



St. Louis Senior Primary School, William's Park, Rathmines, Dublin 6 Telephone 01 4976098

Dear Parents, Guardians and friends of St. Louis,

As mid-term break approaches we get a chance to draw our breath and reflect on how busy school life has been so far. You can catch a glimpse of the different activities that have taken place on our school blog: <https://stlouissps.edublogs.org/>. "Take on the Teachers Challenge", Friendship Fortnight, Science experiments, Maths week activities, visits to our local library in Rathmines and Art projects are just some of the activities that have taken place.

- **Maths Week:** Last week was maths week and the children were involved in a variety of maths activities. A maths week fair was held in the school hall. Thank you to Ms. Diffney, Ms. Geary Ms. Daniels, Ms. Munnis and Ms. Feeney who organised this for the children and also to Room 5 who assisted with the maths fair.
- **St. Louis Senior Choir:** Choir practice is continuing at 8.15am every Tuesday and Thursday morning. Thank you to Ms. Eaton, Ms. Feeney, Ms. Casey, Ms. Munnis, Sinead Leydon & Mr. Mooney for co-ordinating this and for the wonderful singing during our Friendship fortnight assembly with Mr. David Munroe as accompanist.
- **Friendship Fortnight:** For the last two weeks we have been celebrating friendships in our school. We as a school community, have discussed how we can continue to be a good friend in our school. We had a lovely assembly and there were prize winners from all classes. Thank you to Mr. Mooney and Ms. Clerkin for organising this for us.
- **Secondary Schools:** Parents, please remember to make arrangements for Secondary School places for your children as early as possible – even as early as the start of 4th class.
- **Gaelic Football:** Our thanks to Ms. Kilcommons, Mr. McGarrigle, & Ms. O' Shea for their fantastic voluntary efforts in coaching the Gaelic Football Programme. The boys and girls have really enjoyed the training sessions so far, and the games that they have participated in over the last few weeks. Once the field in the barracks is repaired we will recommence our GAA season again.
- **Staff Meetings:** Our Staff have met on **6 occasions** since late August. As per the terms of the Croke Park Agreement, all meetings were held outside of school hours to eliminate disruption to the daily timetable in St. Louis SPS. The focus of these hours has been on the Primary Curriculum, school policies and the implementation of the new Primary Language Curriculum.
- **Health and Safety:** Local Gardaí have been in contact with the school relating to safety issues on Leinster road and at the front of the school. Please ensure that you are parked safely before collecting your child and also remind him/her about how to cross the road safely.
- **Goal Jersey Day** was a great success. We raised €717, thank you to everyone for their generosity and to Mr. McGarrigle's 6th class for organising this for us.



PLEASE NOTE: FRIDAY 26TH OCTOBER WILL BE THE LAST CLASS OF YOGA FOR THIS YEAR. IT WILL RETURN IN JANUARY 2019



- **Parents' Association:** We would like to thank the P.A. for all their assistance in both the Infant and Senior School. The Halloween walk and Bake sale was a wonderful event. The children really enjoyed themselves. Míle buíochas to all involved.
- **Hope Appeal:** As we approach the Christmas period we here in St. Louis are thinking of others. Room 1 and Ms. Doherty are busy collecting boxes for children in need in other countries. We thank you all for your generosity.
- **Christmas Concerts:** This year our 3rd, 4th and 5th classes will perform a Christmas concert in the school hall for parents. The date for these concerts is Friday 14th December. We will have more specific details and times nearer the date.

- **Green School:** We here in St. Louis are proud of our three green flags. Keeping this in mind we have decided as a school that we will no longer publish hard copy newsletters. They will be available on our school website www.stlouisschool.net.

Hurling: Mr. Whelan has organised for a coach to come into the second classes on Thursday 25th October for hurling skills and drills. All second class children are to wear their school tracksuit on that day. The hurling club will have a match that afternoon at 1.45 pm. We are very grateful to Mr. Whelan for sharing his expertise and talents.

- **Communion Preparation:** DTIM Masses for 2018 will take place on the following dates: Sunday 25th November, Sunday 16th December at 11.00AM in Rathmines Church. First Penance: Tuesday 26th March, First Holy Communion: Sunday 12th May.
- **Confirmation:** Preparation for the Sacrament is ongoing in our school. There is a meeting for parents on November 20th in the school hall

DATES FOR YOU DIARY

- **NO UNIFORM DAY FRIDAY 26TH OCTOBER:** Children may dress up in their Halloween Costumes or a suitable outfit of choice.
- **SCHOOL CLOSURES ON FRIDAY 26TH OCTOBER AT 2.30PM. SCHOOL WILL RE-OPEN ON MONDAY 5TH NOVEMBER AT 8.50AM.**
- **PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS:** Meetings will take place on **Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd November**. You will receive appointment times to meet your child's teacher after the Mid- Term Break. The school **will close at 2.15pm on the 21st and 22nd November to facilitate the Parent Teacher Meetings.**
- **December 12th Parent's Association Fundraiser:** The Parents Association are organising a wonderful evening of music as a fundraiser for the school in December, more details to follow.

Oíche Shamhna Shona daoibh go léir,
Dolores Hanrahan

