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| **St Laurence’s Catholic Primary School****Newsletter**Friday 22nd March 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 94.7% 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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| **Easter half term**We close for Easter half term on Tuesday 26th March at 2pm. There will be no After School club on this day. It will also be a non uniform day – cost £1.00. School will re-open on Monday 8th April at 8.40am. |
| **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.** |
| **Easter Bingo**Our Easter Bingo will be held on Monday night after school from 5pm. Tickets are 50p each and can be bought from the school office. We hope to see lots of you there.  |
| **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. |
|  **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. |
| **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.  |
|  **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 |
| **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 datewith 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 | **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.** |
|  **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. |
| **Easter Competition**We would love our children to create something linked to Easter for our end of term Easter competiton. This can be an Easter Bonnet, an Easter garden, an Easter egg – ANYTHING creative linked to Easter. These need to be sent into school by Friday 22nd March. All entries will receive a prize. Entries will be accepted on Monday, which will be judging day.  |
| **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 – Millie Slade (Hardworking)RS – Frankie Stevenson (Confident and Resilient)RL – Jack Martindale 1S – Stella Kitamura (Honest and Truthful)1L – Charlie Burgess (Respectful) 2S – Teddy Johnston 2L – Hunter Arnold 3S – Blake Murphy (Polite, Committed and Hardworking)3L – Nancy Towey (Polite)4S – James Murray 4L – Lottie McVeigh (Resilient)5S – Sonny McCarthy (Respectful and Polite)5L – Bobby Green (Politeness) 6S – Amelie Catterall (Polite and Respectful) 6L – Keira Chean (Politeness and 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 |
|  **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. |
| **Value of the Month**During the month of March, we will be exploring the value of TRUTH AND JUSTICE. We will be encouraging the children to look at why telling the truth is important and also how we need to own up for things we have done wrong.  |
| C:\Users\carrollsj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\R1W79MWH\Award_star_(gold)[1].png**Stars of the Week**Nursery – George Seasman RS – Luna McVeigh RL – Emilia Richardson C:\Users\carrollsj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\R1W79MWH\Award_star_(gold)[1].png 1S – Charlotte Lally 1L – Lacey Mae Croxford  2S – Phoebe Richards 2L – Toyin Omotosho  3S – Grace Postlethwaite 3L – Hayzel Townsend  4S – Darcey Kelly 4L – Charlie Payne 5S – Shay Jenkins 5L – Franky Walker  6S – Jake Molyneux 6L – Jessica Daly KS1 Overall Winner for Star of the Week – Emilia Richardson KS2 Overall Winner for Star for the Week – Jake Molyneux 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: Nuala Jones Maths: Penelope MooneyRL - English: Iris McGorian Maths: Arlo Cassidy  1S: English: Harper Hughes Maths: Logan Sutherland  1L: English: Jaxon Dumbell Maths: Rosie McSween  2S: English: Kadi Gibbons Maths: Billy Chrystal 2L – English: Nina Campione Maths: Isaac Reynolds 3S – English: Rylee Matthews Maths: Gloria Laczik 3L – English: Monica Dempsey Maths: Leo Nolan 4S – English: George Chrystal Maths: Mason Wainwright  4L – English: Darcy McCarthy Maths: Freddie Stevenson 5S – English: Jessie Pinnington Sharkey Maths: Steven Hogg 5L – English: Harry Williamson Maths: Brian Gdula C:\Users\carrollsj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\R1W79MWH\Award_star_(gold)[1].png6S – English: Jake Tunstall Maths: Billy Hughes 6L – English: Rosie Pinnington Sharkey Maths: Beatriz Campione  |

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| **Dates for your diary****Monday 25th March -** 5pm Easter Bingo**Tuesday 26th March -** School Closes for Easter at 2pm, Non Uniform Day £1.00**Monday 8th April -** School re-opens at 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** **and all the staff of St Laurence’s School** |
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**After-School Clubs 2023-2024 (Spring Term)**

Please check with staff if clubs are on for the next few days, as it is the end of term.