



St Lawrence Primary School

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Weeks beginning 22nd May and 5th June

DATE	OFFICE NEWS AND EVENTS	CLUB NEWS
Monday 22 nd May		
Tuesday 23 rd May	Number Wizard Day – all children invited to come into school dressed as wizards	
Wednesday 24 th May	Year 1 trip to Chessington Zoo and Aquarium No open school today Dorking Halls Concert	
Thursday 25 th May	Value Certificate Competition If your child would like to enter the competition they will need to post their design either in the post box in the playground, or in the box in the entrance hall, before the half term break. We are looking forward to receiving lots of fantastic entries and ideas for our new certificate. Good luck everyone.	
Friday 26 th May	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED Half term next week – have a lovely break	



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Monday 5 th June	Year 3 and 4 girls football festival	
Tuesday 6 th June		
Wednesday 7 th June		
Thursday 8 th June		
Friday 9 th June		
Saturday 10 th June		Camping Weekend



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Head's News

Year 6 SATS

I would like to congratulate our year 6 children for the calm and sensible way they approached their SATS tests. I am confident that every child gave the tests their very best effort, well done everyone. I would also like to thank Mrs Harbott and Ms Ranauro for organising and administering the tests in such an efficient manner. We all felt that the SATS tests this year were very fair and gave the children a good chance of showing what they have been learning.

Year 6 Residential Trip Information Evening

Thank you to all the year 6 parents who attended the information evening and to Ms Ranauro for leading it. If you were unable to make it, you will find the presentation on our web site: About Us, Class Information. Don't forget to return your completed consent forms to the office before the half term break to enable the office to complete the necessary administration for the Centre. Any remaining payments should be made by Monday 22nd May please.

Staff News

Amy Atkins THPT Deputy Head

I am pleased to advise you that in Mr Dell's absence we are very excited to have Amy Atkins working with us, she has been with us this week and will continue next week. Miss Atkins is a Partnership Deputy Head and will be supporting us in a leadership capacity and taking on responsibilities such as maths and assessment. Miss Atkins has a passion for science teaching and learning and has worked with the local authority as well as the Department for Education. Miss Atkins is looking forward to bringing this knowledge and skill set to support the continuous professional development of the staff. This additional provision is a great example of Partnership support for St Lawrence.

Kate Savin, Finance department

Kate would like the school community to know that having worked at St Lawrence for nearly 20 years she has decided it is time for a change in her working life and will therefore be leaving us around mid-June. Kate has been a tremendous asset to the St Lawrence team and I know you will all join me in wishing Kate well in all her future ventures. Kate will be greatly missed for her sunny smile and willingness to always go the extra mile.





Head's News

Fidget Spinner Ban

It is with regret that I have taken the decision to ban fidget spinners in school time. The reason for the ban is that children are being distracted in their learning and there are disputes at playtime regarding these toys which is preventing some children from following our school values. I spoke to the children last week telling them I did not want to ban the spinners and gave them strategies to support playtimes. However, some children have not been able to employ these strategies and therefore the decision has been taken to ban them.

If children continue to bring fidget spinners into school they will be taken away and given to the child's teacher. The child will need to ask their teacher for the return of the spinner at the end of the day.

Certificates have been awarded to:

Value: Fairness: Nectaria Melinte, Amelie Timpson, Zain Munden, Jayden Richards, all of year 4, Charlotte Spencer, Katie Astbury.

Golden Achievement: Tobi Wishart, Sophia Fricker, William Harding, all of year 4, Hannah Chouls, Rachel Harper.

Once again, well done to all the children who have won Golden Achievement Certificates or Values Certificates. We are very proud of you all. Don't forget, if you get awarded a certificate your parents will be invited to attend the assembly.

Vanessa Wallden - Head of School





Heads News

Parent Surveys

I would like to share with you some comments from our recent parent surveys; it is great to see such positive comments about our school. We would also like to thank parents for giving us ideas about how we can make things better. These ideas will be discussed by our Senior Leadership Team and will be considered for inclusion in our School Improvement Plan. We will keep parents informed of the decisions taken.

"Happy, friendly school that is willing to teach new techniques such as Singapore Maths"

"My child is happy at St Lawrence and we are amazed at all the fantastic things he is learning."

"The newsletter is amazing and informs us of everything we need to know plus information about trips and competitions that have taken place"

"The efficient and friendly way the school is run"

"Great community spirit, values are embedded, all children are given the opportunity to make right choices to learn"

"Small friendly school where pupils make friends across the year groups"

"Friendliness, pupils taught well, great learning environment"

"Great team of teachers who are enthusiastic and committed to learning."

"Parents are listened to and improvements have been made"

"Would like more one to one time with class teacher"

"Web site could give more up to date information, especially around values"

"Each child is made to feel important"

"Would like more communication when teachers leave as it has an impact on pupil morale"

"Would like the school and class reps to send out more reminders"

"I would like the teachers on hand at open school times"

"Would like more information about how school values are promoted"

"I would like more frequent school reports and a half-termly teacher newsletter"

"Would like more fund raising, such as Red Nose Day"





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Dates for your diary:

23 rd May	Number Wizard Day
24 th May	Year 1 trip to Chessington Zoo and Aquarium
24 th May	<i>Open School – cancelled this time due to Dorking Halls</i>
24 th May	Dorking Halls Concert
25 th May	KS1 School Council Meeting

