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| **St Laurence’s Catholic Primary School****Newsletter**Friday 10th November 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 95.0% which is showing an improvement – so thank you. 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.** |
| **RSHE Parents Meeting**We will be holding our annual RSHE Parents Meeting for anyone who want to know more about our RSHE programme that we deliver to our children. This will be led by Mrs Farrell, our RSHE lead and Assistant Head of KS1. All parents are welcome to attend. Date for this is Tuesday 21st November at 9.15am.  |
| **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. | **Year 3 Liturgy**Our Year 3 children will be leading a Liturgy session on Tuesday 14th November at 9.30am in our school hall. Parents are welcome to attend and join in.  |
| **Gallery visits**We have arranged for some of our Key Stage Two classes to visit Kirkby gallery in the coming weeks to look at the most recent exhibition. Classes will attend on the following dates:Class 6L - Monday 13th NovemberClass 6S - Monday 20th November Class 5S - Tuesday 21st November  |
| **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.  |
|  **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 6th November – Lava LampWeek commencing Monday 20th November – Magic BalloonWeek commencing Monday 4th December - Musical Coat Hanger (sound focus)All information is on our website, including the links you will need for the resources. We look forward to hearing about your creations! |
| **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.****Autumn Parents’ Evening**Our first Parents’ Evening of the year will be on Tuesday 21st November. This will be an opportunity to see how your child has settled into their new class and school so far this year. Appointments can be made through our School Spider App, which is live now. Appointments start from 1.30pm for some classes and 2.00pm for others. All appointments will be 10 minutes long. Nursery appointments can be made separately with Mrs Middleham.  |  **Request for Children’s Wellies**Our reception children have been making their outside area a nicer place to be and have been filling children’s wellies with plants and soil. We are asking if any other families have spare children’s wellies to donate to them so they can continue decorating their play area. Thank you in advance.**Year 6 SATS meeting**We would like to invite our Year 6 parents to attend our SATS meeting on Monday 13th November at 3.30pm to find more information out about your child’s upcoming SATs tests at the end of Year 6. This is an important meeting which will give you an insight into what is expected of your child throughout the year. We ask that all parents try to attend.  |
| **Stay and Play sessions**We have organised a number of Stay and Play sessions for our parents of children within Reception and Nursery. Our next set of dates will be on the following dates:Reception - Tuesday 14th November 9.15 -10.15am -Thursday 23rd November 9.15-10.15am Nursery - Thursday 16th November 9.00 - 10.00am - Tuesday 21st November 9.00 - 10.00am  |
| **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 – Kara Austin (Polite)RS – Savannah Bromilow (Confidence)RL – Abigail Riley (Confident) 1S – Benjamin Jones (Committed and Hardworking)1L – Ewan Flynn (Respectful)2S – Jack Tracey (Polite)2L – Luke Davies (Committed and Hardworking)3S – Ava Ventre 3L – Hayzel Townsend (Positive Attitude)4S – Jon Paul Hamid Halewood (Polite)4L – Harlow Noon (Polite)5S – Scarlett Gee (Respectful and Hardworking) 5L – Darcy Payne (Hardworking) 6S – Adam Burgess (Resilient)6L – Rosie Pinnington Sharkey (Respectful and Hardworking)  |  **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 |
| **Children in Need Day**Our school will be supporting Children in Need day on Friday 17th November. Children can come into school in their PJs, spotty clothes or wearing Children in Need accessories.  If possible we are asking for a donation to be made to the charity. We appreciate your support with this.  |
| **Nursery CLC session**Our computing teacher will be working with our Nursery children on Wednesday 15th November completing different elements of Digital Literacy- as part of their Computing topic for this half term.  | **Sports News**Well done to our Year 1 footballers who took part in the EFC tournament this week. The boys were a credit to their families and school. Good Luck to our Cross Country runners in their second race of the year at All Saints on Tuesday night, next week. |
