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| **St Laurence’s Catholic Primary School****Newsletter**Friday 15th November 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 95.8%. 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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| **1L:%****96.2%****AMBER** | **2L:%****96.3%****AMBER** | **3L:%****97.9%****GREEN**  | **4L:%****99.2%****GREEN** | **5L:%****96.8%****AMBER** | **6L:%****94.6%****RED** | **95.8%****AMBER** |

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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 |
| **Autumn Parents Evening**Our Autumn Parents Evening will take place on Thursday 21st November between 3,30pm and 6pm. Slots can be booked through our School Spider app. If you do not have this, please download it as we send messages through it. Appointments can also be booked through the school office.  |
| **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**Good Luck to our Cross Country runners who take part in a race on teusday after school at All Saints. We wish them all the best of luck! |
| **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 – Stefanis Bonea (Hardworking)Reception – Kara Austin (Committed and Hardworking)1S – Elia Caulfield (Positive Attitude and Resilient)1L – Iris McGorian (Committed and Hardworking)2S – Oliver Austin (Polite)2L – Florence Regan (Confident)3S – Nelly O’Brien (Polite)3L – Billy Chrystal (Committed and Hardworking) Teddy Johnston (Positive Attitude)4S – Theodore Dawkins (Positive Attitude and lovely manners) 4L – Michael Walsh (Polite)5S – Ellie Atkinson (Positive Attitude and Respectful)5L – Valentina Reid (Positive Attitude) 6S – Jacob Lannigan (Good Communicator and Confident)6L – Bobby Woods  |
| **Individual Photographs**Any photographs that are wanting to be ordered need to be returned to school by 22nd November.  | **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 November, we will be exploring the values of LOVE. The children will explore how they can love for each other in a variety of ways.  | **Year One CLC Computing session**Our Year 1 children will be working alongside our CLC teacher completing their Digital Literacy curriculum on Wednesday next week. 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 21st November – 9.00am till 9.45am**RECEPTION DATES:**\*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.  |  **Year 3 Liturgy** Our Year 3 children will be leading a Liturgy session on Thursday 21st 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. **Wednesday 27th November** - Reception and Year One-St Helens, Trolls COST £6.00**Thursday 28th November** – Years 4/5/6 St Helens – Kung Fu Panda COST £6.00 |
| **Christmas Events Calendar**We will have more information about what is happening over Christmas in next weeks newsletter but to help with planning here are some dates for events in the Christmas period. Thursday 5th December- Nursery Christmas Play 10.30am and 2.15pmFriday 6th December- Christmas Santa Dash/Christmas Jumper DayTuesday 10th December – 9.30am and 2.00pm KS1 Christmas Performance , 5pm Christmas Bingo#Wednesday 11th December - KS1 Christmas DinnerThursday 12th December – 9.30am and 2.00pm KS2 Christmas Performance Friday 13th December - KS2 Christmas DinnerMonday 16th December - 9.30am Christmas MassThursday 19th December – Christmas Party Day-Non Uniform Day (no Charge)Friday 20th December – School Closes -Non Uniform Day £1.00 |
| C:\Users\carrollsj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\R1W79MWH\Award_star_(gold)[1].png**Stars of the Week**Nursery – Axel HamidReception – Oliver Parry1S – Abigail Riley 1L – Leo Brady C:\Users\carrollsj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\R1W79MWH\Award_star_(gold)[1].png 2S – Harley Fiocca 2L – Cleo Christie Scotland 3S – Toyin Omotosho 3L – Sophia Konieczna and Mia Maria Goodwin  4S – Ava Ventre 4L – Jacob Sproule  5S – Laura Concha Veneroni 5L – Daisy Evans  6S – Louie Teare 6L – Alfie Case Cummins KS1 Overall Winner for Star of the Week – Harley FioccaShe 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: Josh Balmer Maths: Alfie Carroll 1S – English: Levi Kitamura Maths: Renesmae Slade  1L: English: Zadie Hodgson Maths: Maggie Jones 2S – English: Lilly Walsh Maths: Sadee Mae Taylor 2L – English: Noah Kearns Maths: Faith Bruen 3S – English: Kaden Carr Maths: Davy Baines  3L – English: Sienna Downey and Amaya Reynolds Maths: Joel Jevons and Piper Farish 4S – English: Kendal Hamid Maths: Chloe McGorian  4L – English: Skye Balmer Maths: Jason Chean 5S – English: Maggie Craig Maths: Jude Jones 5L – English: Una McDermott Maths: Mason Wainwright 6S – English: Louie Reid Millen Maths: Charlie Taylor 6L – English: Madison Farrell Maths: Eddie Wilson |

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| **Dates for your diary**Tuesday 19th November – 9.15am Reception Stay and Play, 3.45pm Cross Country at All Saints Wednesday 20th November – Year One CLC day, Beth Tweddle Gymnastics demonstration Thursday 21st November – 9.00am Nursery Stay and Play, 9.30am Year 3 Liturgy, 3.30pm Autumn Parents EveningFriday 22nd November – Feel Good Friday Wednesday 27th November- Reception and Year One Cinema tripThursday 28th November- Year 4, 5 and 6 Cinema trip |
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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**Miss 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) |  |