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February Newsletter 2017

"In Winter's cold and sparkling snow
The garden in my mind does grow
I look outside to blinding white
And see my tulips blooming bright
And over there a sweet carnation
Softly scents my imagination"

27th February, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,
I hope all is well as we head into Spring with longer days and brighter evenings. A few points of information are detailed below:

Book Fair:
Our Annual Book Fair will be held again in St. Louis Senior Primary School. It will run from Monday 6th March until Friday 10th March, 2017. A wide variety of literal genres will be available for our pupils to explore including authors like David Walliams, Tom Gates, Michael Morpugo and our own Roddy Doyle. There will be specific days set aside within Book Fair week where pupils can browse through the books. They can then buy the books on a separate day. Many thanks to our Acting Deputy Principal Ms. Barrett for all her hard work in organising this event. We look forward to it with great anticipation.

Registration of New Pupils:
Our Registration Day of St. Louis Infant School pupils was held on Thursday February 16th, 2017. An Information Meeting was held by the Principal, three weeks previously, on Wednesday 25th January, informing the new Parents about life in St. Louis Senior Primary School. Thank you to all those parents who have registered and enroled their son/daughter in our school. There are still a small number of Parents in the Infant School who have yet to contact us re: their intention to enrol their child or not. They should get in touch with our school as soon as possible as we now have a sizeable waiting list looking to join our school in September this year.

Peace Proms Concert:
Congratulations to our Senior Choir who performed at the Peace Proms Concert in the RDS on Sunday (February 5th). Our pupils sang beautifully and were an absolute credit to their families and our school. It was a wonderful evening in the RDS. Many thanks to Ms. Eaton, Ms. Feeney and Mr. Mooney for assisting so generously on the day itself.

Voluntary Contributions:
A Big Thank You to those of you who have contributed to the St. Louis SPS Voluntary Contribution Scheme. Please remember no amount is too small and all monies received will be receipted for accountability and transparency purposes. Thank you for your support. We really appreciate it. Every cent raised through the Voluntary Contribution goes towards improving Teaching, learning and education facilities in our school.

Internet Safety Talk:
This will take place in our school hall on Wednesday March 8th, 2017 at 7.30PM. The Internet is a great tool for learning about the World but it can also be devisive and harmful if used inappropriately, particularly with the advent of Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat etc. I would encourage Parents to come to this talk and gain a valuable insight in how to deal with this complex issue going forward.

Catholic Schools Week:
This was a great success again in St. Louis Senior Primary School, in particular Grandparents Day which was held on Friday January 20th 2017. Over 250 Grandparents visited our schools and had an opportunity to visit their Grandchild's Classroom. Tea/Coffee and pastries were served by our wonderful Parents Association and our Grandparents were entertained by our fabulous school choir. Well done all.
As part of Catholic Schools Week we held a Prayer Service for pupils on January 22nd, 2017. Thank you to Mr. Mooney for conducting this and also to Fr. Peter O'Connor who spoke to our pupils that day. As I have said many times in the past we welcome children of all faith to our school, including those of none. We cherish inclusion and mutual respect for everyone at all times.
The Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Confession) will take place on Tuesday March 14th, 2017 at 7.30PM. Thank you to Ms. Johnston, Ms. Clerkin, Ms. Walsh and Ms. O'Brien for all their work in preparing our pupils for this very special occasion.
Confirmation for our 6th Class Pupils will take place on Friday March 10th, 2017 at 11.00AM. Thank you to Ms. O'Shea and Mr. McGarrigle for all their work in preparing our pupils for the Sacrament of Confirmation. We look forward to that day with great expectation.

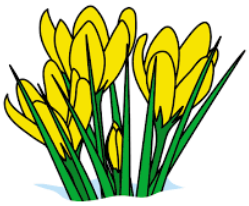
Website:
The feedback from Parents and the School Community re: our website has been hugely positive. Please remember that this website is for you and your son/daughter, so log on, and enjoy (www.stlouisschool.net). There is a "Google Translate" button on the bottom right hand corner of the homepage where the narrative and text of the website can be translated into over 90 languages to accommodate every International Parent in the school. So no excuses!

Extra Curricular Activities:
There is a wide array of extra curricular activities currently being offered in St. Louis Senior Primary School from Homework Club, Computer Club, Art Club and Yoga. Your son/daughter has a chance to enrich their education considerably by participating in these clubs. Our Sports Programme run by our fantastic volunteer Teachers has now kicked into gear as the weather improves and pitches become more playable. Please consult the homepage of our website and go to the scrolling bar on the top right hand side, where daily and weekly activities will be posted.

Collection of Children:
Parents, please note that on the rare occasion you collect your child early from school, it is important to sign your son/daughter out before they leave the building. Josie our school secretary will ring the class teacher and your son/daughter will then come to reception a few minutes later. Just remember to sign the book before your departure. Thank You.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:
Monday March 6th 2017: Book Fair begins in St. Louis Senior Primary School
Tuesday March 7th: "You Shall Be My Witness Programme". Final workshop for our Confirmation pupils @ 7.25PM
Wednesday 8th March 2017: "Internet Safety" Talk for Parents in the school hall at 7.30PM
Friday 10th March: Sacrament of Confirmation for 6th Class pupils in Rathmines Church at 11.00AM
Tuesday March 14th: Sacrament of Reconcilation (First Confession) for 2nd Class pupils making their First Communion – Rathmines Church @ 7.30PM
Friday March 17th: School Closed: St. Patrick's Day

That's all for now.

Best Wishes

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