



**St Laurence's
Catholic Primary School**

'Where every day is an adventure'
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Newsletter

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'Developing our gifts and talents for the good of all'

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A big THANK YOU to Father Nick.

Last week, after many years, Father Nick stepped down as our *Chair of Governors*. We are pleased to say that he remains as a much-valued *Foundation Governor* on our *Governing Body* and will of course continue to provide pastoral support to our *St Laurence's School family*, in his role as our *Parish Priest*.

Father Nick has given many, many hours and much commitment to this challenging role, in which he has supported our school through good times and bad and for this we are so grateful. We are not the only school Father Nick has supported in this way, and no one could deny his ongoing commitment to education within Kirkby.

John Holmes (previously *Vice-Chair*) was proposed as our new *Chair* and has kindly agreed to take on the role. John is equally committed to ensuring our school provides the very best education possible for our children. John will be around school most weeks and looks forward to meeting you all. May I just take this opportunity to thank all of our *Governors* for the work they do for our school behind the scenes. They are all volunteers and work so hard for our children.

There is currently a vacancy for a *Parent Governor*. More details to follow about the election process, but if you are interested in joining us in our drive for improvement for our children, please feel free to call me or drop in to discuss this.

It's good to be green!

WELL DONE EVERYONE!! We have exceeded our attendance target of 97% for two weeks running!

Green (G) = 97%+, Amber (A) = 95% or 96%, Red (R) = Less than 95%

RS:98.4%	1S:100%	2S:98.3%	3S:97.8%	4S:100%	5S:99.2%	6S:91.3%	Whole School
RL:98.5%	1L:98.5%	2L: 95%	3L: 98%	4L:99.2%	5L:99.2%	6L:97.6%	98% 

Reminder

Our school will be closed next Friday - 7th October due to a Kirkby Inset Day. All our staff will be taking part in Professional Development activities that day.

Storybarn Trips

Our Year 6s and 3s have had a great time on their Storybarn trips this week. Yrs 2,1,R & N are yet to go. Please can you make sure that you have returned your child's permission slip and contribution to the cost of the trip. If you have any problem with this please give the office a call.

Plea for Volunteers to read with children Many thanks to the volunteers we have had so far. We will be in touch soon to get you started. If anyone else is interested in helping, please let us know.

Coffee Mornings This week has seen the rest of our Coffee Mornings very well attended - **We raised the fantastic amount of £ 47.** The winner of our 'Guess the spots on the cake' is Tina Taylor - please collect your winnings from the office. The raffle will have been drawn at Assembly today - I'm sure your child will let you know if you have a prize to collect. It's so good to see parents and teachers working so well together for the good of the children. I do hope you have found these new coffee mornings useful and enjoyable. The teachers and children

certainly have ☺.

Admission to Reception next September (2017)

If you would like to apply for a place in our school, please complete the forms that have been sent home with our Nursery children. Our school has been over-subscribed for many years now, so please to make sure you complete and submit your child's form. The official deadline is 15%.

All Saints Catholic High School - Open Evening

Mr McGuinness was delighted to see so many of our children at All Saints on Wednesday night. They all sounded very excited by what they saw there. Both Year six classes will be visiting All Saints shortly to enjoy some real lessons!

Forms for Secondary Admissions

Forms have been sent home to all of our Year Six children. These need to be completed and submitted by October 31st. Failure to do this could result in your child not getting a place in their school of choice.

Early morning drop-offs

Polite request: Please can we ask that parents don't use the school car park in the mornings when dropping children off at breakfast or morning clubs. As you will be aware, our parking areas are often very congested and additional cars parked within the car park at this busy time can lead to difficulties, including the need to reverse cars out of the car park as children are arriving at school. In the interest of safety, your co-operation would be greatly appreciated.

Before the next few points, can I just say thank you to our parents who always always collect their children on time from school ☺. However, we are having a few problems with late collection that are affecting our hard-working staff.

Late collection from school

We sometimes have quite a number of children that are not collected on time at 3.15pm. Of course we understand that sometimes this cannot be avoided, and we will always keep children safe in our care. However, our teachers provide many after-school clubs straight after school, have meetings to attend, and of course have a great deal of planning and marking to do, and it isn't fair that they also need to wait in the foyer for, in some cases, half an hour or even more until a child is collected. In future, any child not collected by 3.30pm will be taken into after-school club. If this is a one-off then there will not be a charge, however if this happens more regularly we will have to apply the normal charge for After-school club. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Late collection from Nursery

As above, please can we ask that you collect your child on time- 11.30 for mornings - the staff only have a short break for lunch before the next session begins. For afternoon children, if they

are not collected by 3.45pm then the above rule will apply and they will go into After-School Club.

