



St. Louis Infant School Newsletter



*Phone No: 047 82913
website: www.stlouisinfants.ie
email: office@stlouisinfants.ie*



Meán Fómhair 2016 Our Monthly Value is 'Welcome' Fáilte

Fáilte 2016-2017 School Year

A warm welcome back to all the boys and girls in Senior Infants and First class and an extra special welcome to all the new boys and girls in Junior Infants. It has been lovely to meet you and your beautiful children.

Our Monthly Value — 'Welcome'

We will begin our year by extending the value of WELCOME to new children and new families in our school.

New Infants

We hope you have a successful three years with us and we look forward to watching your child grow and develop socially, emotionally and educationally. We invite all the new families to become active members of our school.

Junior Infant Information Meeting

A meeting for parents of Junior Infants will take place later this term. A date will be circulated later this month.

The Staff

The staff of our school truly are a dedicated team. The competent and caring teachers, SNAs, secretary, caretaker, cleaning and support staff make this a wonderful school to work in and attend. We welcome Jacinta Boylan, Brian Greenan, Ciara Lynch and Laura McCague onto our staff. Mr. Greenan will work with all the Junior Infant classes. We look forward to a productive year and hope that you will help us develop and promote our school throughout the local Monaghan community.

Newsletters

A newsletter will be distributed each month. These newsletters will contain lots of information about school life. I encourage you to keep up to date with educational and school news, issued in each monthly newsletter. It is available electronically on our website. Additional copies are available from the parents information notice board located at the entrance door. The newsletters can be translated on our website.

Sick Notes

If your child is absent please send a note into the class teacher. In accordance with the TUSLA—(The Child and Family Agency) guidelines, children who are absent for more than 20 days per year must be reported to the Family School Liaison Officer, David McCague.

Book Rental Scheme

The book rental scheme continues to work in our school. You are asked to take good care of the children's reading books at home, ensuring that we can use them year after year. Each year, we buy some new updated publications and workbooks but we also reuse many editions. Please return any books you may find at home.

Book Bills

Please put book money in the sealed envelope with your child's name and class teacher's name on it.

Junior Infants – €65 Senior Infants- €65 First Class – €65

Homework

Homework is a very important part of school and a good link between learning in school and reinforcement at home. In accordance with our Homework Policy the following is an approximate guide to the time that the children should spend on homework each night. Junior Infants – 10 minutes, Senior Infants – 20 minutes and First class - 30 minutes. Please communicate with the class teachers if your child is experiencing difficulty.

Homework Club

The Homework Club continues throughout the school year from Monday to Thursday, 1.40 – 2.50pm. The cost is €12 per week. The club is run by staff of the school. Please remember to check and sign all homework at home. There are a few spaces available. Contact Fiona in Room 8.

Allianz Pupil Personal Insurance

We facilitate the running of the Allianz insurance scheme. This is a voluntary scheme costing €5 for insurance for school activities and €8 for school and home activities. Attached please find a flyer / application form from Allianz.

Morning Drop Off

The school opens at 8.30am, remain in the front entrance with your child until the hall doors are open at 8.45am. Children accompanied by parents can go into the classroom at 8.50am. All parents and children are asked to walk on the right hand side of the corridor. The Board of Management do not accept any responsibility for children arriving before 8.30am.

'Drop and Go ... Let Your Child Grow'

Morning Supervision

Morning supervision in the main hall begins at 8.30am. This is a free service run by teachers in the school. Parents are asked to bring their child into the hall. Children arriving by bus will be let in by the teacher on duty at 8.30am.

Collection of Children

Class teachers will bring the children to the front of the school. Each class has a designated area. Please stand near to that area so that your child can see you. The Board of Management remind you to drive carefully in the vicinity of the school.

PE Timetables are as follows:

<u>Junior Infants</u>	Ms Burns	Monday and Friday
	Mrs Lambe	Tuesday and Friday
	Ms Farrell	Monday and Friday
<u>Senior Infants</u>	Ms Walsh	Tuesday and Thursday
	Ms Lynch	Tuesday and Friday
	Ms Fitzpatrick	Monday and Friday
	Mrs McKenna	Tuesday and Thursday
<u>First Class</u>	Ms Boylan	Tuesday and Thursday
	Ms Corr	Monday and Friday
	Ms Peoples	Monday and Friday
	Ms McCague	Monday and Wednesday

School Milk

We have been notified by our milk supplier that the school milk scheme will not run this year. We have been in touch with the National Dairy Council and will let you know if this situation changes.

Snack – Sos

The children will have a small break each day. They are encouraged to eat a small piece of fruit, vegetable or small sandwich at this time.

Lunch - Lón

As a health promoting school, children are encouraged to bring healthy lunches to school. Children can bring fruit, yoghurts, bread, and any other nutritious foods. Research suggests we form our eating habits from an early age and it is recommended that we all reduce our daily content of sugar and salty foods.

Egg and Nut Allergies

We have a number of children with severe egg and nut allergies. St. Louis is an EGG AND NUT FREE ZONE!!

Blue Folders

Every child in the school received a '***Blue Folder***'. All Senior Infants and First Class children can reuse their folders from last year. Junior Infants received a clear blue folder with their name on it. Check these folders every evening for all notes, letters, newsletters, flyers and school information. You can also use this folder to send in notes and money. The children will become familiar with this effective method of communication.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

This year we will hold our Parent/Teacher meetings in November. A date will be circulated later this month.

Enrolment

Our enrolment for this school year is open until the end of the month.

School Maintenance

We thank the Board of Management, Kevin Clerkin and Clare Sherry for their hard work over the summer to ensure we returned to a sparkling clean school.

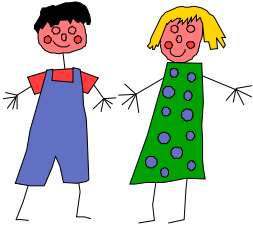
Summer Works

We were fortunate to receive 'Summer Works' Electrical Works Funding from the Department of Education and Skills. We are at the design stage of the project and we hope to begin work in June 2017.

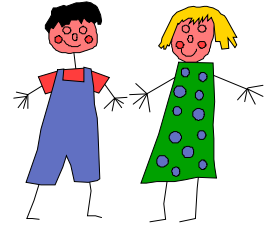
Monthly Maths Challenge.

This month's challenge is attached on a separate sheet. Enjoy!!

Welcome



*Hip, Hip, Hurray,
It's back to school,
Gather your pencils,
Your paper, your glue.
There's lots of fun learning
We're going to do.
I'll be there to greet you.
With a smile on my face.
We all know that school,
Is a wonderful place.*



Holiday Calendar 2016—2017

School will be closed on the following dates

October Midterm Break

Monday 31st Oct – Friday 4th Nov. (Re-opens Monday 7th Nov.)

Christmas 2016

Thursday 22nd December 2016 @ 12.00pm - Friday 6th January
(Re-opens on Monday 9th January 2017.)

February Midterm Break

Thursday 23rd February and Friday 24th February.
(Re-opens on Monday 27th February 2017.)



St. Patrick's Day
Friday 17th March

Easter 2017

Monday 10th April - Friday 21st April.
(Re-opens on Monday 24th April.)



May Day Holiday
Monday 1st May

Teacher Training / New Language Curriculum

Monday 22nd May

June Bank Holiday

Monday 5th June

Summer Holidays

Tuesday 27th June 2017 @ 12.00pm