26th May – Inset Day – School Closed

Half term 29th May – 2nd June School Closed

8 th June	Girls Football Festival Yr3/4
10 th June	Friends Camping weekend
12 th – 16 th June	Year 6 residential visit to The Sustainability Centre
13 th June	Year 3 residential visit – parent presentation evening 6pm
14 th June	Friends Meeting at The Haig
17 th June	Summer Fair
19 th June	Golden Boot Challenge Week
21 st June	St Lawrence Music Recital
27 th June	Pret a Portrait class and team photos (changed from 28 th)
28 th June	Open School
29 th June	Year 3 overnight stay at Holmbury St Mary
30 th June	Cake sale in support of Cancer Research
1 st July	Friends Summer Ball
3 rd July	District Sports - TBC
5 th July	Transition Day – meet your new teacher
11 th July	Year 5 performance
12 th July	KS1 sports day - am
12 th July	Parents Evening
12 th July	Friends Meeting at Haig
13 th July	KS2 sports day - am
13 th July	Parents Evening
20 th July	Year 6 Leavers celebration evening





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Number Wizards – Tuesday 23rd May

Number Wizards is a sponsored maths event organised by the school and our Friends Committee to raise money for the school and to help support the children in developing their number skills. On this day children will be invited to come into school dressed as wizards to take part in maths challenges and activities throughout the day. At the end of the week the children will come home with information about how they can earn a certificate and details of how they can raise money. Each child will have an individual maths plan and they will be sponsored for the progress they make, rather than the number of sums they answer correctly. During the half term break, parents are encouraged to help their children learn their number facts and develop quick mental maths skills so they can achieve progress the first week back after the holiday period.

Golden Boot Challenge.

Each Summer, around 250 schools take part in the Golden Boot Challenge. It promotes healthy and sustainable travel and is run in a way that makes it possible for everyone to take part. A class gets a point for each pupil who walks, scoots, cycles, or travels by public transport to school. We don't forget pupils who have no alternative to the car and each pupil who uses car share or park 'n' stride also scores a point. Classes compete against each other to win the coveted Golden Boot Trophy.

This year, we will be taking part in this challenge between 19th June – 23rd June 2017.

For some families, it really is too far to walk to school every day. If you live a long way from school, you could Park 'n' Stride instead. This involves parking a 10 minute (or more) walk away from school and walking the rest of the way with your child. This has the advantage of reducing the amount of traffic near the school, as well as building some exercise and quality time into you and your child's day - not to mention lessening the stress of trying to find a parking space.

More information can be found on the following

website: <http://www.saferoutestoschools.com/gbc/index.php>

Michelle Hinsley





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Non Payment of School Dinners

There are a large number of school dinner accounts that have accumulated a debt. Please be reminded that school meals are payable in advance of all meals taken. If a debt remains on the account you may be asked to provide a packed lunch for your child until the debt is cleared. Please ensure all payments are up to date. Should there be financial difficulties please contact the finance department and we will look into the best way of finding support. Please log on to SCOPAY to make payment . Thank you for your co- operation. <http://www.scopay.com/stlawrence-pri>

Sainsbury's Active Kids

We are still collecting Active Kids vouchers so if you have any in your handbags, pockets or on the shelf at home, please don't forget to bring them into school to add to our collection. Once they have all been counted we will let you know what we have bought with them this year. We hope to add to our PE and sports equipment as well as toys for the playground etc.

Our box of vouchers is satisfactorily full which is great. However, counting the vouchers is a huge task for the office staff and we were wondering if there are any parents who would be willing to take a bunch home to count on our behalf. If you would like to help, please come to the front office where you will be given a nice large envelope to fill. The vouchers need to be counted into bundles of 100 points and returned to the office. We would be grateful for as many offers as possible !!

Reading Group

We are very lucky to have a group of dedicated volunteers who come into school on a regular basis to listen to our children read. The Reading Group are a few members short at the moment and would like to find some new volunteers to fill the slots. If you are interested in coming into school one afternoon a week, or you know of someone else who may like to get involved, maybe a neighbour, a grandparent, or a friend, please contact us and we will put them in touch with our Reading Group co-ordinator for more information.

Cancer Research Fundraising Bake Sale – message from Mrs Ewles and Ms Astbury

On the 30th June, Jack Ewles, Katie and Megan Astbury will be holding a bake sale to raise money for Cancer Research. Please come along after school and treat yourself to some sweet treats and help them raise some money. Every year they walk in a 24 hour relay to raise money for the charity and this year they are walking on the 22nd/23rd of July with their siblings. They will also be running a stand at the summer fair. If you would like to sponsor them you can go to the website - relay.cancerresearchuk.org - our team is solemates. Thank you for your support.



Year 4 Residential visit to Hooke Court

Report by year 4 pupils

On Monday 8th of May, Year 4 went to Hooke Court as part of our Roman learning. On the first day, we made dens in teams using sticks and natural materials. We then looked around all the dens and talked about the things we had made. In the evening we made symmetrical mosaic patterns using small, colourful tiles. On day two, we were challenged to build aqueducts and we tried to make water travel uphill! We also made Onagers and we used them to pelt Mrs. L with ping pong balls. Later that day, we cooked a Roman feast, wove material with wool and plaited silver wire to make a necklace. We learnt how to march like a Roman soldier, did some training exercises and learnt what Roman soldiers wore. On the last morning, we made roman oil lamps using clay and wrote our names using the Roman alphabet. It was awesome!

Report by Mrs LeSueur

I was very impressed by all of year 4. The children on the trip demonstrated all of our school values during our time at Hooke Court. It has also been reported to me that the children who did not join us on the trip behaved beautifully as well, demonstrating all of our school values while they worked hard in other classes. Well done year 4!

