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| **St Laurence’s Catholic Primary School****Newsletter**Friday 1st March 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 95.3% which is better than last week, but is still lower than we would like. 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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| **RL:%****97.5%****GREEN** | **1L:%****96.2%****AMBER** | **2L:%****96%****AMBER** | **3L:%****96.4%****AMBER** | **4L:%****92.8%****RED** | **5L:%****99.2%****GREEN** | **6L:%****94.4%****RED** | **95.3%****AMBER** |

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| **Spring Parents’ Evening**Our Spring Parents Evening will take place on Thursday 14th March. Please book your appointment on line through our School Spider app. If you have any problems please contact the school office. |
| **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 March, we will be exploring the value of TRUTH AND JUSTICE. We will be encouraging the children to look at why telling the truth is important and also how we need to own up for things we have done wrong.  |
| **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. |
| **Reception Liturgy**Our Reception children will be leading their year group Prayer and Liturgy session on Thursday 7th March 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.  |
| **World Book Day**We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. Children can come into school dressed in the costume of their favourite book character on the day. Prizes will be given for the best dressed. **Please do not send children in with scary Halloween costumes as these are not representative of World Book Day.** If not dressing as a character children should come in their uniform.Class 3S will need to wear their uniform as they are visiting the gallery on Thursday. Class 5S also have swimming on this day. They will therefore have their World Book Day on Friday instead.  |
|  **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. | **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 2 CLC session**Our Year 2 children will be working with our CLC teacher on Wednesday 6th March completing activities linked to their Computer Science topic. We hope they learn a lot and enjoy their session.  |
| **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 – Lola Fuller (Hardworking)RS – Leo Crellin (Committed and Hardworking)RL – Fredi Brown (Polite)1S – Esme Hedges (Committed and Hardworking)1L – Jacob Ventre (Hardworking) 2S – Nikolas Schipou (Polite)2L – Nancy Lovett (Committed and Hardworking)3S – Harry McGrath (Committed and Hardworking)3L – Luna Lindon (Committed and Hardworking)4S – Eden Fox 4L – Cristian Bonea (Positive Attitude)5S – Steve Hogg (Respectful) 5L – Bobby Green 6S – Neve Ryder 6L – Alby Jones (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 |
|  **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. |
| **Comic Relief Day**School will be raising money for Comic Relief on Friday 15th March. Children can come into school in something RED if they want to along with a donation for the charity. This year we will NOT be purchasing the red noses as they have become too expensive for school to get. We also end up with lots left, which means the school is at a loss. Children are welcome to purchase their own to bring into school.  |
| **Year 4 Liturgy** Our Year 4 children will be leading their year group Prayer and Liturgy session on Thursday 29th February at 9.30am. All parents are welcome to attend and join in.  | **Year One and Two English Course** We still have places left on our Year 1 and 2 English course with Mrs Annmaria Miller. Please contact the school if you would like more information. This starts at 1.45pm on Thursdays.  |
| **3S Gallery visit**Class 3S will be visiting the gallery on Thursday 7th March during the afternoon to visit the latest exhibition. We hope they enjoy their visit. They need to wear their full school uniform for their visit.  |
| **Class 5S Swimming**Swimming for Class 5S will begin on Monday 4th March. Please ensure your child has the correct kit for their lesson.  |  **Easter Competition**We would love our children to create something linked to Easter for our end of term Easter competiton. This can be an Easter Bonnet, an Easter garden, an Easter egg – ANYTHING creative linked to Easter. These need to be sent into school by Friday 22nd March. All entries will receive a prize. |
| C:\Users\carrollsj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\R1W79MWH\Award_star_(gold)[1].png**Stars of the Week**Nursery – Lucia McVeigh RS – Lydia Richards RL – Arlo Cassidy C:\Users\carrollsj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\R1W79MWH\Award_star_(gold)[1].png 1S – Florence Regan 1L – Ewan Flynn  2S – Joseph Doyle 2L – Nelly O’Brien  3S – Rylee Matthews 3L – Carter Roe  4S – George Chrystal 4L – Laura Conchi Veneroni  5S – Jessie Pinnington Sharkey 5L – Frankie Walker  6S – Kai Malam 6L – Oliver Bowers Jones  KS1 Overall Winner for Star of the Week – Lydia Richards Lydia 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: Star Balmer Maths: Noah Prince George RL - English: Liam Ross Maths: Skylah Smylie  1S: English: Evelyn Fitzsimmons Maths: Nancy Walsh  1L: English: Gabriel Dawkins Maths: Bella Parry  2S: English: Connie Richards Maths: Piper Farish 2L – English: Hunter Arnold Maths: Nina Campione 3S – English: Duggy Faulkner Maths: Amiyah Okorode  3L – English: Jacob Sproule Maths: Ronnie Baines 4S – English: Ethan Karoui Maths: Theo Lyons  4L – English: Willow Rose Jevons Maths: Charlie Payne 5S – English: Lotti O’Keefe Maths: Louie Reid Millen5L – English: Abby Walsh Maths: Eddie Wilson C:\Users\carrollsj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\R1W79MWH\Award_star_(gold)[1].png6S – English: Jenson Taylor Maths: Joseph Martindale 6L – English: Crystal Harrickie Maths: Archie Nolan  |

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| **Dates for your diary****Monday 4th March** – Class 5S begin swimming lessons **Tuesday 5th March** - 4pm Year 4 Communion meeting in church **Thursday 7th March** - World Book Day, 9.30am Reception Liturgy, 1.30pm Class 3S at gallery**Thursday 14th March -** 9.30am Nursery Liturgy, Spring Parents Evening **Friday 15th March** - Comic Relief Day (Wear RED)**Monday 18th March -** Class 5L Swimming begins**Monday 25th March -** 5pm Easter Bingo**Tuesday 26th March -** School Closes for Easter at 2pm, Non Uniform Day £1.00 |
| **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** **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) |  |