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| **St Laurence’s Catholic Primary School****Newsletter**Friday 13th October 2023 |
| ***‘****Developing our gifts and talents for the good of all’*

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| **It’s good to be green!****Our target for this academic year is 96.5%.****Our attendance for this week was 96.5% which is the best we have had since the beginning of the year. Thank you to everyone who made a huge effort to get children into school on time and smartly dressed in their uniform. Let’s try for an improvement on this next week! We need to continue trying to get in every day to make sure our learning is taking place. Please try to get your child in on time for school every day as every minute counts!!**Green (G) = 97%+, Amber (A) = 95% or 96%, Red (R) = Less than 95%

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| **Attendance moving forwards – a reminder**At St Laurence’s we believe that excellent attendance is essential to support your child’s development in all areas. We realise that sometimes children will be sick and need to stay off and ask that you always communicate any absence with us. However, we are working closely with the school attendance service to raise the attendance of all pupil’s particularly those who have attendance of less than 90%, who are considered to be persistent absentees. We regularly liaise with parents regarding attendance letters via phone calls, letters and meetings. Moving forward as a school we will be issuing Fixed Penalty notices for cases where there are repeated unauthorised absences. Examples of unauthorised absences are holidays in term time, odd days off without explanation and birthdays**. ANY** absence for those pupils whose attendance is less than 90% would require medical evidence in order for us to authorise the absence.Once a Fixed penalty warning letter is issued, any further unauthorised absences may result in a fine being issued. |
| **Testing this year**Our Year 6, Year 4 and Year 1 children sit tests this year, so it is vitally important that they attend every day. We ask that parents do not book holidays during the following periods below due to testing. Year 6 SATs testing: Week beginning 13th May 2024 (they also have mock tests the week before beginning 6th May 2024)Year 4 Times Tables testing: Week beginning 10th June 2024Year 1 Phonics testing: Week beginning 10th June 2024 | **SATs testing for Year Six children**Our Year Six children will be completing their Mock Sats tests during week beginning **6th May** **2024** and will then sit their real tests week beginning **13th May** 2024**CAN ALL PARENTS PLEASE ENSURE THEIR CHILDREN ATTEND SCHOOL EVERY DAY DURING THIS VERY BUSY AND IMPORTANT TIME. DATES FOR THESE TESTS WILL BE SHARED AT THE BEGINNING OF YEAR AND ALSO AT OUR COFFEE MORNINGS.** |
| **Value of the Month**During the month of September, we will be exploring the values of DETERMINATION. The children will look at how important determination is in everything that we do.  |
| **Appointments**Just a reminder that if you have an appointment for your child we need to see proof of this with a card, letter or email message. Your support with this would be greatly appreciated. |  **Halloween Dress up Day**Our last day of term (Thursday 26th October) will be a dress up day in Halloween costume for those children who wish to do so. Cost will be £1.00. We ask that children are dressed in appropriate costumes for the day and that costumes aren’t too scary, especially for our younger children in school. Your support with this would be appreciated. |
|  **World Space Week**Don’t forget we will be holding our World Space Week competition week beginning 16th October. All entries for this will be given a prize. The theme this year is Space and Entrepreneurship’. Entries can be 2D or 3D. Children can design their own idea for the future. Winning entries will be showcase across other schools in our Kirkby Collaborative. |
| **Parking** Please be aware of where you are parking your car. Please be mindful of residents and their driveways – if possible, park at the rear of the school. Our figures are placed outside school to remind you of parking zones and the council have sent each school parking banners reminding parents not to drop off or park outside school zones. This is particularly important on Wellfield Avenue. DO NOT PARK ON THE YELLOW ZIG ZAG LINES AS THIS MAY RESULT IN A FINE.DO NOT MOUNT THE KERB AND RUIN THE GRASS AREAS. PLEASE TAKE CARE WHEN APPROACHING ANY AREA AROUND THE SCHOOL GROUNDS AS OUR CHILDREN MAY BE EXITING FROM SOMEWHERE.  | **Dogs on school grounds**We would appreciate your support in not bringing dogs on to the school premises as they are **NOT** allowed on any schools premises within Knowsley, unless for specific reasons or guide dogs. This is to protect our children and staff from any attacks or angry dogs. If you need your child to be brought out to you because you have your dog please telephone the school office and we will do this. Your support is really appreciated with this.**Litter**We are reminding all children and parents about dropping litter in and around the school community. Please ensure that you put any rubbish into a bin or take it home with you. Your support with this would be greatly appreciated.  |
