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| **St Laurence’s Catholic Primary School****Newsletter**Friday 6th October 2023 |
| ***‘****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 94.6% which is better than last week, but still nowhere near where it should be. 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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| **Attendance moving forwards – a reminder**At St Laurence’s we believe that excellent attendance is essential to support your child’s development in all areas. We realise that sometimes children will be sick and need to stay off and ask that you always communicate any absence with us. However, we are working closely with the school attendance service to raise the attendance of all pupil’s particularly those who have attendance of less than 90%, who are considered to be persistent absentees. We regularly liaise with parents regarding attendance letters via phone calls, letters and meetings. Moving forward as a school we will be issuing Fixed Penalty notices for cases where there are repeated unauthorised absences. Examples of unauthorised absences are holidays in term time, odd days off without explanation and birthdays**. ANY** absence for those pupils whose attendance is less than 90% would require medical evidence in order for us to authorise the absence.Once a Fixed penalty warning letter is issued, any further unauthorised absences may result in a fine being issued. |
| **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 September, we will be exploring the values of DETERMINATION. The children will look at how important determination is in everything that we do.  |
| **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. | **Mental Health Day**You may have heard in the national press and on the radio that Tuesday 10th October is Mental Health Day. Our school will be joining in with this. On Tuesday children will come home with an activity to complete with you as a family to ‘Get Talking’.  |
| **Halloween Dress up Day**Our last day of term (Thursday 26th October) will be a dress up day in Halloween costume for those children who wish to do so. Cost will be £1.00. We ask that children are dressed in appropriate costumes for the day and that costumes aren’t too scary, especially for our younger children in school. Your support with this would be appreciated.  |
| **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.  |
| **Scoot Fit**We have arranged for the Scoot Fit team to come into school again for all of our classes. All ‘S’ classes will have their sessions on Monday 9th October and all ‘L’ classes will have theirs on Tuesday 10th October. Children need to be sutiably dressed for this activity otherwise they won’t be able to take part. Please put them in their PE kits with either tracksuit bottoms or leggings for the day as their session may be outside.  |
| **Virtual Science Clubs**Please see below for our home science investigations that you can at home, using resources that can be mostly found in and around the home. This has been set up by Mr Biggs. You can then share your investigations with us via our school twitter page or emailing in your videos and pictures to our school email address. Week commencing Monday 4th September – Force full comb investigation. Week commencing Monday 18th September – Soap SculpturesWeek commencing 2nd October - Spinning EggsAll information is on our website, including the links you will need for the resources. We look forward to hearing about your creations! | **Year 5 Liturgy**Our Year 5 children will be leading a Liturgy session on Tuesday morning at 9.30am in our school hall. Parents are welcome to attend and join in. **Year 2 visit to church**We have arranged for our Year 2 children to visit our church on Thursday afternoon with their teachers as part of their current RE topic. Please ensure they come to school with a coat on this day.  |
| **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 now take place.** 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.** |
| **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 – Arlo Smith (Confident)RS – Georgie Reid Watkinson (Positive Attitude)RL – Charlie Warwick (Confident)1S – James Gdula (Polite)1L – Alife Stott Jennings (Polite)2S – Piper Farish (Committed and Hardworking)2L – Isaac Reynolds (Committed and Hardworking)3S – Lewis Slade (Good Communicator)3L – Skye Balmer (Honest and Truthful)4S – Louie Soon 4L – Lottie McVeigh (Polite)5S – Lewis Thompson 5L – Alfie Case Cummins (Polite and Respectful) 6S – Amelie Catterall (Polite and Respectful) 6L – Logan Martin (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 |
| **Tuckshop**We will continue to run our Infant tuckshop selling mini cheddars for 10p a bag for anyone who wants to buy them. This is to help raise our school funds for much needed resources for our children.  |
| **RL Phonics Workshop** Our Family Learning teacher will be competing a Phonics Workshop session for parents who have registered in Class RL on Thursday 12th October at 2pm. We hope you find it useful | **World Space Week**Don’t forget we will be holding our World Space Week competition week beginning 16th October. All entries for this will be given a prize. The theme this year is Space and Entrepreneurship’. Entries can be 2D or 3D.  |
