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| **St Laurence’s Catholic Primary School****Newsletter**Friday 26th January 2024 |
| ***‘****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 94.2% which has gone down, since last week. 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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| **RS:%** **98.5%****GREEN** | **1S%****95.4%****AMBER** | **2S:%****97.6%****GREEN** | **3S:%****99.1%****GREEN** | **4S:%****91.7%****RED** | **5S:%****94.4%****RED**  | **6S:%****96%****AMBER**  | **Whole School** |
| **RL:%****88.7%****RED** | **1L:%****90.8%****RED** | **2L:%****99.6%****GREEN** | **3L:%****95.4%****AMBER** | **4L:%****88.4%****RED** | **5L:%****90%****RED** | **6L:%****93.6%****RED** | **94.3%****RED** |

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| **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 January, we will be exploring the value of PEACE. We will be encouraging the children to think of how they can spread peace in their own lives and the lives of others.  |
| **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. |  **Smoking** Please can I remind all parents and any visitors that smoking on or around our school grounds is not allowed. We politely ask that you refrain from doing this until you are away from our grounds, so children and staff are not inhaling smoke. Your support for this would be appreciated. |
|  **Year One Liturgy**Our Year 1 children will be leading their year group Prayer and Liturgy session on Thursday 1st February at 9.30am. All parents are welcome to attend and join in.  |
| **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.  |
| **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 take place after next week.** 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.** |
| **Reception Hearing Screening**Our Reception will be seen by our NHS nurses for Hearing Screening during the week beginning 29th January. This is part of testing that is completed to ensure they are developing properly and there are no problems. If you have any questions please pop into the school office.  | **Acting Angels leaflet**We have received a leaflet in the school office about Adult Acting classes in Kirkby. If you want more information please call into the office to ask for a copy or use the information given below:dramaschool@actingangels.co.uk Acting Angels Drama School and Agency, 07970365422  |
| **Year 6 Booster Classes**Our Year 6 children will continue their Booster Classes on Monday/Thursday night next week. These sessions are for all children to attend. Staff will be giving up their time to work with small groups of children on their Maths work to begin with. Please ensure that your child attends these sessions each week on their given day.  |
| **Year 4 visit to church**Our Year 4 children will be visiting our church on Monday 29th January as part of their RE topic work. The children will walk to church and back. Please ensure that they have a suitable coat in school for this day.  | **Attendance Pizza Party**Our Autumn term Attendance Pizza Party will take place on Tuesday 30th January for all children who had 100% attendance during the Autumn Term. Well done to all who will be attending. This is part of our schools attendance strategy.  |
| **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. PLEASE NOTE CHILDREN MUST HAVE BREAKFAST WHEN COMING INTO SCHOOL – IT IS NOT A DROP OFF POINT.  |
| **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 – Axel Gordon (Hardworking)RS – Bobby Baines (Confident and Polite)RL – Zadie Hodgson (Happy, fun and kind friend) 1S – Lillian Sproule (Polite and helpful)1L – Lacey Mae Croxford 2S – Oliver Sproule (Polite)2L – Mia Maria Goodwin (Committed and Hardworking)3S – Kendall Hamid (Committed and Hardworking)3L – Hayzel Townsend (Polite and Respectful)4S – Lucas Gibney (Good Communication)4L – Elijah Greenhalgh (Polite)5S – Callum Miller (Polite and Respectful)5L – Madison Farrell (Positive Attitude)6S – Joseph Martindale (Polite, Respectful, Committed and Hardworking) 6L – Ava Barton (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 |
| **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. |
| **Family Fitness**Mr Cushion will be continuing our Family Fitness sessions on Monday nights with parents and children from Years 3 and 4. If you would like to attend, please come and let the office know.  | **Parents Maths Course**We are working alongside Myerscough College to deliver a Maths Course for our parents. This is for anyone who doesn’t have a qualification in maths or wants to help their child more with their maths homework.To join email Yolanda Glascott on yglascott@myerscough.ac.uk.You will gain an award in Maths Skills for this course from City and Guilds.  |
|  **Year 5 Family Learning Workshops**Our Family Learning teacher will be completing a workshop session for parents who have registered in Class 5S on Thursday 1st February at 2.15pm. Class 5L will be on the following week - Thursday 8th February. We hope you find it useful and enjoy the activities with your child.  |
| **Monthly masses for Year 4**Don’t forget masses for children in Year 4 will be held on Friday 2nd February at 7pm and on Sunday 4th February at 11am and 6pm.A communion meeting will also be held on Tuesday 6th February at 4pm.  | **Sports News**Good Luck to the children representing the school in the Dodgeball competition on Monday night at Kirkby High School. |
| **Half Term**A reminder that we break up for half term on Friday 9th February at 3.15pm. This will be a non-uniform day – cost is £1.00. School will re-open on Monday 19th February.  |
| C:\Users\carrollsj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\R1W79MWH\Award_star_(gold)[1].png**Stars of the Week**Nursery – Kara Austin RS – Carter Goodwin RL – Jaxon Kearns C:\Users\carrollsj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\R1W79MWH\Award_star_(gold)[1].png 1S – Millie Hadley 1L – Harley Fiocca  2S – Hallee Marr 2L – Luke Davies  3S – Theodore Dawkins 3L – Will Powell  4S – Jamie Dumbell 4L – Jude Jones  5S – Jessie Pinnington Sharkey 5L – Ryan Langstaff  6S – George O’Sullivan 6L – Edie Horrocks KS1 Overall Winner for Star of the Week – Luke Davies Luke will take home Motty our mascot.  |
| 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: Arlo Cassidy Maths: Harper Jones RL - English: Harley Gibney Maths: Leo Crellin  1S: English: Maria Nasamento Maths: Jax Gordon  1L: English: Bella Parry Maths: Harlen Farrell  2S: English: Kaden Carr Maths: Riley Brooks Coletta 2L – English: Nancy Lovett Maths: Sienna Downey 3S – English: Layton Hoy Maths: Amayah O’Korode  3L – English: Freya Appleton Maths: Leo Latusek 4S – English: Mason Wainwright Maths: Evie Croft Delaney  4L – English: Cristian Bonea Maths: Annabelle Farrell 5S – English: Charlie Taylor Maths: Lilly Dean5L – English: Jacob Ainsworth Maths: Eva McIver C:\Users\carrollsj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\R1W79MWH\Award_star_(gold)[1].png6S – English: Cody Shelley Maths: Jake Tunstall 6L – English: Jessica Daly Maths: Caleb Burke  |
| C:\Users\carrollsj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\R1W79MWH\Award_star_(gold)[1].png**Golden Table Winners this week**Well done to the following children who have sat on our Golden Table this week. Our winners have been chosen by our dinner and welfare staff for their good behaviour and manners. **Infant Winners:**Nancy Tipler, Leo Crellin, Leo Brady, Amelia Richardson, Savannah Farrell, Dax Faulkner, Sydnie Yates, Evelyn Fitzsimmons, Hunter Arnold, Nelly O’Brien, Oliver Sproule and Phoebe Richards. **Junior Winners:**Blake Murphy, James Dunne, Will Powell, Skye Balmer, Louie Soon, Daisy Evans, Hallie Devine, Luis Traves Da Silva, Charlie Taylor, Mia Rose Rossiter, Madison Farrell, Darcy Payne, Billy Hughes, Callum McCaffery, Anthony Coyle and Alby Jevons.  |

