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| **St Laurence’s Catholic Primary School****Newsletter**Friday 23rd February 2024 |
| ***‘****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 better than last week, but is still lower than we would like. 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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| **Whole school Attendance letters**This week we have sent a letter home with all pupils. This is to outline their current attendance and how it compares to our school target and other attendance categories. As a school we continue to aim to raise the attendance of all pupils in school to allow them to maximise their potential in all areas of the curriculum.We ask all parents to support us in doing this by ensuring their child arrives on time for school every day. The school gates open at 8.40am and all children should be in school before 8.55am. If you have any questions regarding attendance or punctuality, please feel free to speak to Mr Cushion. |
| **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 February, we will be exploring the value of TOLERANCE. We will be encouraging the children to think of how they can be more tolerant of others and themselves.  |
| **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. |
| **Sports News**Good Luck to the children taking part in the Futsal competition on Monday after school at Kirkby High. Good luck also to our footballers who play in the next round of the Kirkby league on Thursday at All Saints after school.  |
| **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.  |
| **World Book Day**We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. Children can come into school dressed in the costume of their favourite book character on the day. Prizes will be given for the best dressed. **Please do not send children in with scary Halloween costumes as these are not representative of World Book Day.** If not dressing as a character children should come in their uniform. |
|  **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.  | **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.** |
| **Year 6 Booster Classes**Our Year 6 children will continue their Booster Classes on Monday/Thursday night next week. These sessions are for all children to attend. Staff will be giving up their time to work with small groups of children on their Maths work to begin with. Please ensure that your child attends these sessions each week on their given 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. | **Parents Maths Course**We are working alongside Myerscough College to deliver a Maths Course for our parents. This is for anyone who doesn’t have a qualification in maths or wants to help their child more with their maths homework.To join email Yolanda Glascott on yglascott@myerscough.ac.uk.You will gain an award in Maths Skills for this course from City and Guilds. |
| **Class Photographs**Our annual Class Photographs will be taken on Tuesday 24th February. Can all parents please ensure that their child comes into school in their FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM – not their PE kit on this day. PE kits should be sent in separately in a bag. Your support for this would be greatly appreciated.  |
| **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 – Louie Nolan (Hardworking)RS – Carter Thompson (Committed and Hardworking)RL – Amelia Richardson (Committed and Hardworking)1S – Stella Kitamura (Positive Attitude)1L – Gabriel Dawkins (Hardworking) 2S – Esme Williams (Polite)2L – Nelly O’Brien (Committed and Hardworking)3S – Sophia Woods (Committed and Hardworking)3L – Luka Banawich (Positive Attitude)4S – Nancy Jones 4L – Darcy McCarthy (Resilience)5S – Jacob Lannigan 5L – Mason Melia 6S – Raegan Whiteside (Aspirational and Ambitious) 6L – Alby Jevons (Hardworking) |  **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 |
|  **Family Fitness**Mr Cushion will be continuing our Family Fitness sessions on Monday nights with parents and children from Years 3 and 4. If you would like to attend, please come and let the office know. |
| **Comic Relief Day**School will be raising money for Comic Relief on Friday 15th March. Children can come into school in something RED if they want to along with a donation for the charity. This year we will NOT be purchasing the red noses as they have become too expensive for school to get. We also end up with lots left, which means the school is at a loss. Children are welcome to purchase their own to bring into school.  |
| **Year 4 Liturgy** Our Year 4 children will be leading their year group Prayer and Liturgy session on Thursday 29th February at 9.30am. All parents are welcome to attend and join in.  | **Year One and Two English Course** We still have places left on our Year 1 and 2 English course with Mrs Annmaria Miller. Please contact the school if you would like more information.  |
| **School Nurse drop in session**We have arranged for our School Nurse to come into school on Wednesday 28th February at 2.30pm to support any families that need it. This is a drop in session – so please feel free to attend.  |
| **Class 5S Swimming**Swimming for Class 5S will begin on Monday 4th March. Please ensure your child has the correct kit for their lesson.  | **Spring Parents’ Evening**Our Spring Parents Evening will take place on Thursday 14th March. Please book your appointment on line through our School Spider app. If you have any problems please contact 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 – Max Taylor RS – Lewis Rossiter RL – Ethan Mawdsley C:\Users\carrollsj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\R1W79MWH\Award_star_(gold)[1].png 1S – Scarlett Ainsworth 1L – Luca McVeigh  2S – Amaya Reynolds 2L – Freddie Watkinson  3S – James Dunne 3L – Skye Balmer  4S – Heidi Devine 4L – Elijah Greenhalgh  5S – Fletcher Malam 5L – Florrie Callan Still  6S – Evie Price 6L – Rosie Pinnington Sharkey  KS1 Overall Winner for Star of the Week – Luca McVeigh KS2 Overall Winner for Star of the Week – James Dunne 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: Harley Gibney Maths: Bobby Baines RL - English: Honey Carter Smith Maths: Carter Goodwin  1S: English: Caleb Townsend Maths: Jax Gordon  1L: English: Nancy Williams Maths: Savannah Farrell  2S: English: Billy Chrystal Maths: Connie Richards 2L – English: Sienna Downey Maths: Mia Maria Goodwin 3S – English: Harry McGrath Maths: Scarlett Bromilow  3L – English: Marcie Horrocks Maths: John Drury 4S – English: Daisy Evans Maths: Jenson Devine  4L – English: Maggie Craig Maths: Hallie Devine 5S – English: Charlie Colleran Maths: Lewis Thompson5L – English: Lennon Carey Maths: Ned Lunt C:\Users\carrollsj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\R1W79MWH\Award_star_(gold)[1].png6S – English: George O’Sullivan Maths: Hannah Hegarty 6L – English: Oliver Bowers Jones Maths: Logan Martin  |

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| **Dates for your diary****Monday 26th February** – 3.30pm Year 5 Futsal competition at KHS**Tuesday 27th February** – Class Photographs **Wednesday 28th February** - 2.30pm School Nurse drop in session **Thursday 29th February** – 9.30am Year 4 Liturgy, 1.45pm Year 1 and 2 English parent workshop**Monday 4th March** – Class 5S begin swimming lessons **Tuesday 5th March** - 4pm Year 4 Communion meeting in church **Thursday 7th March** - World Book Day, 9.30am Reception Liturgy, 1.30pm Class 3S at gallery**Thursday 14th March -** 9.30am Nursery Liturgy, Spring Parents Evening **Friday 15th March** - Comic Relief Day (Wear RED)**Monday 18th March -** Class 5L Swimming begins**Monday 25th March -** 5pm Easter Bingo**Tuesday 26th March -** School Closes for Easter at 2pm, Non Uniform Day £1.00 |
| **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 (Spring Term)**

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| **Monday**  | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** |
| **Year 6**3.30pm Booster classes**Year 2** 3.30pm Football(Mr Gibson)**Year 3 and 4**3.30pm Family Fitness  | **Year 3**3.30pm EITC Basketball**KS2**3.30pm Choir  |  | **Year 6**3.30pm Booster classes**Year 5/6**3.15pm Football Club(Mr Grant) |  |