



**St Laurence's Catholic Primary School
Newsletter**

Friday 13th January 2017

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

<p align="center"><u>Attendance Winners</u></p> <p>Congratulations to all of our children who achieved 100% attendance last term. As promised, for those children who achieved this, we will be setting up a special film show with goodies. The infant film show will take place on Friday 27th January in the afternoon and the junior film show will take place on Friday 3rd February in the afternoon.</p> <p>Our current attendance is 96.8%. Thank you for all your efforts in helping us achieve this. We ask that this continues this term.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Swimming</u></p> <p>Class 5L will begin their swimming sessions next week for two weeks at Kirkby Leisure Centre. Children will need their swimming kit, a towel and goggles if needed. Children should not bring in talc or deodorant as this can lead to asthma problems. Girls are also required to wear a swimming cap. These can be purchased from the school office for £1.50.</p> <p align="center"><u>Hand hygiene</u></p> <p>Our Reception children will be learning why hand hygiene is so important on the 24th January. Each class has had special visitors coming into class to show them how to keep nice and clean. Ask your child to tell and show you what they have learnt.</p>
<p align="center"><u>Nursery Places</u></p> <p>We still have places in our Nursery for September 2017. Please come into school for an application form.</p> <p align="center"><u>Sports News</u></p> <p>Good luck to our Year 3 Football team who will be competing in a tournament next Thursday at Prescot Leisure Centre.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Tapestry App</u></p> <p>To all Reception and Nursery parents if you haven't already downloaded the Tapestry App please do so as it contains some wonderful photographs and learning stories showcasing what your children have been doing over these past few weeks.</p>
<p align="center"><u>Year 6 trip to Colomendy</u></p> <p>Our Year 6 children will soon be going to Colomendy (date of trip - 22nd February). The cost of the trip is £120 - deposits for this may have already been paid. Please could any money still owing be paid as soon as possible. We have arranged a meeting for ALL our Year 6 parents on Monday 23rd January at 3.30pm to discuss any information regarding the trip and Year 6 in general.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Orchestra Performance</u></p> <p>We are very lucky to have a full orchestra in school next week. Mr Jones is bringing his orchestra in to play a number of pieces for the whole school.</p> <p align="center"><u>Headlice</u></p> <p>We have had a number of concerns from parents regarding headlice. We would be most grateful if you could check your child's hair on a regular basis and take appropriate measures. Your support in this matter is really appreciated.</p>
<p align="center"><u>Family Night</u></p> <p>Our Family Nights started this week on Wednesday. This is an opportunity for parents to spend some time with their children playing board games, table tennis and joining in with activities in the sports hall. It starts at 5.30pm and finishes at 7.00pm. Why not give it a try?</p>	<p align="center"><u>Plea for volunteers to read with children</u></p> <p>Before Christmas we had a number of volunteers coming into school to help with reading which was greatly appreciated. We still require volunteers to come in and support us as we have a number of children that would benefit greatly from additional extra reading in school. If you have any time to spare and would like to offer some time to read with the children we would be most grateful. Please let the office or Miss Carroll know if you would like to help out.</p>
<p align="center"><u>New Year Party day Lunch</u></p> <p>On Thursday 19th January our school will be taking part in a Census. On this day lunch will be a party box which contains a finger roll sandwich, a sausage roll, a cake and a carton drink. This will cost £1.00. If you would like your child to have this for their lunch (and they don't usually have a school dinner) please let the office know.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Reading Fun workshops</u></p> <p>We have arranged for some Reading Fun workshops for our Year 1 and 2 parents on the following dates. Friday 27th January and Friday 3rd February. These workshops will be on a first come, first served basis. Please see Mrs Barr if you are interested.</p>

<p align="center"><u>Year 6 Booster Classes</u></p> <p>Our Year 6 Booster classes will be starting on Tuesday 24th January. These classes will occur weekly for all of our Year 6 children to help boost their confidence and understanding in preparation for their SATS in May. A meeting will be held on Monday 23rd January at 3.30pm for all parents giving them any information required.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Politeness Trophy</u></p> <p>Well done to our Politeness trophy winner for this week - Shaun Napier. Shaun is an excellent role model for all our children showing excellent manners and attitude all the time.</p>
<p align="center"><u>Sacramental Celebrations</u></p> <p>We now have dates for our sacramental celebrations of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. Our Year 4 children will be celebrating their Reconciliation on Thursday 9th February at 11.00am and their First Holy Communion on Saturday 20th May at 11.00am. Both of these celebrations will take place in St Joseph and St Laurence's church. We hope you will be able to join us for these lovely celebrations.</p> <p align="center"><u>Reception Stay and Read</u></p> <p>Parents are welcome to come in and read with their children for 20 minutes maximum on the following dates. Tuesday 7th, Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th February at 8.50am until 9.15am. You may bring in your child's bookbag or we will supply an appropriate reading book.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Free School Meals</u></p> <p>School meals are responsible for their own budget. The budget we receive depends on a number of factors, in particular, pupils on roll and the number of children taking up free school meals. At the moment we are missing out on massive amounts of funding because a lot of parents, although entitled to free school meals, don't actually apply for them. It would be really helpful to us if eligible parents filled in the necessary form even though they don't intend for their children to take up free school meals. We would still receive the funding. Even if you think you may not qualify please come in and fill in a form at the office. Your support for this request would be really appreciated.</p> <p>A meeting has been arranged for Wednesday 25th January at 9.00am for any parents wanting more information.</p>

Extra Curricular Clubs

Please find attached our timetable for next week's clubs. Children need to be collected from the exit points explained below. Please note clubs for RECEPTION children will start in the Summer Term.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.15 Hockey - Key Stage 2 3.15 High Fives - Year 5/6 (Collect at Breakfast Club door) 3.15 Eco Club - KS1 (Maximum 20 pupils) (Collect at red side doors) 3.15 Eco Club - KS2 (Maximum 20 pupils) (Collect at red side doors)	8.15 Dodgeball - Key Stage 2 12.30 Cross Country Year 5/6 3.15 Change4Life - Year One (Collect at Breakfast Club door) 3.15 Chess - KS2 (Collect from Mrs Phillips class) 3.15 Girls Football (Collect at red side doors) 3.15 Year 3/4 Football (Collect at red side doors)	12.30 Cross Country Year 3/4 3.15pm Dance - Years 1 and 2 (Maximum 20 pupils) (Collect at red side doors)	12.30 Cross Country Year 5/6 3.15 Performing Arts - Year 4-6 (Maximum 20 pupils) (Collect at red side doors) 3.15 Year 5/6 Football (Collect at red side doors) 3.15 Arts and Crafts - Years 1 and 2 (Maximum 20 pupils) (Collect at Breakfast Club door)	3.15 Sign Language - KS2 (Collect from Mrs Phillips class) 3.15 Change4Life - Year Two (Collect at red side doors) 3.15 Dance - KS2 (Maximum 20 pupils) (Collect at red side doors)

Dates for your diary

Monday 23 rd January	Hand Hygiene with Reception all day
Wednesday 25 th January	Free school meals entitlement meeting
Friday 27 th January	Infant Attendance film
Friday 3 rd February	Junior Attendance film

To all our children and families... Have a lovely weekend.
 Mrs McConnell, Miss Carroll and all the staff of St Laurence's School

