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| **St Laurence’s Catholic Primary School****Newsletter**Thursday 24th 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 95.9% 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:%** **95.7%****AMBER** | **1S%****95%****AMBER** | **2S:%****96.2%****AMBER** | **3S:%****96%****AMBER** | **4S:%****98%****GREEN** | **5S:%****99%****GREEN**  | **6S:%****92.3%****RED** | **Whole School** |
| **1L:%****100%****GREEN** | **2L:%****94.4%****RED** | **3L:%****99.1%****GREEN**  | **4L:%****96%****AMBER** | **5L:%****91.5%****RED** | **6L:%****93.8%****RED** | **95.9%****AMBER** |

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| **Staff moving on**You will have received Miss Carroll’s letter last week to say she will be leaving at Christmas to take up another position as Headteacher of another school. Miss Carroll will be missed by all the staff and children after spending 22 years of her career at the school. We also say goodbye and good luck to Mr Biggs at Christmas who is leaving to become Deputy Headteacher of a school in Lancashire. We wish him lots of luck in his new role. We know both members of staff will be missed by all parents too. Over the coming weeks new appointments will be issued for both posts. We will keep you updated.  |
| **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 |
| **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 |
| **School Food Bank**We have created a food bank in our school office area if anyone needs any food items etc. Please feel free to come in and use this. We will add to it every few weeks.  | **Sports News**Well Done to the following children who have been chosen to represent their area in Kirkby Boys. Shay Jenkins and Bobby Woods. We are very proud of both of you. The boys have so far won both of their games this season.  |
| **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: Reception – Rosie Molyneux (Confident)1S – Thomas Davies (Committed and Hardworking)1L – Charlie Warwick (Hardworking)2S – Rosa Flaherty (Polite)2L – Faith Bruen (Committed and Hardworking)3S – Rosie Bradley (Confident)3L – Alex Tidmarsh (Committed and Hardworking)4S – James Dunne (Respectful) 4L – Jacob Sproule (Hardworking)5S – Kaisha Reynolds (Committed and Hardworking)5L – Louie Soon (Hardworking) 6S – Georgia Sproule (Resilient)6L – Eva McIver (Committed and Hardworking)  |
| **World Science Week winners**Well done to the following children who were our World Space winners. The school council chose each of the winners – it was a hard choice as there were so many fantastic entries. Well done to all who entered. 2D winners – **Penelope Leyland (Overall Winner)*** Scarlett Bromilow
* Duggy Faulkner

3D winners – Kody Marsden* Lottie McVeigh
* **Lottie Lou Cruickshanks (Overall Winner)**