| **Celebration of Achievement winners**Our Celebration of Achievement event will take place on Tuesday afternoon with our winners from last yesr attending a celebration event at All Saints. Well done to the following children who will represent the school at this event. Reception – Jaxon Dumbell Year One – Sophia KoniecznaYear Two – Harry McGrath Year Three – Izzabella NicksonYear Four – Steven Hogg Year Five – Edie HorrocksYear Six – Elise Powell Kirkby Child winner – Esme Williams  |
| **Virtual Science Clubs**Please see below for our home science investigations that you can at home, using resources that can be mostly found in and around the home. This has been set up by Mr Biggs. You can then share your investigations with us via our school twitter page or emailing in your videos and pictures to our school email address. Week commencing Monday 16th October – Sew an ice cubeWeek commencing Monday 6th November – Lava LampWeek commencing Monday 20th November – Magic BalloonAll information is on our website, including the links you will need for the resources. We look forward to hearing about your creations! | **Year 2 Liturgy**Our Year 2 children will be leading a Liturgy session on Thursday morning at 9.30am in our school hall. Parents are welcome to attend and join in. **Year 6 visit to church**We have arranged for our Year 6 children to visit our church on Monday morning with their teachers as part of their current RE topic. Please ensure they come to school with a coat on this day. The children will also complete a river study as part of their Geography topic.  |
| **Dinners**All children in the infants are entitled to a FREE school meal from the government. If you wish to access this please let the office know. If your child has changed from packed lunch to dinners or vice versa please let your class teacher or the office know. **No dinner changes can now take place.** Your support for this is appreciated. **We ask that a Healthy Lunch is provided for the children NOT containing any fizzy drinks or sweets. Your support with this would be greatly appreciated.** |
| **Kirkby Child**Lots of our children have shown different values over the past few weeks. They have been nominated by their teachers as winners of our Kirkby Child certificates. The agreed set of values for all schools in Kirkby are: \*Respectful \*Honest and truthful \*Positive attitude \*Resilient \*Confident \*Good communicator \*Polite \*Committed and hardworking \* Aspirational and ambitiousWell done to the following children who have won certificates this week: Nursery – Nancy Twigg (Hardworking)RS – Lewis Rossiter (Confidence)RL – Arlo Cassidy (Confident)1S – Esme Hedges (Polite)1L – Scarlett Ainsworth (Respect)2S – Billy Chrystal (Confidence)2L – Esme Evans (Hardworking and Committed)3S – Destiny Barker (Respectful)3L – Ronnie Baines (Positive Attitude)4S – Louie Soon (Committed and Hardworking)4L – Jude Jones (Good Communicator)5S – Charlie Colleran (Respectful, Positive and Hardworking) 5L – Ammaya Brooks Miller (Hardworking) 6S – Jenson Taylor (Polite and Positive Attitude)  |  **Uniform**All our children looked extremely smart in their first few days. Please help us to maintain this high standard by ensuring your child comes to school in their full uniform. Can you also help us by making sure your child’s name is in ALL their uniform? Children are requested to wear the following – please ensure that they follow these rules for uniform: **Boys:** Shorts/Trousers, shirt, tie, jumper, **black school shoes (no trainers or pumps) during the WINTER MONTHS****Girls:** school skirt or pinafore, shirt, tie, jumper or cardigan, **black school shoes (no trainers or pumps)** **during the WINTER MONTHS****Book bags:** All children are expected to have a school book bag to transport any letters, books or homework in. These will remain in school unless something needs to be sent home. **PE Kits** PE kits can be worn to school on a child’s PE day. Other days - uniform MUST be worn. Our PE kit is a white t-shirt and green shorts. Black leggings/jogging bottoms may also be worn over shorts to keep children warm. Pumps or trainers may also be worn on these days only. **Boys and Girls School PE kits:** White PE shirt with the school emblem, green shorts, black pumps or trainers |
| **Request for Children’s Wellies**Our reception children have been making their outside area a nicer place to be and have been filling children’s wellies with plants and soil. We are asking if any other families have spare children’s wellies to donate to them so they can continue decorating their play area. Thank you in advance.  |
| **1S Phonics Workshop**Our Family Learning teacher will be competing a Phonics Workshop session for parents who have registered in Class 1S on Thursday 119th October at 2pm. We hope you find it useful.  |  **Tuckshop**We will continue to run our Infant tuckshop selling mini cheddars for 10p a bag for anyone who wants to buy them. This is to help raise our school funds for much needed resources for our children.  |
|  **Breakfast and After School Club**Our Breakfast and After School Club is now open every day to those parents who wish to use it. Please note our opening hours and charges are as follows: \*Breakfast Club – 7.45am till 8.40am £4.00 \*After School Club – 3.15pm till 5.15pm £6.50Children must be pre booked to be given a place for either club. A minimum of two days must also be booked. Parents must also complete the new contract information sheet (if they have not already done so) and be up to date with their payments if they require a place. All payments must be made via Parent Pay. Parents also need to sign in their children – no drop offs. Unless balances are paid and up to date no children will be allowed to attend the club. |
