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| **St Laurence’s Catholic Primary School**  **Newsletter**  Friday 27th November 2023 |
| ***‘****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) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **It’s good to be green!**  **Our target for this academic year is 96.5%.**  **Our attendance for this week was 95.2% 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%   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **RS:%**  **98.5%**  **GREEN** | **1S%**  **88.5%**  **RED** | **2S:%**  **97.2%**  **GREEN** | **3S:%**  **87.7%**  **RED** | **4S:%**  **88.7%**  **RED** | **5S:%**  **93.6%**  **RED** | **6S:%**  **99.2%**  **GREEN** | **Whole School** | | **RL:%**  **99.1%**  **GREEN** | **1L:%**  **95.9%**  **AMBER** | **2L:%**  **95.2%**  **AMBER** | **3L:%**  **99.3%**  **GREEN** | **4L:%**  **96.8%**  **AMBER** | **5L:%**  **94.8%**  **RED** | **6L:%**  **96.8%**  **AMBER** | **95.2%**  **AMBER** | | | | **Advent Attendance**  Each year at St Laurence’s we have our festive attendance initiative ‘Advent Attendance’. This is to encourage all pupils, with parental support, to continue attending school right through the festive period, until we finish on Wednesday 20th December. Our Christmas attendance competition will start on Monday 27th November. The challenge is to attend **EVERY** school day from Monday 27th November until we finish on 20th December. All children who attend every day during this period will enter a prize draw in their class on the last day of term to win a festive prize. In addition, **ALL** children who achieve 100% attendance during this period will win a small prize.  We are continually promoting good attendance with our pupils, so please make every effort to support your child to attend and achieve this Advent. | | | **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 2024  Year 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.** | | **Mrs Farrell**  It is with sadness that I write to inform you all that after 21 years Mrs Farrell is leaving us and moving on to pastures new. We wish her lots of luck and the very best in her new role as Deputy Headteacher in a school in Halton. We will miss her greatly. | | | **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. | **Fr Nick**  I am sure you will all have heard the sad news that Fr Nick our former parish priest and Chair of Governors has sadly passed away last week.  His funeral will be held in St Joseph and St Laurence’s Church on Friday at 11am.  Please keep him and his family in your prayers. | | **Smoking**  Please can I remind all parents and any visitors that smoking on or around our school grounds is not allowed. We politely ask that you refrain from doing this until you are away from our grounds, so children and staff are not inhaling smoke.  Your support for this would be 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. | | **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 Lamp  Week commencing Monday 20th November – Magic Balloon  Week 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.** | **Photo Deadline**  If you would like to order your child’s photograph that was taken the deadline for ordering is Friday 1st December. | | **Christmas Novelties for sale**  We will be selling the following Christmas Novelties from next week to raise funds for our school.  Reindeer Dust - £1.00  Hot Choc and Ginger Breadman - £2.00  Chocolate Sleigh - £1.50 | | | **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 – Alfie Marshall (Confident)  RS – Amelia Challinor (Committed and Hard-working)  RL – Aida Rawlinson (Committed and Hard-working)  1S – Stella Kitamura (Positive Attitude)  1L – Annie McNamara (Respectful and Polite)  2S – Oliver Sproule (Committed and Hard-working)  2L – Ella Richardson (Positive Attitude)  3S – Isaac Lally (Positive Attitude)  3L – Nancy Towey (Polite)  4S – Harper Farish (Hardwork and Determination)  4L – Charlie McSween (Committed and Hard-working)  5S – Sonnie Clarke (Confidence)  5L – Eddie Wilson (Hardworking)  6S – Michael Corkhill (Polite and Respectful)  6L – Beatriz Campione (Committed and Hard-working, 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 | | **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. | **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.  Link below:  <https://www.knowsley.gov.uk/residents/education-and-schools/apply-for-a-school-place/annual-school-admission-procedures> | | **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 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 £6.50  Children 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. | | **Sports News**  Good Luck to our Indoor Athletics team who will be competing in an event on Monday 4th December at Kirkby High School. | | | **Choir Singing**  Our school choir will be singing at the library on Monday 4th December during the afternoon.  Mrs Faulkner will send out any information about this. | **CELLS – Year 6**  Our Year 6 children will be working alongside CELLS on Friday 1st December. This is an organisation who work with all schools in Kirkby. The children will be given information about the dangers of being in gangs and how they should behave outside of school in the community. | | **Nursery Intake Meeting (New children starting in January)**  Mrs Middleham will be completing a Nursery Intake meeting for any new children and parents starting with us in January. This will be on Monday 4th December at 3.30pm. | | | **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 – Alfie Carroll  RS – Maggie Jones RL – Skylah Smylie  C:\Users\carrollsj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\R1W79MWH\Award_star_(gold)[1].png 1S – Esme Hedges 1L – Alfie Stott Jennings  2S – Jack Tracey 2L – Aubyn Cassidy  3S – Thomas Reid 3L – Freya Appleton  4S – Valentina Reid 4L – Archie Jones  5S – Mia Rose Rossiter 5L – Madison Farrell  6S – Adam Burgess 6L – Carter Bibby | | | 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: Max Lawler Maths: Savannah Bromilow  RL - English: Ethan Mawdsley Maths: Abigail Riley  1S – English: Nancy Walsh Maths: Logan Sutherland  1L: English: Hollie Lindon Maths: Gabriel Dawkins  2S – English: Joseph Doyle Maths: Joel Jevons  3S: English: Flynn Anderson Maths: Buddy Cooney  3S – English: James Dunne Maths: Marcus Greaves  3L – English: Luka Banawich Maths: Monica Dempsey  4S – English: Mason Wainwright Maths: Sonnie Tierney  4L – English: Frankie Flaherty Maths: Kaisha Reynolds  5S – English: Jayden Tunstall Maths: Charlie Colleran  5L – English: Kai Instone Maths: Lili-May Lamont  C:\Users\carrollsj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\R1W79MWH\Award_star_(gold)[1].png6S – English: Jenson Taylor Maths: Jaiden Barker  6L – English: Oliver Bowers Jones Maths: Ava Barton | | |
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| **Dates for your diary**  **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  **Monday 4th December** – Indoor Athletics event at Kirkby High  **Tuesday 5th December** – 4pm Communion Meeting in church for Year 4 families  **Wednesday 6th December** – Mini Vinnies going to Cathedral for service  **Thursday 7th December** – Nursery Christmas Play 10.30am and 2.15pm  **Friday 8th December** – Christmas Jumper Day, Class 3S and 6S visiting Heaven Sent |
| **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](http://www.google.com/url?sa=i%26rct=j%26q=%26esrc=s%26source=images%26cd=%26cad=rja%26uact=8%26ved=0CAcQjRxqFQoTCPCEyuel7ccCFQtpFAodFJYKxg%26url=http://www.fernridge.k12.or.us/apebworth/%26psig=AFQjCNEzgrWTbxqSHPJogTs8ZwcdZZ_yag%26ust=1442002943000951)**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) | **Years 4/5/6**  3.15pm Science Club  (Mr Biggs) | **Year 5/6**  3.15pm Football Club  (Mr Grant)  **KS2**  3.15pm Minnie Vinnies  (Miss  Brannegan)  **Year 4**  3.15pm Football  (Mr Folksman) | **Years 5/6**  11.30am Indoor Athletics  (Miss Carroll) |