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| **St Laurence’s Catholic Primary School****Newsletter**Friday 5th January 2024 |
| ***‘****Developing our gifts and talents for the good of all’*

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| **Attendance Letters**A number of parents will receive letters about their child's attendance in the coming days from Mr Cushion. These letters have been sent to all parents with children who have an attendance below 92%.The letter is a reminder that your child's attendance has to improve as it is below our school target of 96.5%.If you have any questions about the contents of the letter please speak Mr Cushion, our Safeguarding and Attendance lead |
| **Year 4 Communion Meeting**A reminder that there is a Communion Meeting for Year 4 children and their parents on Tuesday 9th January at 4pm in church with Fr Sean. This is in preparation for their sacrament in the coming months.  |
| **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.** |
| **Reception Applications**Any parents who want their child to be considered for a place in our Reception in September 2024 need to make their ONLINE applications by 15th January 2024. Information is on our school website and will be sent out via a separate email to all parents. Please pass this information on if you know of anyone with a child of reception school age. If you are applying for any catholic school you will need to complete an extra form called Supplementary Information Form (SIF). **This needs to be returned to the school you are applying for.**If you need any further information please come into the school office. Link below:<https://www.knowsley.gov.uk/residents/education-and-schools/apply-for-a-school-place/annual-school-admission-procedures> |
| **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. |  **Smoking** Please can I remind all parents and any visitors that smoking on or around our school grounds is not allowed. We politely ask that you refrain from doing this until you are away from our grounds, so children and staff are not inhaling smoke. Your support for this would be appreciated. |
| **Value of the Month**During the month of January, we will be exploring the value of PEACE.  |
| **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 take place after next week.** 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.** | **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.  |
| **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 |
| **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.**  | **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. |
| **Year 6 Booster Classes**Our Year 6 children will begin their Booster Classes on Monday/Thursday night next week. These sessions are for all children to attend. Staff will be giving up their time to work with small groups of children on their Maths work to begin with. Please ensure that your child attends these sessions each week on their given day.  |
| **Safari Park workshops**Mr Biggs has arranged for our Year 3, 4. 5 and 6 children to take part in workshops with Knowsley Safari Park on Tuesday throughout the day. These workshops are linked to their current Science topic. We hope the children enjoy the sessions. Over the coming weeks other year groups will take part in these also.  | **Year 6 Liturgy**Our Year 6 children will be leading their year group Prayer and Liturgy session on Thursday 18th January at 9.30am. All parents are welcome to attend and join in.  |
| **Acting Angels leaflet**We have received a leaflet in the school office about Adult Acting classes in Kirkby. If you want more information please call into the office to ask for a copy or use the information given below:dramaschool@actingangels.co.uk Acting Angels Drama School and Agency, 07970365422 |
| **Moments of Light event**There will be a celebration event held across Knowsley in the coming weeks. I recently sent out a poster leaflet via email about it. The event will celebrate Knowsley being 50. Kirkby event – Thursday 18th January in Kirkby Town Centre Performances at 4pm – 4.45pm and 6.45pm – 7.30pm |

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| **Dates for your diary****Monday 8th January -** 3.30pm Year 6 Booster classes start **Tuesday 9th January** – Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Knowsley Safari Park sessions, 4pm Year 4 Communion Meeting in church **Tuesday 16th January** – Reception and Year 2 Knowsley Safari Park sessions**Wednesday 17th** **January** – Year 5 CLC sessions on Computer Science **Thursday 18th January** – 9.30am Year 6 Liturgy, Reception Hand Hygiene sessions,  2.15pm Class 4S Family Learning session**Thursday 25th January** - 2.15pm Class 4L Family Learning session**Friday 26th January** – Feel Good Friday, Forward Futures session for Year 5**Monday 29th January** – Reception Hearing screening, Year 4 visit Church**Tuesday 30th January** - Reception Hearing screening**Wednesday 31st January** – Year 4 CLC session on Computer Science, Reception Hearing screening, |
| **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 **Miss Carroll and all the staff of St Laurence’s School** |
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**After-School Clubs 2023-2024 (Autumn Term)**

**Clubs will begin again on Monday 8th January, some will be on in the coming weeks**

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| **Monday**  | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** |
| **Year 6**3.30pm Booster classes**Year 2** 3.30pm Football(Mr Gibson) | **Years 4/5/6**3.15pm Science Club (Mr Biggs)**Year 3**3.30pm EITC Basketball  | **Years 4/5/6** | **Year 6**3.30pm Booster classes**Year 5/6**3.15pm Football Club(Mr Grant)**KS2**3.15pm Minnie Vinnies (MissBrannegan)**Year 4** 3.15pm Dodgeball  (Mr Folksman) |  |