|  **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. |
| **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.  | **Value of the Month**During the month of November, we will be exploring the values of LOVE. The children will look at how we can show love in varied ways for special people in our lives.  |
| **Anti Bullying Week**As part of our Anti Bullying Week, we ask our children to wear Odd Socks on Monday 20th November for the day, along with their uniform. The theme this year is Make a Noise. |
| **Year 2 and 3 Cinema Trip**We have arranged a trip to St Helens cinema for our Year 2 and 3 children as part of the IntoFlm festival. This will take place on Wednesday 22nd November. Children can be provided with a still drink and a snack. Please do not send in any fizzy drinks. Cost of this will be £5 to cover the cost of the coach.  |
|  C:\Users\carrollsj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\R1W79MWH\Award_star_(gold)[1].png**Golden Table Winners this week**Well done to the following children who have sat on our Golden Table before half term. Our winners have been chosen by our dinner and welfare staff for their good behaviour and manners. **Infant Winners:**Ethan Mawdsley, Sydnie Yates, Frankie Stevenson, Conlon Cook Armstrong, Micha Matthews, Tyler Greaves, Phoebe Richards, Esme Williams, Nina Campione and Isaac Reynolds. **Junior Winners:**Jenson Taylor, George O’Sullivan, River Anderson, Jessica Daly, Tilly Regan Nicholson, Ammaya Brooks Miller, Sonny McCarthy, Steven Hogg, Elijah Greenhalgh, Izzabella Nickson, Nancy Jones, Duggy Faulkner, Ava Ventre, Willow Jevons and Ronnie Baines.  |
| C:\Users\carrollsj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\R1W79MWH\Award_star_(gold)[1].png**Stars of the Week**Nursery -Phoebi Manning RS – Nancy Tipler RL – Fredi Brown C:\Users\carrollsj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\R1W79MWH\Award_star_(gold)[1].png 1S – Harper Hughes 1L – Ollie Garcia  2S – Ivy Spencer 2L – Daniel Powell  3S – Kendall Hamid 3L – Ella Ross  4S – Halle Carter Smith 4L – Lucas Gibney  5S – Sonny McCarthy 5L – Bobby Woods  6S – Michael Corkhill 6L – Carter Bibby KS2 Overall Winner for Star of the Week – Lucas GibneyLucas 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: Bobby Baines Maths: Luna McVeigh RL - English: Harper Jones Maths: Honey Carter Smith 1S – English: Tayla Atkins Maths: Sadee Taylor  1L: English: Micha Matthews Maths: Faith Bruen 2S – English: Teddy Johnston Maths: Riley Brooks Coletta 3S: English: Duggy Faulkner Maths: Bobby Case Cummins  3L – English: Joshua Kearns Maths: Luke George 4S – English: Darcy McCarthy Maths: Harvey Moss  4L – English: Una McDermott Maths: Ethan Karoui 5S – English: Shay Jenkins Maths: Steven Hogg 5L – English: Ammaya Brooks Miller Maths: Kai Instone 6S – English: Sam Rowe Maths: Lola McVeigh6L – Maths: Alby Jones and Connie Tierney   |

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| **Dates for your diary****Monday 13th November** - Class 6L visiting the gallery, 3.30pm Year 6 SATs meeting **Tuesday 14th November** - 9.30am Year 3 Liturgy, 9.15am Reception Stay and Play session, PM Year 1 online workshop with Knowsley Safari park, 3.45pm Cross Country race at All Saints **Wednesday 15th November** - Nursery CLC session**Thursday 16th November** - 9.00am Nursery Stay and Play session, **Friday 17th November** - Children in Need day**Monday 20th November** - Anti Bullying Week - Odd Socks Day, Class 6L begin swimming, Class 6S at Kirkby Gallery **Tuesday 21st November** - 9.15am RSHE Parents Meeting, 9.00am Nursery Stay and Play session, Class 5S at Kirkby Gallery, Autumn Parents’ Evening **Wednesday 22nd November** - Year 2 and 3 Cinema visit**Thursday 23rd November** - Diwali Dance sessions, 9.15am Reception Stay and Play session, 2.15pm Class 3S Family Learning workshop **Friday 24th November** - Feel Good Friday  |
| **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 3/4/5/6**3.15pm Retro Games Club(Miss Birch)**KS2 Choir**3.15pm (Mrs Faulkner) | **Year 3** 3.15pm EITC Football Club(Steven McCluskey)**Year 4/5/6**Dance(Miss Owens) | **Years 4/5/6**3.15pm Science Club (Mr Biggs) | **Years 5/6**11.30am Indoor Athletics (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 Indoor Athletics (Miss Carroll) |