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| **St Laurence’s Catholic Primary School****Newsletter**Friday 6th December 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%. 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:%** **95.3%****AMBER** | **1S%****98.4%****GREEN** | **2S:%****96.2%****AMBER** | **3S:%****96.4%****AMBER** | **4S:%****96.8%****AMBER** | **5S:%****99.2%****GREEN**  | **6S:%****93.8%****RED** | **Whole School** |
| **1L:%****96.2%****AMBER** | **2L:%****95.6%****AMBER** | **3L:%****95.7%****AMBER**  | **4L:%****95.2%****AMBER** | **5L:%****88%****RED** | **6L:%****97.7%****GREEN** | **95.7%****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 |
| **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. |
| **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 – Jude Kearns (Confident)Reception – Lola Fuller (Confident)1S – Thomas Davies (Positive and Respectful)1L – Noah Caulfield 2S – Evelyn Fitzsimmons (Polite)2L – Hollie Lindon3S – Harley Farrell (Resilience)3L – Nordan Yesudas (Positive Attitude)4S – Isla Rossiter (Polite) 4L – Lottie Lou Cruickshanks (Positive Attitude)5S – Harvey Moss (Committed and Hardworking)5L – James Murray (Positive Attitude) 6S – Sonnie Clarke (Polite and Respectful)6L – Lennon Carey (Committed and Hardworking)  |
|  **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 | **Sports News**Well Done to our Year 3 and 4 Indoor Athletics team who came 1st in their event this week. The children were great ambassadors for the school and showed a great team spirit during all events.  |
| **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.** |
| **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. Tuesday 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 |
| **Year 5 visit to LJMU**Our Year 5 chidlren will be visiting Liverpool John Moores University on Tuesday 17th December. Children will need to wear their uniform on this day and bring a packed lunch in a bag if they usually have a home packed lunch. Children who have a school meal will have a packed lunch provided.  |
| C:\Users\carrollsj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\R1W79MWH\Award_star_(gold)[1].png**Stars of the Week**Nursery – Chisom ObiReception – Sophie O’Rourke1S – Jack Martindale 1L – Bella PhillipsC:\Users\carrollsj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\R1W79MWH\Award_star_(gold)[1].png 2S – Dax Faulkner 2L – Maisy Mulligan  3S – Ruby Gee 3L – Luke Davies  4S – Lewis Slade 4L – Luna Rae Lindon  5S – Spencer Downes 5L – Ethan Karoui  6S – Daniel O’Rourke 6L – Robert Woods  |
| 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: Phoebe Manning Maths: Sonny Owen 1S – English: Oliver Kenny Maths: Harper Jones  1L: English: Skylah Mae Smylie Maths: Frankie Stevenson 2S – English: Millie Haddley Maths: Tyler Greaves 2L – English: Ollie Garcia Maths: Charlie Burgess 3S – English: Ella Richardson Maths: Rosie Bradley  3L – English: Harrison Warwick Maths: Billy Chrystal 4S – English: Gloria Laczik Maths: Amiyah Okorode  4L – English: Nancy Towey Maths: Marcie Horrocks 5S – English: Halle Carter Smith Maths: Freddie Stevenson 5L – English: Eden Fox Maths: Nancy Jones 6S – English: Lotti O’Keefe Maths: Charlie Colleran 6L – English: Abby Walsh Maths: Eddie Wilson  |

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| **Dates for your diary** |
| Sunday 8th December – 11.00am and 6pm Year 4 Family Mass in ChurchTuesday 10th December – 9.30am and 2.00pm KS! Christmas Performance, 4pm Year 4 Parents Meeting in Church,  5pm Christmas BingoWednesday 11th December – KS1 Christmas Dinner (Children can wear a Christmas jumper if they want),  1.30pm Choir singing at Southdene Community CentreThursday 12th December – 9.30am and 2.00pm KS2 Christmas Performance Friday 13th December – KS2 Christmas Dinner (Children can wear a Christmas jumper if they want),Monday 16th December – 9.30am Christmas MassTuesday 17th December – Year 5 visiting LJMU Thursday 19th December- Christmas Party Day – Own clothes (no charge)Friday 20th December -Own clothes Day (£1.00) 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****For clubs, please check with individual teachers**  |
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