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| **St Laurence’s Catholic Primary School****Newsletter**Friday 27th 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 95.1% 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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| **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 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. Last day for this will be Wednesday 2nd October.  |
| **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 – Lucia McVeigh (Confident)Reception – Oliver Parry (Polite)1S – Renesmee Slade (Polite and Respectful)1L – Georgie Reid Watkinson (Positive Attitude)2S – Dax Faulkner (Committed and Hardworking)2L – Rosie Walker (Committed and Hardworking)3S – Tilly Payne (Resilient and Hardworking)3L – Piper Farish (Committed and Hardworking)4S – Ava Ventre (Confident and Happy) 4L – Monica Dempsey (Committed and Hardworking)5S – Willow Rose Jevons (Respectful and Positive)5L – Reuben Croxford (Positive Attitude) 6S – Jessie Pinnington Sharkey (Polite and Respectful)6L – Khaleesi Williams (Committed and Hardworking)  |
| **Buddy Assembly** Reception and Year 6 parents are welcome to attend our Buddy Assembly on Tuesday 1st October at 9.15am. Our Year 6 children will formally welcome our Reception children into our school family. All are welcome to attend.  |
| **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 3 footballers who took part in the everton Football tournament last week. They got through to the quarter finals but lost. The boys did the school proud with their attitude and behaviour.  |
| **Year 5 Bikeability**Our Year 5 children will have the opportunity to take part in Bike lessons over the coming week. Information has been sent out from class teachers. If this is something your child is interested in, please let your child’s class teacher know. **Class 6L Swimming**Class 6L will begin their swimming lessons on Monday 30th September. All children must be able to swim 25m by the time they leave primary school so these lessons are important. Children need to bring in their kit and a towel each day except Fridays. This will be for the next two weeks. Girls need to have a swimming cap which need to be purchased before swimming lessons. **Year 6 Secondary Forms**We will be holding sessions for any Year 6 parents who need help completing their child’s secondary school application form for September. These need to be completed by 31st October. Sessions will be held after school on Monday 30th September and Tuesday 1st October at 3,30pm. Staff will be on hand to help.  | **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. |
| **Year 4 CLC** Our Year 4 children will be working alongside our CLC teacher completing their Digital Literacy curriculum on Wednesday next week. We hope they enjoy their learning.  |
| C:\Users\carrollsj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\R1W79MWH\Award_star_(gold)[1].png**Stars of the Week**Nursery - Reneya HallidayReception – Amelia Walsh1S – Sienna Smith 1L – Maggie Jones C:\Users\carrollsj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\R1W79MWH\Award_star_(gold)[1].png 2S – Logan Tinsley 2L – Micha Matthews  3S – Luca Pinnington 3L – Harrison Warwick  4S – Harry McGrath 4L – Skye Balmer  5S – Annabelle Farrell 5L – Jenson Devine  6S – Scarlett Gee 6L – Abby Walsh KS1 Overall Winner for Star of the Week – Maggie Jones Maggie 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: Rosie Molyneux Maths: Finley Stephen 1S – English: Honey Carter Smith Maths: Lewis Rossiter  1L: English: Star Balmer Maths: Leo Brady 2S – English: Sadee Mae Taylor Maths: Evelyn Fitzsimmons 2L – English: Florence Regan Maths: Charlotte Lally 3S – English: Hallee Marr Maths: Annie Quinn  3L – English: Leo Hackney Maths: Kody Marsden 4S – English: Layton Hoy Maths: Ronnie Baines  4L – English: Luke George Maths: Leo Nolan 5S – English: Harvey Moss Maths: Elijah Greenhalgh 5L – English: Harper Farish Maths: Ethan Karoui 6S – English: Sonny McCarthy Maths: Mason Ward 6L – English: Ryan Langstaff Maths: Ned Lunt |

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| **Dates for your diary**Monday 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 Wednesday 9th October – Year 2 at EFC tournament at Finch FarmThursday 10th October – 9.30am Year 4 Liturgy, 2.00pm Reception Share course, 3.30pm Kirkby Football league game two at All SaintsFriday 11th October – 9.30am Harvest Mass |
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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) |  |