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| **St Laurence’s Catholic Primary School****Newsletter**Friday 17th November 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 96.2% 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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| **RL:%****98.7%****GREEN** | **1L:%****97.8%****GREEN** | **2L:%****95.2%****AMBER** | **3L:%****98.2%****GREEN** | **4L:%****95.2%****AMBER** | **5L:%****98.3%****GREEN** | **6L:%****94.8%****RED** | **96.2%****AMBER** |

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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.** |
| **RSHE Parents Meeting**We will be holding our annual RSHE Parents Meeting for anyone who want to know more about our RSHE programme that we deliver to our children. This will be led by Mrs Farrell, our RSHE lead and Assistant Head of KS1. All parents are welcome to attend. Date for this is Tuesday 21st November at 9.15am.  |
| **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. | **Kirkby Boys**Well done to Harry Birchall who is representing our school within Kirkby Boys team this academic year. Representing your local area is an honour. We hope Harry does us proud.  |
| **Gallery visits**We have arranged for some of our Key Stage Two classes to visit Kirkby gallery in the coming weeks to look at the most recent exhibition. Classes will attend on the following dates:Class 6S - Monday 20th November Class 5S - Tuesday 21st November  |
| **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 6th November – Lava LampWeek commencing Monday 20th November – Magic BalloonWeek commencing Monday 4th December - Musical Coat Hanger (sound focus)All 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.** | **Autumn Parents’ Evening**Our first Parents’ Evening of the year will be on Tuesday 21st November. This will be an opportunity to see how your child has settled into their new class and school so far this year. Appointments can be made through our School Spider App, which is live now. Appointments start from 1.30pm for some classes and 2.00pm for others. All appointments will be 10 minutes long. Nursery appointments can be made separately with Mrs Middleham.  |
| **Stay and Play sessions**We have organised a number of Stay and Play sessions for our parents of children within Reception and Nursery. Our next set of dates will be on the following dates:Reception - Thursday 23rd November 9.15-10.15am Nursery - Tuesday 21st November 9.00 - 10.00am  |
| **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 – Freya Shaw (Hard-working)RS – Star Balmer (Committed and Hard-working)RL – Zadie Hodgson (Confidence)1S – Nancy Walsh (Positive Attitude)1L – Harlen Farrell (Polite)2S – Connie Richards (Polite)2L – Harley Farrell (Committed and Hard-working)3S – Scarlett Bromilow (Hard-working)3L – Isla Rossiter (Positive Attitude)4S – George Chrystal (Positive Attitude)4L – Hallie Devine (Positive Attitude)5S – Mason Ward (Respectful and Hard-working)5L – Lennon Carey (Resilience)6S – Billy Hughes (Resilient)6L – Caleb Burke (Hard-working) |  **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 |
| **World Space Week Winners**Well done to the following children who were our World Space Week winners before half term. Their work will now move around each school in the collaborative showcasing their work. Jacob LanniganJasper McNabbIndie and Tilly Regan NicholsonEthan Mawdsley Harry McGrathLottie Lou CruickshanksSkye Balmer | **Reception Applications**Any parents who want their child to be considered for a place in our Reception in September 2024 need to make their ONLINE applications by 15th January 2024. Information is on our school website and will be sent out via a separate email to all parents. Please pass this information on if you know of anyone with a child of reception school age. If you are applying for any catholic school you will need to complete an extra form called Supplementary Information Form (SIF). **This needs to be returned to the school you are applying for.**If you need any further information please come into the school office.  |
| **Value of the Month**During the month of November, we will be exploring the values of LOVE. The children will look at how we can show love in varied ways for special people in our lives.  |
| **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. **Christmas Friday events**As part of our preparations for Christmas we will be holding a couple of Christmas Friday events in the month of November. On Friday 24th November, in support of the Christmas Crusade around Kirkby, we will be collecting selection boxes. Children can wear their own clothes on both of these days. On Friday 1st December we will be collecting bottles for our drinks hampers which will be featured in our Christmas raffles. Your support with both of the above would be appreciated.  | **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. |
| **Anti Bullying Week**As part of our Anti Bullying Week, we ask our children to wear Odd Socks on Monday 20th November for the day, along with their uniform. The theme this year is Make a Noise. |
| **Year 2 and 3 Cinema Trip**We have arranged a trip to St Helens cinema for our Year 2 and 3 children as part of the IntoFlm festival. This will take place on Wednesday 22nd November. Children can be provided with a still drink and a snack. Please do not send in any fizzy drinks. Cost of this will be £5 to cover the cost of the coach.  | **Class 6L Swimming**Class 6L begin their swimming lessons on Monday 20th November. Children will need the appropriate costume, trunks etc and a towel. Please ensure that your child brings a coat to school to keep them warm walking to the leisure centre.  |
| **Class 3S Family Learning**Our Family Learning teacher will be completing a Workshop session for parents who have registered in Class 3S on Thursday 23rd November at 2.15pm. We hope you find it useful and enjoy the activities with your child.  |
| **Christmas Events**We know Christmas is a special time for everyone. The last few years have taught us that this is a time when we need to celebrate together. Attached below is our planned Christmas Activities for this year. **Monday 27th November** - **Advent Attendance starts****Thursday 7th December – EYFS Nursery Christmas Performance AM (10.30am) and PM (2.15pm)****Friday 8th December – Christmas Jumper Day** * **Heaven Sent visit for two classes**

