



Dear Parents, Guardians and friends of St. Louis,

I hope you are all well after the mid-term break and that you are enjoying the brighter evenings this Spring. We have had so many lovely events in the school since January - Paired Reading, Grandparents' Day, Peace Proms to name but a few - and as you can see from this newsletter we have lots to look forward to this term.

September 2019

Our registration day for incoming second class children was held earlier this month. We look forward to welcoming the new children to our school community in September. School will reopen on Wednesday 28th August 2019.

As we begin planning for next September, we ask that you inform your child's class teacher or Josie, the school secretary, as soon as possible, if your child is **not** returning to St. Louis.

Child Protection

The Board of Management, staff and the chairpersons of the Parent's Association have reviewed the Child Safeguarding Statement. This policy is available for parents to view in Josie's office and is also available to view on the school's website www.stlouisschool.net.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Seachtain na Gaeilge gives us all an opportunity to celebrate our Irish culture, heritage and traditions. We will mark this occasion here in St. Louis with many school events. As part of Seachtain na Gaelige **Lá Glas (Green Day)** will take place on **Friday 15th of March**. Children are encouraged to wear green on that day as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a school assembly. There will be lots of "ceol agus craic" here in the school during Seachtain na Gaeilge. We have included some Irish phrases for you to use at home with your children.

Frásaí Gaeilge (Phonetic)

- **Dia duit** – Hello
Dee-ah gwit
- **Slán leat** - Goodbye
Slawn lath
- **Cad is ainm duit?** – What's your name?
Cod iss annim dith?
- _____ **is ainm dom.** – My name is _____
_____ *iss annim dum.*
- **Conas atá tú?** - How are you?
Cunn-us ah-taw too?
- **Tá fáilte romhat** – You're welcome.
Taw fall-che row-att.

Conas atá tú?
How are you?



Dia Duit
Hello





Sacraments

Children in Second Class who are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion in May, will be celebrating the Sacrament of First Penance on **Tuesday March 26th at 7.30pm** in Rathmines Church.

On **Friday 8th of March**, boys and girls in sixth class will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at 11.00am.

We as a school community, look forward to celebrating these special events in the lives of our children.

Sports Updates

Basketball is taking place on Tuesdays after school with students from Notre Dame University in America. We are very fortunate to have this link between our school and such a famous university.

Hurling training is continuing on Tuesdays and Thursdays in our new yard.

Our Active Committee have been very busy reminding us all of the importance of taking regular exercise. They also have been coordinating the collection of Aldi stickers to help us be in with a chance to win €50,000.

Over the next few weeks the children will be preparing to represent the school in Primary Schools Sports in Morton Stadium, Santry, in May/June. Trials will be held over the coming weeks. Teachers will have more details for the children nearer the time.

Science Blast

Ms. Diffney's 4th class will be attending the RDS Science Blast Exhibition on March 7th. They have entered this Science Fair with their experiment "The best homemade recipe for slime". They are really enjoying their experiments as they attempt to make the perfect slime!

Platform Concerts

The Platform Concerts will take place on April 10th and 11th. Auditions will take place over the coming weeks. This is a truly wonderful event and we as a school community are very much looking forward to seeing our young talent on stage. The concerts will coincide with Music Week during which our children will be exposed to several genres of music. We wish to thank especially Marion Ryan, Angela Dakin, Roísín Hearne, Isobel Ryan, Robert Ryan, Mr. Mooney, Ms. E Doherty and Ms. S Doherty for giving so generously of their time and expertise.

Voluntary Contributions

The Board of Management would like to thank all the parents who sent in their contributions. We are most grateful for your donations. All money collected will go towards enhancing the learning environment of our children. We would like to remind other parents/guardians that your donation is welcome at any time during the school year.

Parents' Association

Sincere thanks to the Parents' Association for all their wonderful work so far this school year. Their fundraising events are always exciting days which the whole school community enjoys. Their next fundraising event is an International Table Quiz which will be held in Rody Boland's on Thursday April 4th. We are all looking forward to a great evening.





Birthday Invitations

Please do not give your child birthday invitations to give to friends during the school day. This is causing some children to be distressed if they do not receive an invite.

Visitors to our school

It is important for the safety of all the children and staff in the school, that all parents and visitors to the school check into the office with Josie, our school secretary. If you need to speak to your child's teacher, Josie will arrange for the teacher to meet with you at a time that suits you both.

Please be on time for school

Children need to be in school at **8.50am** so they don't miss important parts of the day. Being on time also allows children time to settle into class and to organise their books and materials for the day ahead. In addition, core subjects such as English, Irish or Maths are often taught at this time of the day. Some children begin their day with extra Maths or English and this vital work should not be missed.

There will be no school on **Monday 18th of March.**

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Dolores Hanrahan