



St. Lawrence CE Primary School

Executive Head Teacher - Mrs Rebecca Nash

Head of School - Mrs. Alison Moore

Dear Parents,

1st April 2021

We have really benefitted from the gorgeous Spring weather this week and children have enjoyed having the freedom of playing on the field at breaktimes and lunchtimes. The warm, sunny days have brightened the mood and supported some of the Easter celebrations we have held in school. We even managed a socially distanced whole school Easter bonnet parade and singing session which was just marvellous!

Thank you to all who took part or supported the Easter Bonnet Parade yesterday. The children's creations were amazing once again and it was nice to be able to do something that we would normally do. It is these events in school that make all the difference, as they reinforce a culture of community and tradition which we hold dear at St. Lawrence. Many thanks to the PTFA for organising prizes for this event.

The children have been learning about Easter in school in their Religious Education sessions and through worship time. Although they haven't been able to go to church, they understand why Christians celebrate Easter and that Jesus died so that mankind could be forgiven. It was lovely to see so many of you in attendance (albeit in a virtual capacity), at today's Easter Worship and we truly apologise for the technical difficulties that it made it very difficult. Hopefully you will have seen the wonderful work on display that demonstrates children's understanding in your class zoom sessions.



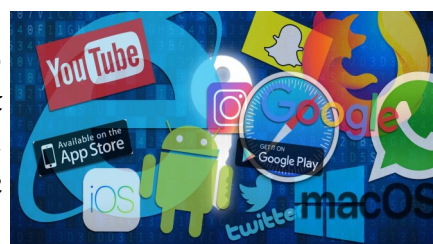
When we return after the Easter holiday we will be focusing on our guiding principle of 'Respecting and Caring' which fits in with the Christian values of Respect and Justice in our Worship sessions. The return of all our pupils has been on the whole extremely positive, with the recovery curriculum supporting children's ability to talk and express their feelings. We now need to shift the focus during the summer term and work on building children's awareness and understanding of diversity. As we have all become more insular due to the pandemic, we now need to support the children to be more open minded, accepting one another whatever their differences, and to teach them to always be respectful.



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Mrs Barker will return to school following her maternity leave on Monday 19th April and we look forward to welcoming her back to the St. Lawrence community. We bid farewell to Mr Worpole and thank him for all his hard work and commitment, during what has been, an extremely difficult year in teaching. We wish him the very best of luck in his new post. We will be altering the structure of Class 3 slightly for the duration of the Summer term, as Mrs Standish will teach pupils in Year 4 and 5 whilst Mrs Barker will teach our Year 6 pupils, supporting their transition to secondary school.

The internet provides opportunities for young people to explore the world, make friends and to develop their potential – they have grown up not knowing life before the internet. Young people have two lives – ‘online’ and ‘the real world’ and there can be much overlap. Sadly, there can also be a high level of risk inherent online, especially for young people whose awareness of **online safety** can be severely limited; this makes them extremely vulnerable. Please can we ask parents to be vigilant, now more than ever, as our pupils are using many vehicles to stay connected. I am signposting parents to the following website



<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> for support. If you should have any concerns surrounding internet safety, can you please contact the school office to arrange an appointment to speak to a class teacher or Designated Safeguarding Lead.

We have been working with Sally Western from Chetwynd Park over the last few weeks, exploring opportunities whereby our Key Stage 2 pupils can begin to participate in ‘covid safe’ educational trips. Please see below the sessions we have booked for our year 4/5/6 pupils during the summer term and our Y3 children going in to the next academic year. The first date is close to our return so further information will be provided during the week of Monday 19th April.

Spring Explorers	Friday 30 April	12.30 -2.45	St Lawrence School
Year 4			
Photography Workshop Y5/6	Monday 24 May	12.30 – 2.45	St Lawrence School
Nature Day Y3	Wednesday 13 October	12.30 – 2.45	St Lawrence School



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Finally, I just want to close by thanking you for working with us, both during the home learning period and more recently in the 4 weeks since we returned. It has once again, been a very strange term as we live through a pandemic. We are hopeful that the Summer Term will build upon the stability of the last 4 weeks and we can continue going from strength to strength. I hope that you enjoy some family time this Easter and time outdoors catching up with friends. Please continue to be mindful of the hands, face, space message whilst trying to stay within the rules so that we do not compromise any classes when we return on Monday 19th April. Should your child receive a positive covid test on or before the 7th April please contact the school office on a3091@taw.org.uk and we can consult Public Health and advise the contacts in school.

Wishing you all a healthy, happy Easter
Mr Moore, Mrs Nash and the Team of St Lawrence

REMINDER—Sponsored event

Just a reminder the Easter sponsored walk details went out on parentmail yesterday along with the sponsor form.

Happy walking, cycling or running everyone!





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Congratulations to the **Pitchford Family** for winning the large Easter egg



ELSA challenges

If your child would like to take part in some Easter challenges over the Easter break please go to their website www.elsa-support.co.uk where they will find lots of fun activities to do at home.





Class 1

Easter bonnet parade – we were blessed with lots of sunshine and enjoyed parading our beautiful bonnets on the playground.

Well done to Faith who won our competition with a chick theme. We loved the feathers Faith. After our parade the children all loved eating a small chocolate egg in the classroom. Thank you to you all for your hard work and wonderful creations.



We also enjoyed hunting for eggs in our quiet garden and learnt about what eggs represent.

Isabella "Eggs show a new life, birds and lots of other animals start life as an egg."



Soraya: "We have sweet chocolate eggs to celebrate Easter Sunday."



Easter crafts – the children have had lots of fun with Easter crafts. They have made a bunny Easter box, painted chicks and daffodils. The children have also been learning about the Easter



Class 2



Class 2 have had a lovely final week of the Spring Term. We have been busy carrying on with our division work, preparing our Easter Service contributions and making lots of Easter crafts.

Below are a selection of images from our work this week.

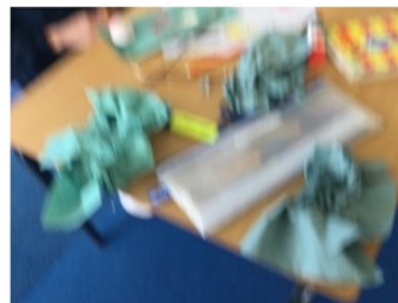




Class 3



Class 3 decorated hard boiled eggs using pens, paints and fabric. They used Pokemon characters as inspiration to draw creatures on their eggs.



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Celebrating Success this week!

Class One

Max – Fantastic focus in his phonics work

Millie – For excellent listening and learning in our topic work

Class Two

Oscar – for listening so well in lessons over the last few weeks

Aidan – for his fantastic journalism work this Easter

Class Three

*Graciella – For being an excellent role model for the other children in
The class*

Oliver F – for being a fantastic friend to all the other children

HEAD OF SCHOOL SPECIAL MENTION

*Arthur – for always demonstrating the St Lawrence Way and sharing
kindness to others*

