness and are highly addictive. They decrease attention-span, damage mental health and expose an adult world to our children.

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But parents have been put in an impossible position.

Either we give our children access to something that opens the door to porn, bullying, grooming and the anxiety machine that is social media, or we risk alienating them from their peers.

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The Smartphone Free Childhood is a parent-led national movement on a mission to hold off giving smartphones and social media to our children until they are teenagers. 80,000 parents across the UK have now joined the movement.

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How you can help create change

Take part in our Molesey, Esher, Walton and surrounds short survey

To help us gauge wider opinion on children owning smartphones, so we can take the data to school heads.

<https://forms.office.com/r/PzSc2NuFTY>

Attend the 22nd May online talk by Papaya Parents

Topic: Parenting in a digital age

RSVP here <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tjEqdeGtpjIoHdOB-2CW1iRKbOdG-n2aew10>

Attend the 10th July in person talk at St Lawrence by Dr Weston

Topic: Raising a resilient child in a digital age.

Register via ParentMail.

Watch the MPs debate the issue in Parliament

On Tuesday the MPs held a 90-minute debate, led by MP Miriam Cates, who gave a brilliant evidence led speech.

Watch her <https://parliamentlive.tv/event/index/3e463ce6-15a2-4ecd-b033-5a55cafc20c5>