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| **St Laurence’s Catholic Primary School****Newsletter**Friday 20th September 2024 |
| ***‘****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%.****Our attendance for this week was 95.9% which is not as high as we would like for the beginning of term. 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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| **Recepetion:%** **94.5%****RED** | **1S%****100%****GREEN** | **2S:%****96.2%****AMBER** | **3S:%****93.2%****RED** | **4S:%****98.8%****GREEN** | **5S:%****96%****AMBER**  | **6S:%****95.8%****AMBER** | **Whole School** |
| **1L:%****100%****GREEN** | **2L:%****92.6%****RED** | **3L:%****100%****GREEN**  | **4L:%****94.4%****RED** | **5L:%****88%****RED** | **6L:%****97.7%****GREEN** | **95.9%****YELLOW** |

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| **Attendance**We want all the children to attend school every day ensuring that they maximise their learning. Please help us to achieve this target by getting your child into school each day, on time. EVERY MINUTE COUNTS!!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 12th May 2025 (they also have mock tests the week before beginning 5th May 2025)Year 4 Times Tables testing: Week beginning 9th June 2025Year 1 Phonics testing: Week beginning 9th June 2025 | **SATs testing for Year Six children**Our Year Six children will be completing their Mock Sats tests during week beginning **5th May** **2025** and will then sit their real tests week beginning **12th May** **2025****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 RESPECT. The children will explore how they can show respect for each other and ways to show this around school, in their work and also at home.  |
| **Teaching Staff for this year**Nursery – Mrs Middleham (EYFS Leader) with Mrs McVey and Mrs PowellReception Class – Miss Kirkby with Miss Connolly and Miss Boyle1S – Mrs Murray with Mrs Lawson1L – Mr Gibson with Mrs O’Keefe2S – Miss Owens with Miss Peddar2L – Mrs Barr (Deputy Headteacher) with Mrs Teare 3S – Mrs McClelland with Mrs Richardson and Mrs Lawless3L – Mrs Hill and Miss Carroll with Mrs Hough and Miss Hudson4S – Mrs Brogan and Mrs Purchase with Miss Farrell4L – Miss Birch with Miss Pinnington and Mrs Chatterton 5S – Mr Folksman with Mrs Faulkner5L – Mr Kenny with Mrs Faulkner 6S – Mr Biggs (Assistant Headteacher KS2) with Mrs Burns and Miss Irwin6L – Mr Grant with Miss Green Mr Cushion – Safeguarding and Pastoral Lead/Attendance Lead |
| **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. **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.  |
| **Attendance moving forwards**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.Any holidays taken will result in a fine being issued. As you will know the government have issued new guidelines surrounding attendance which is much more stringent and will result in more fines being issued. Mr Cushion and Miss Holman will be sending out a letter next week with more information regarding this.  |
| **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. | **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.** |
| **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 |
| **Gallery visits**We have arranged for some of our junior classes to visit Kirkby gallery in the coming weeks to see the new Anthony Ratcliffe exhibition. We hope they enjoy visiting this fantastic attraction which is right on our doorstep. Class 4S- Monday 23rd September PM\*Class 4L – Tuesday 24th September PM\*Class 6S - Monday 30th September PM\*Class 6L – Friday 27th September PM\*Class5S – Monday 21st October PM\*Class 5L -Tuesday 22nd October PM | **Book Fair**Our school Book Fair will be open from Monday 23rd September after school. This is an opportunity for children to purchase books with any money made coming abck into school. We hope you will visit this. This will be after school most nights. Please see timetable which will be sent out. |
| **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 – Louie Nolan (Confident)Reception – Alfie Carroll (Confident)1S – Jack Martindale (Committed, Honest and Respectful)1L – Liam Ross (Respectful)2S – Savannah Farrell (Polite)2L – Harlen Farrell (Polite)3S – Kaden Carr (Hardworking)3L – Piper Farish (Hardworking and Resilient)4S – Duggy Faulkner (Committed and Hardworking) 4L – Joshua Kearns (Respectful)5S – Laura Concha Veroni (Respectful and Polite)5L – Darcey Kelly (Positive Attitude) 6S – Katie Rose Bresnahan (Positive Attitude and Respectful)6L – Bobby Green (Committed and Hardworking)  |
| **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.** |
| **Sports News** Well done to our Year 6 boys who played in the EFC tournament this week. The boys played well but didn’t manage to get through the finals. You did your teachers proud boys – well tried. Good luck to our Year 3 footballers who play in the EFC tournament on Wednesday afternoon at Finch Farm.  |
