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14th December 2016,

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope all is well as the countdown to the holiday season begins. I want to congratulate all our pupils for a wonderful terms work in which they have participated hugely in all school related activities. Thank you also to you the parents, for supporting them in all their efforts. Many thanks to all our diligent, hardworking Teachers and Ancillary Staff for all their work since September 1st this year.

Christmas Concerts 2016: The concerts for the Parents will take place tomorrow Thursday December 15th. The timetable for the day was already sent home. In case you have mislaid it, the order of the day is as follows



Christmas Concert Timetable

Tuesday 13th December

(rehearsal day pupils only)

Thursday 15th December

(Parents day)

Concert Times

9.20AM: Choir:
"Minka"



Concert Title

3 songs – "Torches", "Walking in the Air",

9.40AM: Rooms 3 & 10

Ms. Feeney/Ms. Casey

A Christmas Carol

10.10AM:

Room 2

Mr. Whelan

2016: A Tribute

Break

11.00AM: Room 6 – Mr. Roche

The Night before Christmas

11.10AM: Room 7 – Ms. Soper

Christmas Presents

11.40AM Room 9 – Ms. Geary

Children of the World

12.20PM

Room 4 – Ms. Stone

Room 14 – Ms. Doherty

Room 15 – Ms. Neill

St. Louis Got

Talent



I want to thank the Teachers for the huge effort they have put in, with the pupils in preparation for the concert. No stone has been left unturned to ensure the day will be successful. The rehearsal day (for all the pupils in the school) took place yesterday (Tuesday December 13th) and it was a great success. Looking forward to seeing you all at the concert tomorrow.

Ms. Lowery: One of our 2nd Class Teachers Ms. Lowery will be leaving our school this Christmas, having secured a teaching post near her home in Co. Galway. I want to thank Ms. Lowery for all her work in St. Louis Senior Primary School. She has been with us for 8 years and has done a great job. The staff and

pupils will miss her dearly and we wish her the very best of luck in her new Teaching post. Go n-éirí go geal leat, Ms. Lowery

Lighting of the Christmas Tree at Rathmines Plaza: This event was organised by Dublin City Council and Rathmines Information and Community Services Centre. It took place on Tuesday, November 29th. Many of our pupils attended and the St. Louis School Choir sang Christmas Carols. The Rathmines/Rathgar Musical Society entertained the crowd with some festive tunes. Christmas cheer abounded everywhere, especially when the tree was lit up.

Christmas Tree of Coins/Christmas Cards: Many thanks to the Parents Association for the recent Tree of Coins fundraising initiative, which took place on Thursday, December 8th. It was a long day for the hardworking committee, but a very successful one. The PA also organised the Christmas card project where pupils designed their own individual cards which were printed professionally and sold to you the parents. Both of these events have raised funds for the two schools. The exact amount collected will be in the next PA newsletter in early 2017. Many thanks again to our PA. We are very grateful to them for all they do.

St. Vincent de Paul: Once again our pupils have brought in a lot of non-perishable food items for the less fortunate children in our city. The amount of food items brought in was truly remarkable. Through their generosity, our pupils and their families have shown the true meaning and spirit of Christmas.

Thank you all.

Workshops and Presentations:

We had a number of workshops and presentations in our school during the month of November, specifically:

6th Classes – “Sticks & Stones” – Anti Bullying Workshop (as part of Friendship Fortnight). 6th class pupils had a Circle Time Presentation and learned about Anti Bullying strategies and how to deal with a bullying situation, if it arises.

These workshops are very expensive for the school but I feel they are worth it for our pupils. The funding for these workshops and many other school related activities comes out of the €90 fee that we asked you to pay to our school in September this year. Regrettably some families have still not paid this fee. I would ask that if this applies to you that you would make arrangements to do so after Christmas, so that we can continue to provide the best Education possible for your son/daughter.

School Orchestra: Our school orchestra under the baton of Marion & Isabel Ryan held their Annual Christmas Concert in Halla Cullen last Sunday December 11th. It was a wonderful occasion and a magical evening, with performances of so many Christmas Classics. Well done all.

School Calendar: **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS: SCHOOL WILL CLOSE ON THURSDAY 22ND DECEMBER AT 12.15PM**

PLEASE REMEMBER TO COLLECT YOUR CHILD AT THIS TIME AND ALSO TO REMIND CRECHES AND MINDERS OF THIS EARLY CLOSING. Thursday is a “**No Uniform Day**” pupils may wear their favourite costume in, but these clothes should be suitable and warm.

Term 2

Monday 9th January 2017 – School re-opens at 8.50AM

Mid-term Break – Monday 20th February – Friday 24th, School closed for 1 week (school re-opens Monday 27th February, 2017)

St. Patricks Day – School will be closed on Friday 17th March 2017

Dates for children receiving the sacraments:

Tuesday 7th March 2017 – **Sacrament of Reconciliation** – 7.00PM in Rathmines Church

Friday 10th March 2017 – **Confirmation Ceremony** – 11.00AM in Rathmines Church



Sunday 7th May 2017 – **First Communion** – 11.00AM in Rathmines Church

On behalf of the staff and the Board of Management I would like to thank you all for your support to St. Louis SPS. We will resume our work in the New Year and continue our efforts to ensure that all our pupils receive the best education possible as we face 2017 with a renewed sense of hope, purpose confidence and expectation.

Wishing you and your family all the joys of Christmas and a very Happy & Peaceful 2017

Looking forward to collaborating again in the New Year

Nollaig Shona agus athbhlian faoi mhaise

Yours sincerely

Pádraic Carney
Principal



A Family Prayer before the Crib

Loving God, as we stand before this crib
Help us to make a place for your Son
In our homes and hearts
Help us to welcome him, by being kind to
one another
And reaching out to those who need us
We thank you for the great gift of Jesus,
In whose name we pray. Amen