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| **St Laurence’s Catholic Primary School****Newsletter**Friday 11th October 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 95.6% which is an improvement on last week. 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 October, we will be exploring the values of COURAGE. The children will explore how they can show courage in a variety of ways. |
| **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 |
| **Art Exhibition**We would like to invite all parents to come along to our Open Art Exhibition on Tuesday 15th October in the school hall. On exhibit will be all children’s work as part of their Art topic. This will be from 3.30pm. Canvases can be purchased for £5.00. | **Harvest**During Harvest time we collect food for our food hampers which are given to those in need in our community. We are asking if any tins, food etc can be brought into school to make up parcels. Your support with this would be 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 – James Farish (Resilient)Reception – Jack Reynolds (Confidence)1S – Fredi Brown (Polite and Respectful)1L – Lucas Doran (Hardworking)2S – Oliver Austin (Polite)2L – Annie McNamara (Positive Attitude and Committed and Hardworking)3S – Daniel Powell (Positive Attitude)3L – Sienna Downey (Committed and Hardworking)4S – Amiyah Okorode (Polite and Respectful) 4L – Aria Farrell (Positive Attitude)5S – Jude Jones (Respectful and Polite)5L – Daisy Evans (Positive Attitude) 6S – Ebony Edwards (Committed and Hardworking)6L – Alife Case Cummins (Positive Attitude)  |
| **Year 6 Liturgy**We would like to invite all parents and friends will children in Year 6 to their Liturgy on Thursday 17th October at 9.30am. We would love to see you there.  | . **World Science Week**We will be running a World Science Week competition again this year. A letter has been sent home from Mr Biggs. Entries need to be in school by Friday 18th October. |
| **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.** |
| **Photographs**Our school photographer will be in school on Wednesday 16th October and Monday 21st October to take individual and sibling photographs during the day. Please ensure that your child is in FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM on this day.  |
| **Sports News**Good luck to our Year 1 footballers on Wednesday afternoon as they take part in the EFC tournament at Finch Farm.  | **Year 3 CLC session**Our Year 3 children will be working alongside our CLC teacher completing their Digital Literacy curriculum on Wednesday next week. We hope they enjoy their learning. |
|  **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. \*Class5S – Monday 21st October PM\*Class 5L -Tuesday 22nd October PM |
| **Halloween Dress up day**Our last day of term (Thursday 24th 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. |
| C:\Users\carrollsj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\R1W79MWH\Award_star_(gold)[1].png**Stars of the Week**Nursery - Millie Slade Reception – Nancy Twigg1S – Noah Prince George 1L – Leo Crellin C:\Users\carrollsj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\R1W79MWH\Award_star_(gold)[1].png 2S – Lilly Walsh 2L – Ollie Garcia  3S – Luca Pinnington 3L – Oliver Sproule  4S – Kendall Hamid 4L – Lois Martin  5S – Maggie Craig 5L – Izzy Nickson  6S – Lola Howarth 6L – Olivia Smith KS2 Overall Winner for Star of the Week – Lola Howarth Lola 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: Finley Stephen Maths: Alfie Marsden 1S – English: Indie Regan Nicholson Maths: Carter Goodwin  1L: English: Noah Caulfield Maths: Nuala Jones 2S – English: Harley Fiocca Maths: Nancy Walsh 2L – English: Cleo Christie Scotland Maths: Maisy Mulligan 3S – English: Toyin Omotosho Maths: Tilly Payne  3L – English: Riley Brooks Coletta Maths: Nancy Lovett 4S – English: Duggy Faulkner Maths: Grace Postlewaite  4L – English: Monica Dempsey Maths: Michael Walsh 5S – English: Charlie McSween Maths: Spencer Downes 5L – English: Eden Fox Maths: Darcey Kelly 6S – English: Steven Hogg Maths: Penelope Reid 6L – English: Eddie Wilson Maths: Joseph Rutherford  |

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| **Dates for your diary**Monday 14th October- Science Week in School, Class 6S Swimming startsTuesday 15th October – Art Exhibition at 3.30pmWednesday 16th October – Photographs of children, Year 3 CLC sessionThursday 17th October – 9.30am Year 6 Liturgy, 2.00pm Share course Friday 18th October – Feel Good FridayMonday 21st October – Photographs, Class 5S at galleryTuesday 22nd October – Class 5L at gallery, 3.45pm Cross Country Race 1 at All SaintsWednesday 23rd October – Diwali Dance DayThursday 24th October – Halloween Dress up Day, School Closes for half termFriday 25th October – INSET day |
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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)  | **Years 5/6**11.30am Cross Country(Miss Carroll) **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)**Year 3/4/5/6**3.15pm Choir (Mrs Faulkner and Mrs Murray) |  |