| **Coffee Afternoons**We have arranged our class Coffee Afternoons this year where parents will be able to meet their child’s new class teacher. During the session for each year group, staff will also explain what expectations they have for the children this year. They will also explain about routines, homework etc in the meeting. These will be completed in our school hall on the following dates. Please do try to come – we will be selling cakes to raise money for MacMillan Cancer Charity. These will also be sold to the children each day. **Monday 23rd September – Year 2 Coffee Afternoon 2.30pm****Tuesday 24th September – Year 1 Coffee Afternoon 2.30pm****Wednesday 25th September – Reception Coffee Afternoon 2.30pm** | **2024-2025 Term Dates and Holidays****Autumn Term 2023:****Term starts:** Tuesday 3rd September 2024**Half Term:** School closes on Thursday 24th October and re-opens on Monday 4th November 2024**Autumn Term ends on:** Friday 20th December 2024**Spring Term 2025:****Term starts on:** Monday 6th January 2025**Half Term:** School closes Friday 14th February 2025 and re-opens on Monday 24th February 2025**Spring Term ends on:** Thursday 10th April 2025**Summer Term 2025:****Term starts:** Wednesday 23rd April **Half Term:** School closes Friday 23rd May 2025 and re-opens on Monday 9th June 2025**Spring Bank Holiday:** Monday 5th May 2025 (school closed)**Summer Term ends on:** Monday 21st July 2025**INSET Days 2023-2024**The school will be closed on the following dates next academic year.Monday 2nd September 2024Friday 25th October 2024Friday 3rd January 2025Friday 11th April 2025Tuesday 22nd July 2025 |
| **Children’s University photos**The photographer from the Children’s University ceremony has sent his photos into school. If anyone wants to purchase these please go to the school office. They are £4.00 each. |
| C:\Users\carrollsj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\R1W79MWH\Award_star_(gold)[1].png**Stars of the Week**Nursery - Peyton FergusReception – Lola Fuller1S – Penelope Mooney 1L – Joel KeeganC:\Users\carrollsj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\R1W79MWH\Award_star_(gold)[1].png 2S – Tyler Greaves 2L – Benjamin Jones  3S – Kara Cassidy 3L – Sienna Downey  4S – Albie Molyneux 4L – Will Powell  5S – Cristian Bonea 5L – Harlow Noon  6S – Penelope Reid 6L – Darcy Payne KS1 Overall Winner for Star of the Week – Tyler Greaves KS2 Overall Winner for Star of the Week – Will PowellBoth children 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** Reception – English: Kara Austin Maths: Nancy Twigg 1S – English: Carter Goodwin Maths: Bobby Baines  1L: English: Cooper Bibby Maths: Iris McGorian 2S – English: Scarlett Ainsworth Maths: Rosie Atkinson 2L – English: Charlie Burgess Maths: Rosie McSween 3S – English: Jack Tracey Maths: Ruby Gee  3L – English: Teddy Johnston Maths: Oliver Sproule 4S – English: Sophia Woods Maths: Harry Barnbrock  4L – English: Freya Appleton Maths: Nancy Towey 5S – English: Kaisha Reynolds Maths: Charlie Payne 5L – English: Izzy Nickson Maths: Mason Wainwright 6S – English: Lotti O’Keefe Maths: Sonny Richards 6L – English: Ammaya Brooks Miller Maths: Kai Instone  |

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| **Dates for your diary**Monday 23rd September - AM/PM Nursery start, Class 4S at gallery, 2.30pm Year 2 Coffee AfternoonTuesday 24th September – Kirkby High School Open morning, Class 4L at gallery, 2.30pm Year 1 Coffee AfternoonWednesday 25th September - Kirkby High School Open morning, 2.30pm Reception 1 Coffee Afternoon, Year 3 EFC tournament at Finch FarmThursday 26th September – 6.00pm Kirkby High Open Evening Friday 27th September –2.30pm Class 6L at galleryMonday 30th September – Year 5 Bikeability, 2.30pm Class 6S at gallery, PM- Class 6L swimming starts3.30pm Year 6 Secondary Form helpTuesday 1st October - Year 5 Bikeability, 9.15am Buddy Assembly , 3.30pm Year 6 Secondary Form helpWednesday 2nd October - Year 5 Bikeability, Last day of Book Fair, Year 4 CLC session Thursday 3rd October - Year 5 Bikeability, Phonics workshop for Reception parents (1.45pm)Friday 4th October - Year 5 BikeabilityMonday 7th October – Scootfit for childrenTuesday 8th October – Scootfit for children  |
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| **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** **and all the staff of St Laurence’s School** |
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| **Monday**  | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** |
| **Year 5/6**3.15pm Forest School(Mr Biggs) **Year 2**3.15pm Football Club(Mr Gibson)**Year 3/4** 3.15pm Multi Skills/Fitness (Mr Cushion)  | **Years 5/6**11.30am Cross Country(Miss Carroll) **Year 3/4**3.15pm Football Club(Mr Kenny/ Mr Folksman ) | **Years 5/6**11.30am Cross Country(Miss Carroll)  | **Year 5/6**12.00pm Science Club(Mr Biggs)**Year 5/6**3.15pm Drama Club (Mrs Purchase)**Year 5/6**3.15pm Football Club(Mr Grant)**Year 3/4/5/6**3.15pm Mini Vinnies (Mr Kenny/Mr Folksman) |  |