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| **St Laurence’s Catholic Primary School****Newsletter**Friday 22nd September 2023 |
| ***‘****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 96.5%.****Our attendance for this week was 93.5% which is not as high as we would like for the beginning of term. 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**This week our school have issued over 50 fixed penalty warning letters for unauthorised absence in the Summer term and start of this Autumn term. Last academic year our school had an increasing number of unauthorised absences. These included holidays in term time, days off for birthdays, extended weekends and children off school with no explanation from parents. As a school we are expected to raise our whole school attendance and address non attendance and unauthorised absences. All pupils who have had over 10 unauthorised absences (5 days) have been issued with a letter. Further unauthorised absences would result in a potential fine.**Persistent absentees**In addition to the Fixed penalty notices the school attendance service are sending letters to any pupils with less than 90% attendance for the last academic year. As a result we are not allowed to authorise absence for pupils with below 90% attendance without medical evidence. This evidence can be showing school the prescribed medicine or evidence of appointments at doctors or walk in centres. |
| **Testing this year**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.** |
| **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.  |
| **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. |
| **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.  |
| **Attendance moving forwards – a reminder**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. |
| **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! | **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 |
| **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. **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 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** |  **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: Nursery – Emily Duncan (Confident)RS – Max Lawler (Confidence)RL – Olivia Tunstall (Confident)1S – Millie Hadley (Committed and Hardworking)1L – Rosie Atkinson (Hardworking)2S – Amaya Reynolds (Polite and Hardworking)2L – Aubyn Cassidy (Committed and Hardworking)3S – Rylee Matthews (Hardworking)3L – Will Powell (Committed and Hardworking)4S – Izzabella Nickson 4L – Oscar McPadden (Growing in confidence)5S – Lilly Dean (Positive Attitude)5L – Madison Farrell 6S – Cody Shelley (Committed and Hardworking) 6L – Jessica Daly (Positive Attitude)  |
| **Reception and Year 6 Buddy Assembly**We would like to invite all of our Reception and Year 6 parents to attend our Buddy Assembly on Tuesday 26th September at 9.15am. Our Year 6 will introduce our buddies to their new school and our community. Throughout the year the children will complete a variety of activities together. We hope you can join us.  |
|  **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. |
| **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 |
| **Baptism Meeting in Church**Fr Sean has organised a meeting for adults in church on Thursday night at 7.30om. This will be for adult baptism. For more information please contact the church.  | **Super Saturday’s for Year 6**Our Year 6 children have been invited to attend a Super Saturday session at All Saints tomorrow to take part in a range of activities.  |
| **Magic Breakfast**From 8.25am our school hall will be open for cereal and bagels to any children wanting them. This is free but NOT part of Breakfast Club. Children will then be taken up to class at the end of Magic Breakfast at 8.40am. If you would like any further information please contact the school office. |
| **Year 6 Secondary School Applications**It’s the time of year again for our Year 6 parents to apply for their child’s secondary school place for next year. Schools have already started their Open Evenings – please contact the school you wish to visit to arrange a visit if you have missed the Open Evening. We will be offering our parents the opportunity of help completing the on line registration process for applying for a place. Dates being offered for this are: \*Monday 2nd October at 3.30pm\*Tuesday 3rd October at 3.30pmAll applications for places for Secondary School have to be made by 31st October 2022. If applying for a Catholic School place you MUST complete a separate SIF form. These are avaialble from the school office |
| C:\Users\carrollsj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\R1W79MWH\Award_star_(gold)[1].png**Stars of the Week**Nursery - Rosie Molyneux RS – Lillie Brooks Coletta RL – Sienna Smith C:\Users\carrollsj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\R1W79MWH\Award_star_(gold)[1].png 1S – James Gdula 1L – Charlie Burgess 2S – Oliver Sproule 2L – Leah Carey  3S – Sophia Woods 3L – Luna Rae Lindon  4S – James Murray 4L – Freddie Stevenson  5S – Georgia Sproule 5L – Ryan Langstaff  6S – All of the class 6L – Ava Barton KS1 Overall Winner for Star of the Week – Oliver Sproule Oliver 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** RS – English: Bella Phillips Maths: ConlonRL - English: Joel Keegan Maths: Ethan Mawdsley 1S – English: Evelyn Fitzsimmons Maths: Jax Gordon  1L: English: Dax Faulkner Maths: Rosa May Flaherty 2S – English: Hallee Marr Maths: Kaden Carr 2L – English: Luke Davies Maths: Leo Hackney 3S – English: Gloria Laczik Maths: Marcus Greaves  3L – English: Freya Appleton Maths: Albie Molyneux 4S – English: Mason Wainwright Maths: Harper Farish  4L – English: Charlie McSween Maths: Cristian Bonea 5S – English: Ebony Edwards Maths: Mason Ward 5L – English: Ammaya Brooks Miller Maths: Lennon Carey 6S – English: Adam Burgess Maths: Jaiden Barker 6L – English: Keira Chean Maths: Albie Jevons  |

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| **Dates for your diary**Monday 25th September - AM/PM Nursery startTuesday 26th September - Buddy Assembly at 9.15am for Reception and Year 6 parentsThursday 28th September – 7.30pm Adult Baptism meeting in church with Fr SeanMonday 2nd October – Year 6 Get away get safe workshop, 3.30pm Year 6 Secondary Form helpTuesday 3rd October - Year 6 Get away get safe workshop, 3.30pm Year 6 Secondary Form helpWednesday 4th October - Year 6 Get away get safe workshop,, Reception CLC session Thursday 5th October - Year 6 Get away get safe workshop, Phonics Workshop 2.00pm for RS parents, Kirkby  Football League round 2, October Census Day – Meal TBCFriday 6th October - Year 6 Get away get safe workshop,Monday 9th October – Scoot Fit day for ‘S’ classes Tuesday 10th October – Scoot Fit Day for ‘L’ classes Thursday 12th October – 9.30am Year 5 Liturgy, 2.00pm Phonics Workshop for RL parents Monday 16th October – World Space Week, Celebration of Achievement 2pmThursday 26th October – Halloween Dress up day £1.00, Half term holidays begin |
| **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 Dodgeball Club(Mr Grant/Mr Cushion)**Year 3/4/5/6**3.15pm Retro Games Club(Miss Birch)**KS2 Choir**3.15pm (Mrs Faulkner) | **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 5/6**3.15pm Football Club(Mr Grant)**KS2**3.15pm Minnie Vinnies (MissBrannegan)**Year 4** 3.15pm Football (Mr Folksman) |  |