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Dear Parents, guardians and friends of St. Louis,

As we come to the end of our school year in St. Louis, we can reflect on a very busy year for the pupils and staff of the school. As you know, the last term has been particularly active with lots of events happening in the school.

On a personal note I would like to thank everyone for their warm welcome and support since I arrived on November 20th 2017. I hope you and your family have an enjoyable summer break and I look forward to seeing you all again on Thursday August 30th.

Sports Day/Active Week

Active week was held the week of June 11th. This was an exciting and busy time for us all here in St. Louis. As always, the emphasis was on fun and active participation. The children really enjoyed their activities and there are wonderful pictures on the school blog www.stlouissps.edublogs.org. Thank you to Ms. Neill and her class for organising this for us.

Primary School Sports Competitions

We would like to congratulate all our pupils who went to Morton stadium in Santry for the Dublin city sports day. Danga in sixth class came home with a bronze medal. We are very proud of you all for participating in this competition. Thank you to the teachers who prepared the children for these games: Mr. McGarrigle, Mr. Roche, Ms. Stone, Ms. Geary, Ms. Kilcommons and Ms. Daniels.

Parent's Association

Can I take this opportunity to thank the Parent's Association for their fantastic work throughout this year, they make a significant difference to the life of our school and they do so voluntarily. We are very grateful.

Annual Art Competition

Every pupil in the school was invited to enter the annual art competition. The class displays were on view in the school every day. Mick O'Dea, who is a well-known professional Irish Artist, will judge the paintings for us on the 26th of June. We are looking forward to the assembly to hear what Mr. O'Dea has to say about all the wonderful art work. Thank you to Ms. Barrett for organising this for us.

Heritage in Schools Project

Éanna Ní Lamhna of RTE "Mooney Goes Wild" fame brought our fifth classes on a tour of the Grand Canal. The fifth classes were amazed with the diversity of wildlife on view, and they produced wonderful projects on the canal.





First Holy Communion

Congratulations to all the boys and girls in Second class who made their First Holy Communion. It was a beautiful ceremony and we thank Fr. King who celebrated the mass for us. We are very thankful to the teachers, SNA'a, school choir, volunteers from Notre Dame University and the parents who all contributed to such a wonderful day.

Dreamspace

DreamSpace is in the new Microsoft HQ offices in Leopardstown. Through immersive teaching and learning experiences, DreamSpace at Microsoft Ireland will inspire students and teachers to see how technology can enhance education in exciting new ways, helping them to realise the full potential of what they can achieve. Some of the children from our 6th classes are invited to attend Dreamspace and they are really looking forward to their day there on the 22nd of June.

Junior Achievement

Ms. Feeney's fourth class took part in Junior Achievement which encourages entrepreneur skills in children. Her facilitator was from PWC and the class have been invited to their offices on June 19th. They are really looking forward to their trip.

Crumlin Hospital

We are having a no uniform day for Crumlin hospital on Friday 29th of June. Eve Malone was a patient there and to honour Eve we would like to raise money for the hospital. We would encourage all children to bring in €2.00 and all money raised will go to the hospital.

Cartoon Saloon

Cartoon Saloon who have been nominated for two Oscars were running a competition where a class would get free animation classes from their organisation. We were fortunate to win this prize. One of our fourth classes will have the pleasure of an afternoon of animation.

School Choir

There is a performance for parents/guardians on Tuesday 19th of June at 8.30am.

We are thankful to Ms. Eaton, Mr. Mooney, Ms. Casey and Ms. Feeney for their voluntary work with the choir. We are also grateful to David Munro for accompanying them every Tuesday and Thursday.



St. Louis Times

Some children approached me to produce their own newspaper. We always like to promote writing in our school and I was delighted to be able to facilitate the very first edition of the St. Louis Times. They are looking forward to writing more articles in the future.

End of Year Assembly

We will hold an end of year assembly for the children, on June 28th. This is always a fun event and a time for us all to remember our school year.

Science Foundation Ireland Discover Science and Maths award

We were delighted to receive this award again this year. We would like to thank Ms.Hartigan, the staff and the pupils for all the work they did to receive this award.



End of Year Mass

We would like to invite you to our end of year mass in Rathmines church at 1.00pm on Wednesday 20th of June. We will remember Mr. Carney and Eve Malone at this mass. We would like to thank everyone for their support, kind words and messages during this time to the school community.

The board have dedicated the new building in St Louis to Mr. Carney in recognition of all the great work he did as Principal of the school. The Board of Management commissioned a piece of art that hangs on the entrance to the new building to commemorate Mr. Carney's contribution to St Louis.



Sixth Class Graduation

Our sixth class graduation takes place on Wednesday 27th of June. We will be saying goodbye to some families who have had a long history with our school and we will be very sad to see them go. We are delighted that our past pupils know that there is always a welcome here in St. Louis for them.

Summer Learning

It is important that learning continues informally in July and August. Encourage your son/daughter to read and facilitate trips to the library on wet or dull days. Reading is a nice way to relax and keep the brain ticking over during the summer months. Continue to monitor your child's use of social media (Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat) over the holiday season.

School Holidays

Please keep the Holiday Schedule which is included in this newsletter for the school year 2018-19 in a safe place.

School reports

School reports will be posted at the end of June. Could you please ensure that you have submitted to the School with your child, a stamped addressed envelope so we can post out the report to your home address. Included in the report are the standardised test results in Maths, English Reading and spelling for your son/daughter, as well as tips on how you can support your child's learning going forward. It is important to discuss the report with your child, accentuate the positive, as well as focusing on areas that they can improve on for next year.

Summer Holidays

The summer holidays will commence on Friday June 29th at 12.15pm. On behalf of the staff I wish you, our pupils, parents and guardians a very happy, safe and relaxing summer. We look forward to seeing you all on Thursday 30st August 2018.

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D. Hanarahan



School Calendar 2018 - 2019

School re-opens on Thursday 30th August 2018

Halloween Mid-Term	Monday 29 th October 2018 – Friday 2 nd November 2018
Christmas Holidays	School will close on Friday 21 st December 2018 at 12.15pm and re-opens on Monday 7 th January 2019
February Mid-Term	Monday 18 th February 2019 – February 22 nd February 2019
St. Patricks Day	School closed on 18 th March 2019
Easter Holidays	School will close on Friday 12 th April 2019 at 12.15pm and re-open on Monday 29 th April 2019
May Bank Holiday	School closed on Monday 6 th May 2019
June Bank Holiday	Friday 31 st May & Monday 3 rd June

School will close at 12.15pm for Summer Holidays on Friday 28th June 2019

