



If you see somebody without a smile, give 'em yours *Dolly Parton*

22nd Oct 2021

Harvest Festival for The Food Bank

Yesterday we had a wonderful Harvest assembly talking about the amazing work of Colchester Foodbank and Rowhedge Foodbank. We sang songs and spoke about how thankful we are for the food and toiletries we've been given. A heartfelt thank you for all of your donations, both the foodbank and us are truly blown away. And thank you to all those who let us know when they need help from the food bank. We feel very humbled to be in this open, honest, generous, and kind community.



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Samaritans Purse

Mrs Alexander will be collecting filled shoeboxes for anyone who likes to donate for Christmas. For more information please visit [here](#) or collect a leaflet from the office. Thank you!

Headteacher Awards

Freya in Year 1,
Isaac, Billy, and
Luke in Year 3

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CELEBRATING EACH OTHER, AND THE JOURNEY WE ARE ON

Kindness Week

During the week commencing 15th November, there are two major campaigns running which we think the pupils at St Lawrence would love to be a part of!

The whole week marks anti-bullying week, with theme **One Kind Word**. For more information, and to find ways you can be involved, visit:

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/anti-bullying-week-2021-one-kind-word>

Friday 19th November is also Children in Need. To find about more about this campaign as well as various ways to support, please visit:

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

To support both these causes we are inviting children to come to school in non-school uniform and / or wear odd socks for the day. If you would like to support these charities, you can either make a donation directly, send your child in with a donation on the Friday, or a simple action having looked at the websites – like sharing a kind word with someone!

Year 6 Mersea Camp

A number of the extended payment plans for the Year 6 Mersea Camp have fallen behind. PLEASE have a look on school ping (in your wallet) and see if you have any outstanding payments. If we do not have enough funds to cover the costs we will have to make the difficult decision to cancel the residential trip. We

know this has been difficult financially for many people, which is why we have extended the plans by so much, but if you are facing difficulty on a given month and don't call us to discuss it, we can't help.

PCR Testing

An important reminder that if a member of the school community who your child may have been in close contact with tests positive for Covid-19, we are asking that all those we contact to confirm this arrange for their child to have a PCR test. Your child does NOT need to isolate whilst they await results, and their class does NOT need to isolate if the result is positive. Information makes a huge difference to how safe we can help make the school community. Please do follow this advice (and as always call us if you have any questions or would like anything clarified).

Foundation Stage Parents' Evening

Just a reminder that the parents' consultation evenings with Miss Pryce for children in Foundation Stage are on Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd November. You should be able to see the slot you have booked by searching for the original message in Ping, but just let me know if you have any problems.

No Room for Racism with Col United

This week years children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 were delighted to have a visit from Eddie the Eagle from Colchester United FC. They are working with the Premier League to promote the campaign 'No Room for Racism'. The children had important discussions in groups, watched messages from Premiership footballers, and had questions for Eddie himself. It was a really informative and fun morning!



Poppy Appeal

There are poppies and other items in the office to raise funds for The Royal British Legion. If anyone would like to donate, please just pop in.

Flu Immunisations

Flu immunisations for school-aged children are due to be held in school on Friday 5th November. As soon as we receive consent letters, we will send them home. Please keep an eye out on Ping for these, as your child can only be immunised with your approval. Thank you!

Half Term

After a long half term, we hope you all enjoy a very well deserved break.

Monday 1st November is a Training Day so we look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 2nd November.