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| **St Laurence’s Catholic Primary School****Newsletter**Friday 22nd 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 94.8%. 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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|  **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 |
| **Advent Attendance**Each year we continue to promote 100% attendance with our Advent Attendance incentive. The challenge is to come into school every day for 4 full school weeks in the build up to Christmas. Advent Attendance will start this Monday 25th November and will finish on Friday 20th December (20 school days). Every child that attends every school day during this period will be entered into a prize draw within their class to win a special Christmas prize. In addition all pupils who attend every day will receive a small prize. Attend to achieve, good luck everyone. |
| **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.  |
| **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.**School Uniform shop**Also remember we have our own school uniform shop on site of pre-loved uniform. Ask at the office if you would like to see anything from it.  |
| **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 |
|  **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. | **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. |
| **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 – Cecilia StelfoxReception – Hattie Gorman (Communication)1S – Penelope Mooney (Polite, Respectful and Hardworking)1L – Savannah Bromilow 2S – Stella Kitamura (Polite)2L – Jaxon Dumbell (Positive Attitude)3S – Hallee Marr (Hardworking and Confident)3L – Neveah Nugent (Polite and Respectful)4S – Scarlett Bromilow (Committed and Hardworking) 4L – Carter Roe (Good Communication)5S – Darcy McCarthy (Positive Attitude and Polite)5L – Theo Lyons (Good Communicator) 6S – Steven Hogg (Polite and Respectful)6L – Madison Farrell (Polite, Committed and Hardworking)  |
|  **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 | **Sports News**Good Luck to our Indoor Athletes in Year 5 and 6 who will be taking part in the Knowsley event on Thursday afternoon at Kirkby High School. The children will be transported to the event by school staff. We wish them every success. Good luck also to our Year 3 and 4 Indoor Athletes who will take part in their competition on Monday 2nd December.  |
| **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.** |
| **Family Mass in church**Over the coming months Fr Sean will be holding Family Masses in church for children and families in Year 4. This is to prepare them for their upcoming sacraments. Friday night mass – 7pm in churchSunday morning mass – 11am and 6pm  | **Christmas Friday’s**In the run up to Christmas, we annually hold Christmas Friday events where we ask if possible for donations of things to help gather prizes for our raffles etc. ON these days children can come dressed in their own clothes with the things asked for as their payment. Your support would be greatly appreciated for this. Friday 29th November – Chocolates and selection boxes Friday 6th December- Bottles  |
| **Christmas Events Calendar**Christmas is always a special time during the year for school. Over the coming weeks we will have the following celebrations within school and welcome you to attend them to join in the celebrations with us. Tickets are now on sale from the school office for any performances and the school bingo. 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 BingoWednesday 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 – Florence JonesReception – Emily Duncan1S – Fredi Brown 1L – Emilia RichardsonC:\Users\carrollsj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\R1W79MWH\Award_star_(gold)[1].png 2S – Rosie Atkinson 2L – Alife Stott Jennings  3S – Ella Richardson 3L – Harrison Warwick  4S – Grace Postlethwaite 4L – Aria Farrell  5S – Layla Cooper 5L – Eden Fox  6S – Sonny Clarke 6L – Lennon Carey 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: Finley Howard Maths: Carter Coyle 1S – English: Thomas Davies Maths: Indie Regan Nicholson  1L: English: Lillie Brooks Coletta Maths: Joel Keegan 2S – English: Bella Parry Maths: Lilly Walsh 2L – English: Mischa Matthews Maths: Jax Gordon3S – English: Isaac Reynolds Maths: Daniel Powell  3L – English: Jasper McNabb Maths: Luke Davies 4S – English: Albie Molyneux Maths: James Dunne  4L – English: Michael Walsh Maths: Mason Sutherland 5S – English: Lorenzo Cortez Maths: Luis Da Silva 5L – English: Tyler Gallagher Maths: Louie Soon 6S – English: Lilly Dean Maths: Charlie Colleran 6L – English: Bobby Woods Maths: Tilly Nicholson |

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| **Dates for your diary**Wednesday 27th November- Reception and Year One Cinema tripThursday 28th November- Year 4, 5 and 6 Cinema trip 1.00pm Indoor Athletics competition for Year 5 and 6Friday 29th November – Golden Table 7pm Year 4 Family Mass in ChurchSunday 1st December – 11.00am and 6pm Year 4 Family Mass in ChurchMonday 2nd December 1.00pm Indoor Athletics competition for Year 3 and 4Tuesday 5th December – 3.30pm Class 2 S and 5L Parents Evening Friday 6th December – Selected classes visit Heaven Sent  |
| Friday 6th December – 7pm Year 4 Family Mass in ChurchSunday 8th December – 11.00am and 6pm Year 4 Family Mass in ChurchFriday 20th December -School closes for Christmas. 2pm . No After School Club this day. |
| **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**Miss Carroll** **and all the staff of St Laurence’s School** |
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| **Monday**  | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** |
| **Year 5/6**11.30am Indoor Athletics(Miss Carroll)**Year 5/6**3.15pm Forest School(Mr Biggs)  **Year 2**3.15pm Football Club(Mr Gibson) | **Year 5/6**11.30am and 3.15pm Indoor Athletics(Miss Carroll)**Year 3/4**3.15pm Football Club(Mr Kenny/ Mr Folksman ) | **Year 5/6**12.00pm and 3.15pm Indoor Athletics(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) |  |