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| **St Laurence’s Catholic Primary School****Newsletter**Friday 15th December 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 92.8% which has gone down, since last week. 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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| **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 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.** |
| **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. |  **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. |
|  **Christmas Novelties for sale**We will be selling the following Christmas Novelties from next week to raise funds for our school. Reindeer Dust - £1.00Hot Choc and Ginger Breadman - £2.00Chocolate Sleigh - £1.50 |
| **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 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.** |  **Value of the Month**During the month of December, we will be exploring the values of HOPE. The children will discuss how we wait in hope for Jesus’ coming.  |
| **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> |
| **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 – Alfie Marshall (Committed and Hrdworking)RS – Noah Prince George (Committed and Hardworking)RL – Renesmee Slade 1L – Rosie McSween (Hardworking)2L – Alex Tidmarsh (Positive Attitude)3S – Harry Barnbrock (Committed and Hardworking)3L – Ronnie Baines (Positive Attitude)4S – Valentina Reid (Honest and Truthful)4L – Maggie Craig (Respectful)5S – Callum Miller (Confident and Positive Attitude)5L – Eva McIver (Positive Attitude)6S – Jake Molyneux (Confident) 6L – Crystal Harrickie (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 |
|  **End of term**School will finish for our Christmas holiday on Wednesday 20th December at 2pm. There will be NO AFTERSCHOOL CLUB on this day. This will also be a non-uniform day. Cost is £1.00. |
| **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 Mass**We hope you will be able to join us on Monday 18th December at 9.30am for our annual Christmas Mass. We look forward to celebrating with you all.Children need to wear uniform on this day.  |
|  **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. |
| **Christmas Raffle**Tickets can still be bought for our Christmas Raffle. They are 50p each or £2.50 a strip. All money raised will go towards resources for the children. This will be drawn on Tuesday. Below is a list of our prizes for this year:1st Prize - IPAD2nd Prize - £100 cash3rd Prize - Drinks Hamper4th Prize - Food Hamper5th Prize - Wine Hamper6th Prize - £50 voucher for Liver Print7th Prize - Aintree Tickets (Meeting next October)8th Prize - Girls Set9th Prize - Boys Set 10th Prize - Chocolate Stack11th Prize - Ladies Pamper Set12th Prize - Men's Gift Set |  **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 18th December - Christmas Mass (9.30am) 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 – Emily Duncan RS – Lydia Richards RL – Leo Brady C:\Users\carrollsj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\R1W79MWH\Award_star_(gold)[1].png 1L – Dax Faulkner  2L – Isaac Reynolds  3S – Destiny Princess Barker 3L – Luna Lindon  4S – Evie Croft Delaney 4L – Lorenzo Cortez  5S – Lewis Thompson 5L – Sophia Mawdsley  6S – Evie Price 6L – Caleb Burke  |
| 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: Leo Crelin Maths: George Reid Watkinson RL - English: Noah Caulfield Maths: Fredi Brown  1L: English: Rosa May Flaherty Maths: Jacob Ventre 2L – English: Aubyn Cassidy Maths: Nelly O’Brien3S – English: Gloria Laczik Maths: James Dunne  3L – English: Lottie Lou Cruickshanks Maths: Carter Roe 4S – English: Louie Soon Maths: Alyssa Mawdsley  4L – English: John Paul Hamid Halewood Maths: Ellie Atkinson 5S – English: Jessie Pinnington Sharkey Maths: Lotti O’Keefe 5L – English: Bobby Green Maths: Ned Lunt C:\Users\carrollsj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\R1W79MWH\Award_star_(gold)[1].png6S – English: Amelie Catterall Maths: George O’Sullivan 6L – English: Ava Barton Maths: Annie Nicholls  |

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| **Dates for your diary****Monday 18th December** – 9.30am Christmas Mass, 2.15pm Year Two and Year Three Christmas Craft**Tuesday 19th December** – Christmas Party Day (own clothes), Year 5 selected children visit to John Moores  University **Wednesday 20th December** – Non Uniform Day (£1.00), School Closes at 2pm for end of term Christmas holiday**Thursday 4th January 2024** – School reopens after Christmas 8.40am |
| **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)**

**No Clubs now until after the Christmas holiday**