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| **St Laurence’s Catholic Primary School****Newsletter**Friday 10th January 2025 |
| ***‘****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 91.9%. 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:%** **93.2%** | **1S%****89.6%** | **2S:%****94.2%** | **3S:%****89.1%** | **4S:%****85.8%** | **5S:%** **94.4%** | **6S:%****94.6%** | **Whole School** |
| **1L:%****99.2%** | **2L:%****88.9%** | **3L:%** **90%** | **4L:%****94.4%** | **5L:%****85%** | **6L:%****94.6** | **91.9%** |

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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 |
| **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. **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 January our value of the month is peace. We will be talking about how we can create a peaceful school and how we can help to make our world a peaceful place. |
| **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 Riley (respectful)Reception – Rosie Clarke (confident)1S – Bobby Baines (respectful and resilient)1L – Skylah-Mae Smylie (hardworking)2S – Luca McVeigh (positive attitude)2L – Esme Hedges (positive attitude)3S – Ruby Gee (committed and hardworking)3L – Amaya Reynolds (positive attitude and lovely manners)4S – Thomas Reid (honest and truthful)4L – Jason Chean (positive attitude)5S – Kaisha Reynolds (committed and hardworking)5L – Alyssa Mawdsley (positive attitude)6S – Louie Teare (Committed and Hardworking)6L – Kai Instone (Committed and Hardworking) |
| C:\Users\carrollsj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\R1W79MWH\Award_star_(gold)[1].png**Stars of the Week**Nursery – Jude KearnsReception – Alfie Marshall1S – Jack Martindale 1L – Max LawlerC:\Users\carrollsj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\R1W79MWH\Award_star_(gold)[1].png2S – Caleb Townsend 2L – Jax Gordon3S – Toyin Omotosho 3L – Hunter Arnold4S – Duggy Faulkner 4L – Isabella McGreevy5S – Jon Paul Hamid Halewood 5L – Harlow Noon6S – Lilly Dean 6L – Joseph Rutherford |
| 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: Max Taylor Maths: Hallie Pollard1S – English: Levi Kitamura Maths: Luna McVeigh  1L: Leo Crellin Maths: Star Balmer2S – Oliver Austin Maths: Harper Hughes2L – Jaxon Dumbell Maths: Nancy Williamson3S – Kara Cassidy Maths: Luca Pinnington  3L – Esme Williams Maths: Jasper McNabb 4S – English: Blake Murphy Maths: Gloria Laczik 4L – English: Ella Ross Maths: Hayzel Townsend 5S – English: Charlie Payne Maths: Christian Bonea 5L – English: Tyler Gallagher Maths: Darcy Kelly 6S – English: Charlie Taylor Maths: Georgia Sproule 6L – English: Ammaya Brooks Miller Maths: Abby Walsh |
| **Reception Admissions Deadline**Please be aware that the deadline for Reception admissions is 15th January 2025. This is for children due to start Reception in September 2025. It is important that this is completed in time to give children the best possible chance of securing their first choice place. |
|  **Chinese New Year Lunch**On Thursday 16th January there will be a Chinese New Year themed lunch. There is no charge for children in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 as they are all eligible for free school meals. If your child is in KS2 and they pay for lunch, there will be a charge of £1 payable on parent pay. | **Year 1 Liturgy**On Thursday 16th January Year 1 will be holding their year group liturgy in the hall at 9.30am. Parents are very welcome to attend and celebrate with their children. |
| **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.** |
| **6S Exit Point**From Monday 13th January Mrs Hill’s class will exit the school at the end of the day from the external door onto the playground. Parents should collect their children from this door at the end of the day. If children walk home, they should leave through this door and exit from the gate onto Leeside Avenue. This will reduce the congestion at the back of the school. |
| **Booster Classes** Our Year 6 booster classes will start on Monday 13th January. All children have been informed of their group and which day their booster class will be on.  |
| **Mr Kenny’s Parent’s Night**Mr Kenny’s parent’s night has been rescheduled for Wednesday 22nd January 3.15 – 5.00pm. Appointments can be made on school spider from Tuesday 14th January. If these are any problems booking appointments please contact the school office. |

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| **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** |
| **Year 3/4**3.15pm Multi Skills/Fitness (Mr Cushion) **Year 6** Booster classes(Mr Grant, Mrs Hill, Mr Folksman, Mr Kenny, Mrs Barr, Mrs Middleham, Miss Green, Mrs Burns)3.15 – 4.15 | **Year 3/4**3.15pm Football Club(Mr Kenny/ Mr Folksman ) |  | **Year 6**Booster classes (Mrs Purchase)3.15 – 4.15**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) |  |

**Dates for your diary**15th January – Closing date for Reception applications16th January – Year 1 Liturgy 9.30 am16th January – Party Lunch for Chinese New Year22nd January – Maths Family Learning course for Nursery Parents 2.15pm 22d January – Parent’s Night for Mr Kenny’s class 3.30 – 5.0030th January – Nursery and Reception Liturgy 9.30am |
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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 **and we look forward to seeing everyone next week.****Mrs Barr** **and all the staff of St Laurence’s School** |
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