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| **St Laurence’s Catholic Primary School****Newsletter**Friday 8th September 2023 |
| ***‘****Developing our gifts and talents for the good of all’*

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| **Welcome Back**Welcome back to everyone!! It has been lovely this week to welcome back all of our children and their families after the summer break. Thank you for working with us due to the hot weather too. The children have been amazing and coped really well.  |
| **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 13th May 2024 (they also have mock tests the week before beginning 6th May 2024)Year 4 Times Tables testing: Week beginning 10th June 2024Year 1 Phonics testing: Week beginning 10th June 2024 | **SATs testing for Year Six children**Our Year Six children will be completing their Mock Sats tests during week beginning **6th May** **2024** and will then sit their real tests week beginning **13th May** 2024**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.** |
| **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.Once a Fixed penalty warning letter is issued, any further unauthorised absences may result in a fine being issued. |
| **Value of the Month**During the month of September, we will be exploring the values of RESPECT. The children will explore how they can show respect for each other and ways to show this around school, in their work and also at home.  |
| **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. Our figures are placed outside school to remind you of parking zones and the council have sent each school parking banners reminding parents not to drop off or park outside school zones. This is particularly important on Wellfield Avenue. 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.  |
| **Virtual Science Clubs**Please see below for our home science investigations that you can at home, using resources that can be mostly found in and around the home. This has been set up by Mr Biggs. You can then share your investigations with us via our school twitter page or emailing in your videos and pictures to our school email address. Week commencing Monday 4th September – Force full comb investigation. Week commencing Monday 18th September – Soap SculpturesWeek commencing 2nd October - Spinning EggsAll information is on our website, including the links you will need for the resources. We look forward to hearing about your creations! |
| **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.**Teaching Staff for this year**Nursery – Mrs Middleham (EYFS Leader) RS – Mrs Brogan and Mrs Larkin RL – Miss Kirkby1S – Mrs Farrell (Assistant Headteacher KS1)1L – Mr Gibson2S – Miss Owens2L – Mrs Barr (Deputy Headteacher)3S – Mrs McClelland and Mrs Hill (SENDCO)3L – Miss Branegan4S – Miss Nicholson and Mrs Purchase4L – Miss Birch5S – Mr Folksman5L – Mr Kenny6S – Mr Biggs (Assistant Headteacher KS2)6L – Mr GrantMr Cushion – Safeguarding and Pastoral Lead |  **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 |
| **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: 1S – Cleo Christie Scotland (Positive Attitude)1L – Luca McVeigh (Resilient)2S – Kadi Gibbons (Polite)2L – Freddie Reid Watkinson (Positive Attitude, Respectful, Polite and Committed and Hardworking)3S – Theodore Dawkins (Good Communicator)3L – Hayzel Townsend (Positive Attitude)4S – Alyssa Mawdsley (Kind and Respectful) 4L – Lorenzo Cortez (Polite)5S – Charlie Taylor 5L – Ned Lunt 6S – Jake Molyneux (Respectful and Positive Attitude) 6L – Cian Shelley (Committed and Hardworking)  |
| **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.** | **Tuckshop**We will continue to run our Infant tuckshop selling mini cheddars for 10p a bag for anyone who wants to buy them. This is to help raise our school funds for much needed resources for our 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. |
| **Year 6 Play in a Day**Our Year 6 children will be working with Altru Drama company on the 21st and 22nd September in conjunction with All Saints. The children will practise performing a play about what they might come across when they transfer to Secondary School. The children will perform the play for staff members and teachers from All Saints. We hope they enjoy taking part.  |  |
| . **Coffee Afternoons**We have arranged our class Coffee Afternoons this year where parents will be able to meet their child’s new class teacher. During the session for each year group, staff will also explain what expectations they have for the children this year. They will also explain about routines, homework etc in the meeting. These will be completed in our school hall on the following dates. Please do try to come – we will be selling cakes to raise money for MacMillan Coffee Mornings and Charity. **Monday 18th September – Year 6 Coffee Afternoon 2.30pm****Tuesday 19th September – Year 5 Coffee Afternoon 2.30pm****Wednesday 20th September – Year 4 Coffee Afternoon 2.30pm****Thursday 21st September - Year 3 Coffee Afternoon 2.30pm****Monday 25th September – Year 2 Coffee Afternoon 2.30pm****Tuesday 26th September – Year 1 Coffee Afternoon 2.30pm****Wednesday 27th September – Reception Coffee Afternoon 2.30pm** |
| **2023-2024 Term Dates and Holidays****Autumn Term 2023:****Term starts:** Monday 4th September 2023**Half Term:** School closes on Thursday 26th October and re-opens on Monday 6th November 2023**Autumn Term ends on:** Wednesday 20th December 2023**Spring Term 2024****Term starts on:** Thursday 4th January 2024**Half Term:** School closes Friday 9th February 2024 and re-opens on Monday 19th February 2024**Spring Term ends on:** Tuesday 26th March 2024 | **Summer Term 2024:****Term starts:** Monday 8th April 2024**Half Term:** School closes Friday 24th May 2024 and re-opens on Monday 10th June 2024**Spring Bank Holiday:** Monday 6th May 2024 (school closed)**Summer Term ends on:** Friday 19th July 2024**INSET Days 2023-2024**The school will be closed on the following dates next academic year.Friday 1st September 2023Friday 27th October 2023Wednesday 3rd January 2024Wednesday 27th March 2024Monday 22nd July 2024 |
| C:\Users\carrollsj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\R1W79MWH\Award_star_(gold)[1].png**Stars of the Week**1S – Florence Regan 1L – Harlen Farrell C:\Users\carrollsj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\R1W79MWH\Award_star_(gold)[1].png 2S – Billy Chrystal 2L – Luca Pinnington  3S – Harry McGrath 3L – Monica Dempsey  4S – Jensen Devine 4L – Luis de Silva  5S – Penelope Reid 5L – Olivia Smith  6S – Raegan Whiteside 6L – Keira Chean KS1 Overall Winner for Star of the Week – Luca Pinnington KS2 Overall Winner for Star of the Week – Jensen Devine Both children will take home Motty our mascot. Mrs Carroll-McKevitt’s Special Star of the week winner – Luca McVeigh  |
| 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** 1S – English: Evelyn Fitzsimmons Maths: Logan Sutherland  1L: English: Micha Matthews MathsLacey Mae Croxford 2S – English: Joel Jevons Maths: Esme Williams 2L – English: Ella Richardson Maths: Flynn Anderson 3S – English: Harry Barnbrock Maths: Duggy Faulkner  3L – English: Luka Banawich Maths: Luke George 4S – English: Ethan Karoui Maths: Reuben Croxford  4L – English: Charlie Payne Maths: Elijah Greenhalgh 5S – English: Scarlett Gee Maths: Jessie Pinnington Sharkey 5L – English: Alfie Case Cummins Maths: Bobby Woods 6S – English: Amelie Catterall Maths: Adam Burgess 6L – English: Layla Gilbert Maths: Archie Nolan  |