|  **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. |
| **2023-2024 Term Dates and Holidays****Autumn Term 2023:****Term starts:** Monday 4th September 2023**Half Term:** School closes on Thursday 26th October and re-opens on Monday 6th November 2023**Autumn Term ends on:** Wednesday 20th December 2023**Spring Term 2024****Term starts on:** Thursday 4th January 2024**Half Term:** School closes Friday 9th February 2024 and re-opens on Monday 19th February 2024**Spring Term ends on:** Tuesday 26th March 2024 | **Summer Term 2024:****Term starts:** Monday 8th April 2024**Half Term:** School closes Friday 24th May 2024 and re-opens on Monday 10th June 2024**Spring Bank Holiday:** Monday 6th May 2024 (school closed)**Summer Term ends on:** Friday 19th July 2024**INSET Days 2023-2024**The school will be closed on the following dates next academic year.Friday 1st September 2023Friday 27th October 2023Wednesday 3rd January 2024Wednesday 27th March 2024Monday 22nd July 2024 |
| **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. |
| **Harvest Mass**Our re-arranged Harvest Mass will take place on Friday 13th October at 9,30am. All of our school community are welcome to attend. Please remember that we are collecting tins and packets of food for people within our community. Your support with this would be appreciated. | **Sports News**Well done to our Boys footballers who took part in their second league game on Wednesday night. They won two games and drew one.  |
| **Year 5 trip to Story Barn**We have arranged for our Year 5 children to visit Story Barn as part of their current topic. Information has already been sent about this from class teachers. Cost of the trip is £18.  |
| C:\Users\carrollsj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\R1W79MWH\Award_star_(gold)[1].png**Stars of the Week**Nursery - Lola Fuller RS – Noah Prince George RL – Emilia Richardson C:\Users\carrollsj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\R1W79MWH\Award_star_(gold)[1].png 1S – Maria Nascrimento 1L – Rosie Walker 2S – Tilly Payne 2L – Mia Maria Goodwin  3S – Amiyah Okorode 3L – Lois Martin  4S – Valentina Reid 4L – Frankie Flaherty  5S – Darcie Bulger 5L – Darcy Payne  6S – Callum McCaffery 6L – Cian Shelley  |
| 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: Maggie Jones Maths: Frankie Stevenson RL - English: Indie Regan Nicholson Maths: Lucas Doran 1S – English: Sadee Taylor Maths: Leo Parry  1L: English: Jacob Ventre Maths: Faith Bruen 2S – English: Nikolas Schiopu Maths: Sophia Rodrigues 2L – English: Buddy Cooney Maths: Harley Farrell 3S – English: Grace Postlewaite Maths: Ava Ventre  3L – English: Nancy Towey Maths: Jason Chean 4S – English: Lucas Gibney Maths: Jamie Dumbell  4L – English: Ellie Atkinson Maths: Freddie Stevenson 5S – English: Lotti O’Keefe Maths: Jayden Tunstall 5L – English: Tilly Regan Nicholson Maths: Khaleesi Williams 6S – English: Sam Rowe Maths: Joseph Martindale 6L – English: Beatriz Campione Maths: Rosie Pinnington Sharkey  |

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| **Dates for your diary****Monday 9th October** – Scoot Fit day for ‘S’ classes **Tuesday 10th October** – Scoot Fit Day for ‘L’ classes , Mental Health Day**Wednesday 11th October** – Year 5 and 6 Mischief Night presentation from Merseyside Police **Thursday 12th October** – 9.30am Year 5 Liturgy, 2.00pm Phonics Workshop for RL parents, Year 2 visiting church **Friday 13th October** – Harvest Mass 9.30am **Monday 16th October** – World Space Week, **Tuesday 17th October** – Celebration of Achievement event 2pm**Wednesday 18th October** – Year 5 visit Story Barn, Year 2 EFC Football tournament **Thursday 19th October** – Reception and Year 6 measurements, 9.30am Year 2 Liturgy, 2pm 1S Phonics Workshop  for parents **Tuesday 24th October** – Quidditch Day for various classes, Cross Country event at All Saints **Wednesday 25th October** – 2.15pm School Nurse Drop in**Thursday 26th October** – Flu jabs for Nursery to Year 6, Halloween Dress up day £1.00, 2pm Phonics workshop  for 1L parents, Half term holidays begin**Friday 27th October** – INSET day (School closed) |
| **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 (Autumn Term)**

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| **Monday**  | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** |
| **Years 5/6**11.30am Cross Country(Miss Carroll)**Year 4/5/6**3.15pm Dodgeball Club(Mr Grant/Mr Cushion)**Year 2**3.15pm Football Club(Mr Gibson)**Year 3/4/5/6**3.15pm Retro Games Club(Miss Birch)**KS2 Choir**3.15pm (Mrs Faulkner) | **Years 4/5/6**3.15pm Science Club (Mr Biggs)**Year 3** 3.15pm EITC Football Club(Steven McCluskey)**Year 4/5/6**Dance(Miss Owens) | **Years 5/6**11.30am Cross Country(Miss Carroll) | **Year 5/6**3.15pm Football Club(Mr Grant)**KS2**3.15pm Minnie Vinnies (MissBrannegan)**Year 4** 3.15pm Football (Mr Folksman) | **Years 5/6**11.30am Cross Country(Miss Carroll) |