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| **St Laurence’s Catholic Primary School****Newsletter**Friday 20th October 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 95.7% which is showing an improvement – so thank you. 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 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. |
| **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.** |
| **Half Term**School will close on Thursday 26th October for half term. Friday is an INSET day for staff training. We will return after the holiday on Monday 6th November. Gates will open at 8.40am.  |
| **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. |  **Halloween Dress up Day**Our last day of term (Thursday 26th October) will be a dress up day in Halloween costume for those children who wish to do so. Cost will be £1.00. We ask that children are dressed in appropriate costumes for the day and that costumes aren’t too scary, especially for our younger children in school. Your support with this would be appreciated. |
|  **World Space Week**Don’t forget we will be holding our World Space Week competition week beginning 16th October. All entries for this will be given a prize. The theme this year is Space and Entrepreneurship’. Entries can be 2D or 3D. Children can design their own idea for the future. Winning entries will be showcase across other schools in our Kirkby Collaborative. ENTRIES NEED TO BE SENT IN BY MONDAY 23RD OCTOBER.  |
| **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 16th October – Sew an ice cubeWeek commencing Monday 6th November – Lava LampWeek commencing Monday 20th November – Magic BalloonAll information is on our website, including the links you will need for the resources. We look forward to hearing about your creations! |
| **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 now take place.** 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.** |  **Request for Children’s Wellies**Our reception children have been making their outside area a nicer place to be and have been filling children’s wellies with plants and soil. We are asking if any other families have spare children’s wellies to donate to them so they can continue decorating their play area. Thank you in advance. |
| **Quidditch Day (various classes)**We have arranged for various classes next week to take part in a Quidditch day event in conjunction with Children’s University and Enrich. Children will need to wear their PE kits on this day – if they have a session.Please check with class teachers which classes have this event.  |
| **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 – George Seasman (Confident)RS – Leo CrellinRL – Halle McPadden (Good Communicator)1S – Benjamin Jones (Committed and Hardworking)1L – Jaxon Dumbell (Respectful)2S – Kadi Gibbons (Committed and Hardworking)2L – Sophia Konieczna (Positive Attitude)3S – Blake Murphy (Resilience)3L – Leonard Latusek (Polite)4S – Eden Fox (Resilience)4L – Layla Cooper (Good Communication)5S – Sonny Richards (Hardworking and Resilience) 5L – Khaleesi Williams (Hardworking) 6S – Jaiden Barker (Respectful)6L – Ava Barton (Positive Attitude)  |  **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 |
| **School Nurse Drop in session**Our School Nurse will be holding a drop event on Wednesday 25th October at 2.15pm in school. Parents are welcome to call in if they need advice.  |
| **1L Phonics Workshop**Our Family Learning teacher will be competing a Phonics Workshop session for parents who have registered in Class 1L on Thursday 26th October at 2pm. We hope you find it useful.  | **Sports News**Good Luck to our Cross Country runners in their first race at All Saints on Tuesday night.  |
|  **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. |
| **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. PLEASE NOTE CHILDREN MUST HAVE BREAKFAST WHEN COMING INTO SCHOOL – IT IS NOT A DROP OFF POINT.  | **Value of the Month**During the month of October, we will be exploring the values of DETERMINATION. The children will look at how important determination is in everything that we do |
| **Flu Nasal Spray**Our NHS Nurse team will be in school on Thursday 26th October administering the Nasal Flu Spray to all consented children from Nursery to Year 6. A link has been sent to all parents who have a registered email address through School Spider. If you need any further information please speak to the school office. |
| **Living Street Badges**Our children will be coming home in the coming days with their Living Street badges as a result of walking to school for a certain number of days throughout the month. Well done to everyone who has received one of these.  |
| C:\Users\carrollsj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\R1W79MWH\Award_star_(gold)[1].png**Stars of the Week**Nursery - Elsie Bagan RS – Penelope Mooney RL – Liam Ross C:\Users\carrollsj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\R1W79MWH\Award_star_(gold)[1].png 1S – Logan Tinsley 1L – Ollie Garcia  2S – Tilly Payne 2L – Sienna Downey  3S – Sophia Woods 3L – Reuben Shaw  4S – Valentina Reid 4L – Cristian Bonea  5S – Lola Howarth 5L – Darcy Payne  6S – George O’Sullivan 6L – Carter Bibby KS1 Overall Winner for Star of the Week – Sienna Downey KS2 Overall Winner for Star of the Week – Valentina Reid Both children 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: Carter Thompson Maths: Cooper Bibby RL - English: Carter James Goodwin Maths: Oliver Kenny 1S – English: Jaxx James Siner Maths: Logan Sutherland  1L: English: Oliver Austin Maths: Luca McVeigh 2S – English: Ivy Spencer Maths: Oliver Sproule 2L – English: Toyin Omotosho Maths: Esme Evans 3S –Maths: Harry Barnbrock  3L – English: Mason Sutherland Maths: Leon Doyle 4S – English: Darcey Kelly Maths: George Chyrstal  4L – English: Luis De Silva Maths: Oscar McPadden 5S – English: Sonny McCarthy Maths: Sonnie Clarke 5L – English: Bobby Green Maths: Joseph Rutherford 6S – English: Evie Price Maths: Adam Burgess6L – English: Archie Nolan Maths: Harry Williamson   |

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| **Dates for your diary****Tuesday 24th October** – Quidditch Day for various classes, 3.45pm Cross Country event at All Saints **Wednesday 25th October** – 2.15pm School Nurse Drop in**Thursday 26th October** – Flu jabs for Nursery to Year 6, Halloween Dress up day £1.00, 2pm Phonics workshop  for 1L parents, Half term holidays begin**Friday 27th October** – INSET day (School closed) |
| **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)**Year 3** 3.15pm EITC Football Club(Steven McCluskey)**Year 4/5/6**Dance(Miss Owens) | **Years 4/5/6**3.15pm Science Club (Mr Biggs) | **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) | **Years 5/6**11.30am Cross Country(Miss Carroll) |