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| **Dates for your diary**Monday 11th September – Nursery 30 hour children start, Year One CLC workshopsThursday 14th September – Kirkby Football League – game 1 at All SaintsMonday 18th September – School Book Fair, Coffee Afternoons start, AM/PM Nursery startWednesday 20th September – Year 6 EFC TournamentThursday 21st September – Class 6S Play in a day, 6pm Maricourt Open Evening Friday 22nd September – Class 6L Play in a day, Feel Good FridayMonday 25th September - AM/PM Nursery startTuesday 26th September Buddy Assembly at 9.15am Thursday 28th September – 7.30pm Adult Baptism meeting in church with Fr SeanMonday 3rd October – Harvest Mass , 3.30pm Year 6 Secondary Form helpTuesday 4th October - 3.30pm Year 6 Secondary Form help |
| **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**Mrs Carroll-McKevitt** **and all the staff of St Laurence’s School** |
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**After-School Clubs 2023-2024 (Autumn Term)**

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| **Monday**  | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** |
| **Year 4/5/6**3.15pm Table Tennis Club(Mr Grant/Mr Cushion)**Year 2**3.15pm Football Club(Mr Gibson)**Year3/4/5/6**3.15pm Retro Games Club(Miss Birch) | **Years 5/6**11.30am Cross Country(Miss Carroll) **Years 4/5/6**3.15pm Science Club (Mr Biggs)**Year 3** 3.15pm EITC Football Club(Steven McCluskey) | **Years 5/6**11.30am Cross Country(Miss Carroll )**Year 4/5/6**Dance(Tammy) | **Year 4**12.00pm Cross Country(Miss Carroll)**Year 5/6**3.15pm Football Club(Mr Grant)**KS2**3.15pm Minnie Vinnies (MissBrannegan)**Year 3/4** 3.15pm Football (Mr Folksman) | **Year 4**12.00pm Cross Country(Miss Carroll) |