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| **St Laurence’s Catholic Primary School****Newsletter**Friday 18th 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 95.7% 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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| **Reception:%** **98.9%****GREEN** | **1S%****93.6%****RED** | **2S:%****88.1%****RED** | **3S:%****99.1%****GREEN** | **4S:%****92.8%****RED** | **5S:%****93.6%****RED**  | **6S:%****97.7%****GREEN** | **Whole School** |
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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 |
| **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 5S – Monday 21st October PM\*Class 5L -Tuesday 22nd October PM | **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 – Amelia Cox (Good Communication)Reception – Lucas McCaig (Committed and Hardworking)1S – Olivia Tunstall (Polite and Respectful)1L – Carter Thompson (Respectful)2S – Tayla Atkins (Polite)2L – Jax Gordon (Polite and Respectful)3S – Harley Farrell (Hardworking)3L – Sophia Rodrigues (Ready to learn)4S – James Dunne (Respectful) 4L – Luke George (Respectful, Polite and Committed and Hardworking)5S – Halle Carter Smith (Respectful and Polite)5L – George Chrystal (Positive Attitude and Resilient) 6S – Lewis Thompson (Polite and Respectful)6L – Joseph Rutherford (Positive Attitude and Hardworking)  |
| **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. | **Photographs**Our school photographer will be in school on 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. |
| **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.** |
| C:\Users\carrollsj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\R1W79MWH\Award_star_(gold)[1].png**Stars of the Week**Nursery - Olivia Stott Herczeg Reception – Skye Hamid1S – Indie Regan Nicholson 1L – Frankie Stevenson C:\Users\carrollsj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\R1W79MWH\Award_star_(gold)[1].png 2S – Stella Kitamura 2L – Hollie Lindon 3S – Ivy Spencer 3L – Jasper McNabb  4S – Gloria Laczik 4L – Freya Appleton  5S – Jon Paul Halewood Hamid 5L – Alyssa Mawdsley 6S – Charlie Colleran 6L – Ryan Langstaff KS1 Overall Winner for Star of the Week – Hollie LindonKS2 Overall Winner for Star of the Week – Jon Paul Halewood Hamid 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: Emma Madden Maths: Axel Gordon 1S – English: Honey Carter Smith Maths: Arlo Cassidy  1L: English: Aida Rawlinson Maths: Bella Darwin Phillips 2S – English: Lillian Sproule Maths: Luca McVeigh 2L – English: Esme Hedges Maths: James Gdula 3S – English: Davy Baines Maths: Caleb Rafferty  3L – English: Hunter Arnold Maths: Nancy Lovett 4S – English: Isaac Lally Maths: Harry Barnbrock  4L – English: Mason Sutherland Maths: Isabella McGreevy 5S – English: Luis De Silva Maths: Lorenzo Cortez 5L – English: Mason Wainwright Maths: Evie Croft Delaney 6S – English: Louie Reid Millen Maths: Mason Ward 6L – English: Khaleesi Williams Maths: Sophia Mawdsley  |

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| **Dates for your diary**Monday 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) |  |