



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

Friday 20th January 2017

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

It's good to be green!

Our attendance for last week was 95.8%. 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%

RS:% 96.8% AMBER	1S% 91.7% RED	2S:% 99.2% GREEN	3S:% 96.7% AMBER	4S:% 99.2% GREEN	5S:% 92% RED	6S:% 96.5% AMBER	Whole School
RL:% 98.4% GREEN	1L:% 94.6% AMBER	2L:% 100% GREEN	3L:% 90.7% RED	4L:% 93.8% RED	5L:% 94.4% AMBER	6L:% 98.4% AMBER	95.8% AMBER

<p align="center"><u>Mornings</u></p> <p>Now that we are in to our second term in school we would ask if all parents could leave their children at the middle section of the playground of a morning - this is for safeguarding reasons. If you need to speak to your child's class teacher please come round to the office and a member of staff will get them for you.</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>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>Swimming</u></p> <p>Class 5L continue their swimming sessions next 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>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>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>Politeness Trophy</u></p> <p>Well done to our Politeness trophy winner for this week - Lydia Oakes. Lydia is an excellent role model for all our children showing excellent manners and attitude all the time.</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>Sports News</u></p> <p>Good luck to our Girls Football team who will be competing in a tournament next Wednesday at Prescot Leisure Centre.</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 will be continuing next week on Wednesday night. 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>

GB Athlete visit

We are very lucky to have been selected to receive a sponsored visit from a Paralympic Athlete. The athlete will be visiting the school on **Wednesday 8th February** for the full day. During the day the children will be taking part in a sponsored circuit. Please see the attached leaflet for information on how the day will work and any prizes that will be given to children who raise certain amounts. We hope the children will enjoy this fantastic opportunity to meet a Paralympic Athlete.

Year 6 Booster Classes

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.

Reading Fun workshops

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.

Sacramental Celebrations

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.

Free School Meals

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.

Reception Stay and Read

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.

A meeting has been arranged for **Wednesday 25th January at 9.00am** for any parents wanting more information.

Nick Sharratt event

Kirkby gallery have arranged a Family Fun Day with the children's author and illustrator Nick Sharratt. A free drop in event on Saturday 4th February will take place between 10am and 4pm. A range of activities have been set up for the children to take part in.

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	8.15 Dodgeball - Key Stage 2	12.30 Cross Country Year 3/4	12.30 Cross Country Year 5/6	3.15 Sign Language - KS2 (Collect from Mrs Phillips class)
3.15 High Fives - Year 5/6 (Collect at Breakfast Club door)	12.30 Cross Country Year 5/6	3.15pm Dance - Years 1 and 2 (Maximum 20 pupils) (Collect at red side doors)	3.15 Performing Arts - Year 4-6 (Maximum 20 pupils) (Collect at red side doors)	3.15 Change4Life - Year Two (Collect at red side doors)
3.15 Eco Club - KS1 (Maximum 20 pupils) (Collect at red side doors)	3.15 Change4Life - Year One (Collect at Breakfast Club door)		3.15 Year 5/6 Football (Collect at red side doors)	3.15 Dance - KS2 (Maximum 20 pupils) (Collect at red side doors)
3.15 Eco Club - KS2 (Maximum 20 pupils) (Collect at red side doors)	3.15 Chess - KS2 (Collect from Mrs Phillips class)		3.15 Arts and Crafts - Years 1 and 2 (Maximum 20 pupils) (Collect at Breakfast Club door)	
	3.15 Girls Football (Collect at red side doors)			
	3.15 Year 3/4 Football (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
Friday 10 th February	Break up for half term at 3.15pm.

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



