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| **St Laurence’s Catholic Primary School****Newsletter**Friday 2nd February 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 93% 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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| **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 February, we will be exploring the value of TOLERANCE. We will be encouraging the children to think of how they can be more tolerant of others and themselves.  |
| **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. |
| **Sports News**Well done to the boys who took part in the Dodgeball competition on Monday night. They showed outstanding determination and respect winning all of their games to become Knowsley Dodgeball Champions – well done boys!! We are very proud of you.  |
| **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.  |
| **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. Class 4S will need to wear their uniform on this day as they are visiting the gallery.  |
|  **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.  | **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.** |
| **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.  |
| **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. | **Year 5 Family Learning Workshops**Our Family Learning teacher will be completing a workshop session for parents who have registered in Class 5L on Thursday 8th February. We hope you find it useful and enjoy the activities with your child.  |
| **Children’s Mental Health Week**Next week our children will complete Circle Time and Multi Sports activities during the week as part of our Children’s Mental Health week. Our School Council have decided which activities will be completed. We hope the children enjoy taking part in this year’s theme of ‘My Voice Matters’.  |
| **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 – Skye Hamid (Hardworking)RS – Maggie Jones (Positive Attitude)RL – Honey Carter Smith 1S – Harper Hughes (Polite)1L – Dax Faulkner (Hardworking) 2S – Rosie Bradley (Resilient)2L – Leah Carey (Committed and Hardworking)3S – Scarlett Bromilow (Committed and Hardworking)3L – Luke George (Committed and Hardworking)4S – Ethan Karoui (Polite and Good Manners)4L – Charlie Payne (Positive Attitude)5S – Georgia Sproule 5L – Ammaya Brooks Miller6S – Jenson Taylor (Polite and Respectful) 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 |
| **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.  |
| **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.  |
| **Family English sessions**We would like to invite parents from Years 1 and 2 to register for our new Family English course. The 5-week course starts on Thursday 22nd February 1.30pm to 3.00pm. For more information contact Annmaria Miller on 07825117500 or Annmaria.miller@knowsley.gov.uk  |
| **Gallery visits**We have arranged for a number of our junior classes to visit the gallery to see the latest exhibition this week. Please ensure that your child has their coat in school, in case it is raining. Dates are belowClass 3S – Wednesday 7th February PM Class 5S – Thursday 8th February Class 4S – Friday 9th February (Children will need to wear their full school uniform) |
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| C:\Users\carrollsj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\R1W79MWH\Award_star_(gold)[1].png**Stars of the Week**Nursery – Lucia Banawich RS – Jaxon Kearns RL – Iris McGorian C:\Users\carrollsj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\R1W79MWH\Award_star_(gold)[1].png 1S – Jaxx James Siner 1L – Rosie Atkinson  2S – Kadi Gibbons 2L – Esme Evans  3S – Destiny Barker 3L – Monica Dempsey  4S – Darcey Kelly 4L – Layla Cooper  5S – Mason Ward 5L – Mason Melia  6S – Jaiden Barker 6L – Beatriz Campione KS1 Overall Winner for Star of the Week – Jaxx James Siner KS2 Overall Winners for Star of the Week – Destiny Barker and Jaiden Barker All children 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: Savannah Bromilow Maths: Max Lawler RL - English: Renesmee Slade Maths: Halle McPadden  1S: English: Sadee-Mae Taylor Maths: Tayla Atkins  1L: English: Ollie Garcia Maths: Jaxon Dumbell  2S: English: Nikolas Schiopu Maths: Sophia Rodrigues 2L – English: Davy Baines Maths: Toyin Omotosho 3S – English: James Dunne Maths: Theodore Dawkins  3L – English: Lois Martin Maths: Joshua Kearns 4S – English: Theo Lyons Maths: James Murray  4L – English: Archie Jones Maths: Luis Da Silva 5S – English: Scarlett Gee Maths: Jacob Lannigan5L – English: Alfie Case Cummins Maths: Lennon Carey C:\Users\carrollsj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\R1W79MWH\Award_star_(gold)[1].png6S – English: Neve Ryder Maths: Kai Malam 6L – English: Jessica Daly Maths: Crystal Harrackie  |

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| **Dates for your diary****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)**Year 4** 3.15pm Dodgeball  (Mr Folksman) |  |