**Tuesday 12th December – Christmas Bingo 5pm****Tuesday 12th December – KS1 Christmas performances (9.30am and 2pm) *Entrance through ticket only*****Wednesday 13th December – KS1 Christmas Dinner****Thursday 14th December - KS2 Christmas performances (9.30am and 2pm) *Entrance through ticket only*****Friday 15h December – KS2 Christmas Dinner, 2.15pm Reception/Year One Christmas Arts and Craft****Monday 18th December - Christmas Mass (9.30) Christmas Film Afternoon,2.15pm Year 2/3 Christmas Arts and Craft** **Tuesday 19th December – Christmas Party Day (Own Clothes)****Wednesday 20th December - Non Uniform Day (£1). Finish at 2.00pm**  |
| C:\Users\carrollsj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\R1W79MWH\Award_star_(gold)[1].png**Stars of the Week**Nursery - Max Taylor RS – Bobby Baines RL – Honey Carter-Smith C:\Users\carrollsj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\R1W79MWH\Award_star_(gold)[1].png 1S – Cleo Christie Scotland 1L – Rosie McSween 2S – Ivy Spencer 2L – Kara Cassidy  3S – Gloria Laczik 3L – Lois Martin  4S – Izzabella Nickson 4L – Archie Jones  5S – Lilly Dean 5L – Ammaya Brooks  6S – Lola McVeigh 6L – Rosie Pinnington Sharkey   |
| 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 Louise Phillips Maths: Elia Caulfield RL - English: Lucas Doran Maths: Noah Caulfield 1S – English: Jax Gordon Maths: Jaxx James Siner  1L: English: Lacey Mae Croxford Maths:Noah Jones 2S – English: Teddy Johnston Maths: Joel Jevons 3S: English: Nancy Lovett Maths: Freddie Reid Watkinson  3L – English: Amiyah Okorode Maths: Rylee Matthews 4S – English: Theo Lyons Maths: Nancy Jones  4L – English: Kaisha Reynolds Maths: Halle Carter Smith 5S – English: Charlie Taylor Maths: Daniel O’Rourke 5L – English: Joseph Rutherford Maths: Ryan Langstaff 6S – English: Amelie Catterall Maths: Hannah Hegarty6L – English: Alby Jevons Maths: Brian Gdula   |

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| **Dates for your diary****Monday 20th November** - Anti Bullying Week - Odd Socks Day, Class 6L begin swimming, Class 6S at Kirkby Gallery **Tuesday 21st November** - 9.15am RSHE Parents Meeting, 9.00am Nursery Stay and Play session, Class 5S at Kirkby Gallery, Autumn Parents’ Evening **Wednesday 22nd November** - Year 2 and 3 Cinema visit**Thursday 23rd November** - Diwali Dance sessions, 9.15am Reception Stay and Play session, 2.15pm Class 3S Family Learning workshop **Friday 24th November** - Feel Good Friday **Monday 27th November** - Advent Attendance starts**Tuesday 30th November** - Class 3L Family Learning workshop **Friday 1st December** - CELLS working with Year 6, Feel Good Friday  |
| **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** |
| **Years 5/6**11.30am Indoor Athletics (Miss Carroll)**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) | **Year 3** 11.30am Indoor Athletics (Miss Carroll)**Year 4/5/6**Dance(Miss Owens) | **Years 4/5/6**3.15pm Science Club (Mr Biggs) | **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 Indoor Athletics (Miss Carroll) |