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| **Dates for your diary****Monday 29th January** – Reception Hearing screening, Year 4 visit Church**Tuesday 30th January** - Reception Hearing screening, Attendance Pizza Party **Wednesday 31st January** – Year 4 CLC session on Computer Science, Reception Hearing screening**Thursday 1st February** – 9.15am Year One Liturgy, Class 4S Computing session with All Saints,  2.15pm Class 5S Family Learning session **Friday 2nd February** – Golden Table, 7pm Year 4 monthly mass in church**Sunday 4th February** – 11am/6pm Year 4 monthly mass in church **Monday 5th February** – Children’s Mental Health Week**Tuesday 6th February** – 4pm Year 4 Communion meeting in church**Thursday 8th February** - Class 4S Computing session with All Saints, 2.15pm Class 5L Family Learning session **Friday 9th February** – Half term today (Non Uniform Day £1.00) School closes at 3.15pm  |
| **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 (Spring Term)**

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| **Monday**  | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** |
| **Year 6**3.30pm Booster classes**Year 2** 3.30pm Football(Mr Gibson)**Year 3 and 4**3.30pm Family Fitness  | **Year 3**3.30pm EITC Basketball**KS2**3.30pm Choir  |  | **Year 6**3.30pm Booster classes**Year 5/6**3.15pm Football Club(Mr Grant)**KS2**3.15pm Minnie Vinnies (MissBrannegan)**Year 4** 3.15pm Dodgeball  (Mr Folksman) |  |