We will be holding an open night on Tuesday 5th November at 3.30pm for parents to view our entries.  | **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.** |
| **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.** |
| **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. | **Year 2 CLC** Our Year 2 children will be working alongside our CLC teacher completing their Digital Literacy curriculum on Wednesday after half term. We hope they enjoy their learning. |
| **Stay and Play sessions**After half term we will be holding Stay and Play sessions for our children in Nursery and Reception. This is an opportunity for you to come into school to work alongside your child and see what happens. Please choose a session that is suitable for you and speak to the class teacher about coming in. (We cannot accommodate everyone on each date)**NURSERY DATES:**\*Thursday 7th November – 9.00am till 9.45am\*Thursday 14th November – 9.00am till 9.45am\*Thursday 21st November – 9.00am till 9.45am**RECEPTION DATES:**\*Wednesday 6th November – 9.15am till 10.00am\*Tuesday 12th November – 9.15am till 10.00am\*Tuesday 19th November - 9.15am till 10.00am |
| **Christmas Story Sack course**Our Family Learning teacher, AnnMaria Miller will be running a Christmas Story sack course from Thursday 7th November for 5 weeks for parents with children in Reception and KS1. This course can accommodate up to **12 parents**, which will be given on a first come, first served basis.  | **RSHE Parents Meeting**We will be holding our annual RSHE Parents Meeting for anyone who want to know more about our RSHE programme that we deliver to our children. This will be led by Miss Birch, our RSHE lead.All parents are welcome to attend. Date for this is Wednesday 6th November at 9.15am.  |
| **Flu Immunisations**Our NHS team will be in on Thursday 7th November to give all children from Nursery to Year 6 their Flu Immunisations. If you have not said you don’t want your child to have the immunisation you need to let school know as it is an opt out event.  |
| **Year 5 Liturgy**Our Year 5 children will be leading a Liturgy session on Thursday 7th November at 9.30am in our school hall. Parents are welcome to attend and join in. **Year 2 Liturgy** Our Year 2 children will be leading a Liturgy session on Thursday 14th November at 9.30am in our school hall. Parents are welcome to attend and join in.  | **Into Film Events**We have been lucky to secure places for our children to attend the Into Film festival again this year. Children will go to the cinema on the following dates. Cost of the travel is next to each date. Please make payments through the school office. **Tuesday 12th November** – Year 2/3 Birkenhead – Despicable Me 4 COST £6.00**Wednesday 27th November** - Reception and Year One-St Helens, Trolls COST £6.00Thursday 28th November – Years 4/5/6 St Helens – Kung Fu Panda COST £6.00 |
| **Year 5 Trip to Story Barn**Year 5 will be going to Story Barn as part of their Viking and Anglo Saxons topic on Wednesday 13th November for the whole day. Cost of the trip is £18.00. Please pay this to the school office. This will cover the cost of events throughout the day, as well as the transport. The children need to be in school on time **(8:40-9pm)** and will arrive back at school to be collected at **3:15pm.** We ask that you provide your child with a waterproof coat and a disposable water bottle. You should also provide your child with a packed lunch in a disposable bag. If your child is on school dinners, they will be provided with a packed lunch on the day. |
| C:\Users\carrollsj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\R1W79MWH\Award_star_(gold)[1].png**Stars of the Week**Reception – Halle McPadden1S – Harper Jones 1L – Frankie Stevenson C:\Users\carrollsj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\R1W79MWH\Award_star_(gold)[1].png 2S – Savannah Farrell 2L – Ollie Garcia 3S – Freddie Reid Watkinson 3L – Kadi Gibbons  4S – Blake Murphy 4L – Lottie Lou Cruickshanks  5S – Annabella Farrell 5L – Valentina Reid 6S – Scarlett Gee 6L – Lennon Carey  |
| 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 Clarke Maths: Lucia Banawich 1S – English: Luna McVeigh Maths: Conlon Armstrong Cook  1L: English: Liam Ross Maths: Max Lawler 2S – English: Jacob Ventre Maths: Jaxx James Siner 2L – English: Maria Nascimento Maths: Hollie Lindon 3S – English: Flynn Anderson Maths: Nelly O’Brien  3L – English: Mia Maria Goodwin Maths: Leah Carey 4S – English: Isabella Doran, Maths: Lewis Slade  4L – English: Isabella McGreevy Maths: Will Powell 5S – English: Archie Jones Maths: Charloie McSween 5L – English: Nancy Jones Maths: Lucas Gibney 6S – English: Katie Rose Bresnahan Maths: Steven Hogg 6L – English: Olivia Smith Maths: Kai Instone  |
| **Golden Table**At the end of every month we hold our Golden Table for children who have shown good manners, respect and been well behaved during their lunch hours. These chidlren are chosen by our welfare and kitchen staff. Well done to the following children.**Key Stage One Winners:**Rosie Molyneux, Sonny Owens, Amelia Walsh, Fabiana Plesca, Noah Caulfield, Indie Regan Nicholson, Georgie Watkinson, Charlie Warwick, Tyler Greaves, Stella Kitamura, Penelope Leyland and James Gdula**Key Stage Two Winners:** Luca Pinnington, Davy Baines, Connie Richards, Sophie Rodrigeus, Grace Postlewaite, Chloe McGorian, Aria Farrell, Luke George, Charlie McSween, Frankie Flaherty, Jenson Devine, Jamie Dumbell, Darcey Kelly, Evie Croft Delaney, Lotti O’Keefe, Penelope Reid, Tilly Regan Nicholson and Eva McIver. |

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| **Dates for your diary**Monday 4th November - School re-opens at 8.40amTuesday 5th November - 3.30pm Parents can view all entries to the World Space Week competition Wednesday 6th November- Year 2 CLC throughout the day, 9.15am till 10.00am Reception Stay and Play 9.15am RSHE parents meeting Thursday 7th November – 9.00am till 9.45am Nursery Stay and Play, 9.30am Year 5 Liturgy, Flu immunisations on  this day for Nursery to Year 6, Saturday 9th November – Year 4 Super Saturdays session at All SaintsMonday 11th November – Anti Bullying Week. Odd Socks dayTuesday 12th November – 9.15am till 10.00am Reception Stay and Play, Year 2/3 Cinema trip* 3.30pm Year 6 SATS meeting

Wednesday 13th November – Year 5 Trip to Story BarnThursday 14th November - 9.00am till 9.45am Nursery Stay and Play, 9.30am Year 2 LiturgyFriday 15th November – Children in Need Day (Dress in PJs) Donation to be made to Children in Need  |
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| **To all our children and families… Have a lovely weekend and half term holiday.****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) |  |