Late collection from After-school Club.

We have extended the hours of After-school club in an effort to support our parents further. The After-school staff will be locking up at the advertised closing times - Mon to Thursday 6pm and Friday - 5pm. Again there have been occasions when staff, and key holders, have had to stay very late due to non-collection. We really would appreciate your co-operation.

As I have said we do understand that things go wrong and emergencies happen. We are appealing here to those parents that are often late. Many thanks.

Year 1 Change 4 Life Parent Sessions Each Year 1 class has been enjoying having a Change 4 Life session each week with Mr Cushion. All Year 1 parents are invited to come and join in with fun activities with your child, all of which are based around developing a healthy lifestyle.

Class 1S 9.15 - 10 Tuesdays

Class 1L 9.15 - 10 Wednesdays

Extra-Curricular Clubs We now have an excellent range of extra-curricular clubs for Years 1 through to 6. Many thanks to our fantastic staff who are providing almost all of these clubs. These have proved to be extremely popular and are adding breadth and balance to our exciting curriculum. Please note the following request about hometime after clubs (4.15pm)

Due to much congestion in our Foyer area at home time (after lots of clubs have finished), we will now be letting the children out of different exits - not the front door. This is for safety. Teachers need to be able to check who is collecting each child and this has been very difficult with so many parents coming into the foyer. Please wait outside as you would do at normal home time. We will put up signs and direct you to the right exits for the first week or so until we all get the hang of it. Many thanks for your cooperation once again.

Paul Delaney - Poet in Residence



On Tuesday Paul Delaney will be joining us in school to share his writing skills and passion for poetry with our children. If your child has a poetry book, please encourage them to have a little look this weekend or read a few poems online. You are all most welcome to join us for his final Assembly on Thursday at 2.15pm in which I am sure some budding young poets will be

performing.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 4 th October	Visiting Poet - Paul Delaney arrives in school for 3 whole days!
Wednesday 5 th October	Year 2 trip to Storybarn & Calderstones Park
Thursday 6 th October	Year 1 trip to Storybarn & Calderstones Park
Friday 7 th October	Family Night 5.30pm - 7pm
Monday 10 th October	National Poetry Day
	Autumn Party Lunch £1.00
	Assembly for Parents with Paul Delaney Poet - 2.15pm
	INSET Day - School closed
	CAFOD FAST DAY ASSEMBLY - Wear something bright as well as your uniform
	Donations to CAFOD and/or something for Kirkby Foodbank please
	Judaism Week begins - all classes
Tuesday 11 th October	Nursery trips to Storybarn & Calderstones Park (am and pm)
Wednesday 12 th October	Buddies Assembly - Year 6 and Reception Parents welcome.
	Reception Trip to Storybarn & Calderstones Park
Friday 14 th October	Family Night 5.30pm - 7pm
Wednesday 19 th October	6L at All Saints
Friday 21 st October	BINGO NIGHT - 5.30 - 7pm
	Break up at normal time - Own Clothes Day 50p
	6S at All Saints
	Secondary Admission Forms need to be submitted - Deadline is 31 st October

To all our children and families... Have a lovely weekend together.

Mrs McConnell, Miss Carroll and all the staff of St Laurence's School



PS...A sneak preview of a few Christmas Dates that you will want to put in your diaries...

Mon 5th Dec - Yr 2 Grandparents' Christmas Party 2pm

Thurs 8th Dec - Reception Nativity Play at 9.30am

Monday 12th Dec - Year 1 & 2 Christmas Play - 3.30pm

Tues 13th Dec - Year 1 & 2 Christmas Play 9.30am

Weds 14th Dec - Years 3,4,5 - Christmas Concert 3.30pm

Thurs 14th Dec Years 3,4,5 - Christmas Concert 9.30am

Friday 15th Dec- Year 6 Day Out- Taking Christmas to the Community

Monday 19th Dec - Nursery Festive Stay & Play 10.15 am & 2.15pm

Tuesday 20th Dec - Childrens' Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 21st Dec Christmas Jumpers Day

Christmas Mass Date to be confirmed.



Hope that's got you feeling festive ☺. Staff and children are excited already.

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