| **2023-2024 Term Dates and Holidays****Autumn Term 2023:****Term starts:** Monday 4th September 2023**Half Term:** School closes on Thursday 26th October and re-opens on Monday 6th November 2023**Autumn Term ends on:** Wednesday 20th December 2023**Spring Term 2024****Term starts on:** Thursday 4th January 2024**Half Term:** School closes Friday 9th February 2024 and re-opens on Monday 19th February 2024**Spring Term ends on:** Tuesday 26th March 2024 | **Summer Term 2024:****Term starts:** Monday 8th April 2024**Half Term:** School closes Friday 24th May 2024 and re-opens on Monday 10th June 2024**Spring Bank Holiday:** Monday 6th May 2024 (school closed)**Summer Term ends on:** Friday 19th July 2024**INSET Days 2023-2024**The school will be closed on the following dates next academic year.Friday 1st September 2023Friday 27th October 2023Wednesday 3rd January 2024Wednesday 27th March 2024Monday 22nd July 2024 |
| **Magic Breakfast**From 8.25am our school hall will be open for cereal and bagels to any children wanting them. This is free but NOT part of Breakfast Club. Children will then be taken up to class at the end of Magic Breakfast at 8.40am. If you would like any further information please contact the school office. |
| **Reception and Year 6 NHS measurements**Our school nursing team will be taking our Reception and Year 6 children’s measurements on Thursday morning.  | **Sports News**Good luck to our Year Two footballers who play at Finch Farm on Wednesday afternoon in the EFC tournament.  |
| **Year 5 trip to Story Barn**We have arranged for our Year 5 children to visit Story Barn as part of their current topic. Information has already been sent about this from class teachers. Cost of the trip is £18.  |
| **Living Street Badges**Our children will be coming home in the coming days with their Living Street badges as a result of walking to school for a certain number of days throughout the month. Well done to everyone who has receieved one of these.  |
| C:\Users\carrollsj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\R1W79MWH\Award_star_(gold)[1].png**Stars of the Week**Nursery - Rosie Clarke RS – Carter Thompson RL – Jack Martindale C:\Users\carrollsj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\R1W79MWH\Award_star_(gold)[1].png 1S – Stella Kitamura 1L – Mischa Matthews 2S – Esme Williams 2L – Hunter Arnold  3S – Thomas Reid 3L – Carter Roe  4S – James Murray 4L – Maggie Craig  5S – Louie Reid Millen 5L – Bobby Woods  6S – Hannah Hegarty  |
| C:\Users\carrollsj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\R1W79MWH\Award_star_(gold)[1].png**English and Maths Stars of the Week** RS – English: Elia Caulifield Maths: Nuala Jones RL - English: Fredi Brown Maths: Renesmee Slade 1S – English: Maisy Mulligan Maths: Jax Gordon  1L: English: Bella Parry Maths: Harley Fiocca 2S – English: Connie Richards Maths: Kaden Carr 2L – English: Sophia Konieczna Maths: Kara Cassidy 3S – English: Isabella Doran Maths: Marcus Greaves  3L – English: Jacob Sproule Maths: Aria Farrell 4S – English: Heidi Devine Maths: Heidi Devine  4L – English: Halle Carter Smith Maths: Spencer Downes 5S – English: Callum Miller Maths: Steven Hogg 5L – English: Olivia Smith Maths: Florrie Callan Still 6S – English: Amelie Catterall Maths: Billy Hughes   |

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| **Dates for your diary****Monday 16th October** – World Space Week, **Tuesday 17th October** – Celebration of Achievement event 2pm**Wednesday 18th October** – Year 5 visit Story Barn, Year 2 EFC Football tournament **Thursday 19th October** – Reception and Year 6 measurements, 9.30am Year 2 Liturgy, 2pm 1S Phonics Workshop  for parents **Tuesday 24th October** – Quidditch Day for various classes, Cross Country event at All Saints **Wednesday 25th October** – 2.15pm School Nurse Drop in**Thursday 26th October** – Flu jabs for Nursery to Year 6, Halloween Dress up day £1.00, 2pm Phonics workshop  for 1L parents, Half term holidays begin**Friday 27th October** – INSET day (School closed) |
| **To all our children and families… Have a lovely weekend.** **Stay safe and well.**https://encrypted-tbn0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcS7qvfLnks0kJJFyXQpVA3-bHfb24fzGS8y4qqWwBukgV6ioKr_TQ**Mrs Carroll-McKevitt** **and all the staff of St Laurence’s School** |
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**After-School Clubs 2023-2024 (Autumn Term)**

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| **Monday**  | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** |
| **Year 4/5/6**3.15pm Dodgeball Club(Mr Grant/Mr Cushion)**Year 2**3.15pm Football Club(Mr Gibson)**Years 4/5/6**3.15pm Science Club (Mr Biggs)**Year 3/4/5/6**3.15pm Retro Games Club(Miss Birch)**KS2 Choir**3.15pm (Mrs Faulkner) | **Years 5/6**11.30am Cross Country(Miss Carroll)**Year 3** 3.15pm EITC Football Club(Steven McCluskey)**Year 4/5/6**Dance(Miss Owens) |  | **Years 5/6**11.30am Cross Country(Miss Carroll)**Year 5/6**3.15pm Football Club(Mr Grant)**KS2**3.15pm Minnie Vinnies (MissBrannegan)**Year 4** 3.15pm Football (Mr Folksman) | **Years 5/6**11.30am Cross Country(Miss Carroll) |