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| **St Laurence’s Catholic Primary School**  **Newsletter**  Friday 14th February |
| ***‘****Developing our gifts and talents for the good of all’*   |  | | --- | | Contact us  Tel: 0151 546 4733 Email: [stlaurence@knowsley.gov.uk](mailto:stlaurence@knowsley.gov.uk) Twitter: @slaurences  Website: [www.stlaurences.co.uk](http://www.stlaurences.co.uk) |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Headteacher Appointment**  **We are delighted to announce the appointment of Mr Mackenzie as new headteacher who will be joining the school after Easter. Mr MacKenzie is delighted to join St Laurence’s and work with Mrs Barr and all the staff. He is a local lad born and raised in Towerhill, Kirkby and is delighted to return to his roots following stints in St Helens and Liverpool.** | | | **It’s good to be green!**  **Our target for this academic year is 96%.**  **Our attendance for this week was 92.2% please try to get your children to school on time every day. Thank you to everyone who made a huge effort to get children into school on time and smartly dressed in their uniform. Congratulations to Mr Gibson’s class who achieved 100% attendance this week.**  Green (G) = 97%+, Amber (A) = 95% or 96%, Red (R) = Less than 95%   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Reception:%**  **94.9%** | **1S%**  **88%** | **2S:%**  **93.5%** | **3S:%**  **92.7%** | **4S:%**  **92.1%** | **5S:%**  **91.2%** | **6S:%**  **95.8%** | **Whole School** | | **1L:%**  **100%** | **2L:%**  **86.7%** | **3L:%**  **86.9%** | **4L:%**  **95.2%** | **5L:%**  **94.2%** | **6L:%**  **86.9%** | **92.2%** | | | | **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 2025  Year 1 Phonics testing: Week beginning 9th June 2025 | | | **Attendance Competition**  After the February half term we will be holding competitions between the classes to compete against each other to win the Champions league Easter Egg Cup or the Europa league attendance cup, to further encourage 100% attendance. All classes including Nursery will be in the competition. Please make every effort to ensure you child attends school on time every day. The school day starts at 8.55am with gates open from 8.40am. Any child arriving after that time will be marked late. In addition to this, any child arriving after 9.30am will get an unauthorised attendance mark for the morning session, unless they have been to an appointment.  In recent weeks our whole school attendance has been much lower than our expected school target. The above competitions will run for the whole of the next half term so please talk to your children about them and ensure they attend school every single day possible. Have a lovely half term everyone, we will see you all on Monday 24th February between 8.40am and 8.55am. | | | **Value of the Month**  During the month of February our Value of the Month will be kindness. We will have assemblies for the children to look at this value and we will be learning about kindness in our classes. | | | **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 ambitious  Well done to the following children who have won certificates this week:  Nursery – Wren Rawlinson (hardworking)  Reception – Jace Waite (confident)  1S – Abigail Riley (polite and resilient)  1L – Frankie Stevenson (hardworking)  2S – Gabriel Dawkins (polite)  2L – Charlotte Lally (positive attitude)  3S – Flynn Anderson (hardworking)  3L – Connie Richards  4S – Grace Postlethwaite (Polite)  4L – Freya Appleton (committed and hardworking)  5S – Darcy McCarthy (respectful and positive)  5L – Una McDermott (positive attitude)  6S – Charlie Colleran (positive attitude)  6L – Lennon Carey (positive attitude) | | | C:\Users\carrollsj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\R1W79MWH\Award_star_(gold)[1].png**Stars of the Week**  Nursery – Louie Nolan  Reception – Alfie Carroll  1S – Penelope Mooney 1L – Liam Ross  C:\Users\carrollsj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\R1W79MWH\Award_star_(gold)[1].png2S – Evelyn Fitzsimmons 2L – Hollie Lindon  3S – Rosie Bradley 3L Alex Tidmarsh  4S – Harry Barnbrock 4L – Nancy Towey  5S – Oscar McPadden 5L – Izzy Nickson  6S – Steven Hogg 6L – Alfie Case Cummins | | | 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: Hattie Groman Maths: Finley Howard  1S – English: Sienna Smith Maths: Indie Regan Nicholson  1L – English: Leo Brady Maths: Noah Caulfield  2S – English: Rosie Atkinson Maths: Tayla Atkins  2L – English: Micha Matthews Maths: Halen Farrell  3S – English: Jack Tracey Maths: Caleb Rafferty  3L – English: Neveah Nugent Maths: Oliver Sproule  4S – English Jason Chean Maths: Aria Farrell  4L – English: Bobby Case Cummins Maths: Ava Ventre  5S – English: Lorenzo Cortez Maths: Jon Paul Hamid Halewood  5L – English: Lucas Gibney Maths: Mason Wainwright  6S – English: Katie Bresnehan Maths: Jayden Tunstall  6L – English: Ryan Langstaff Maths: Ned Lunt | | | **After School Activities**  Booster classes for Year 6 and Year 3 and 4 football with Everton in the Community will start the first week back after half term.  Other clubs will start the second week of term. | **Year 3 Finger Print Workshop**  On Friday 29th February out Year 3 children will be taking part in a finger print workshop with our community police officers. They will learn how finger prints are taken and used. | | **Year 6 Meeting for Parents**  On Monday 3rd March at 4.30pm we will be holding a meeting for Year 6 parents. At this meeting we will go through preparations for Year 6 SATs including key dates. We will also provide information about the upcoming residential to Ormside. This meeting will provide valuable information, and we look forward to seeing you there. | | | **5S Swimming**  On Monday 24th February, 5S will start their swimming block. Children will need to bring their swimming kit in to school Monday – Thursday for two weeks. | | | **Breakfast and After School Club**  Our Breakfast and After School Club is now full. If you need a place for your child, please get in touch with the school office and they will add you to the waiting list.  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 £6.50  Children must be pre booked to be given a place for either club. A minimum of two days must also be booked. | | | **Year 4 Communion Preparation**  There is a further meeting planned for parents and children who wish to celebrate their First Holy Communion. The meeting is on 11th March 4pm- 5pm at church. Father Sean will provide provisional First Holy Communion dates after the meeting.  Father Sean has asked us to remind parents of the importance of attending one of the parish masses every weekend as part of their sacramental preparation. | | | **Year 6 Martin Mere Visit**  On Friday 28th February Year 6 will visit Martin Mere. This will be a lovely experience for everyone. | | | **Half Term**  School will re-open on Monday 24th February after the half term. We wish you all a very happy half term and look forward to seeing you all after the break. | | |
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| **To all our children and families… Have a lovely half term.**  **Stay safe and well**[https://encrypted-tbn0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcS7qvfLnks0kJJFyXQpVA3-bHfb24fzGS8y4qqWwBukgV6ioKr_TQ](http://www.google.com/url?sa=i&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=images&cd=&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=0CAcQjRxqFQoTCPCEyuel7ccCFQtpFAodFJYKxg&url=http://www.fernridge.k12.or.us/apebworth/&psig=AFQjCNEzgrWTbxqSHPJogTs8ZwcdZZ_yag&ust=1442002943000951) **and we look forward to seeing everyone on 24th February.**  **Mrs Barr** **and all the staff of St Laurence’s School** |
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