

# *St. Louis Infant School*

## *Newsletter*

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*Meán Fómhair 2018*

*Our Monthly Value is*

**'Welcome'**

**Fáilte**

## *Fáilte 2018-2019 School Year*

A very 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. We especially welcome new families.

### *Our Monthly Value — 'Welcome'*

We begin our year by extending the value of **WELCOME** to all the children and new families in our school. Céad Míle Fáilte!

### *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.

### *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 Nadine Hughes and Lisa McGlennan onto our staff. 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. Newsletters 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. The newsletter is available on our website where it can be translated.

[www.stlouisinfants.ie](http://www.stlouisinfants.ie)

### *Book Bills      You can pay in the office*

Put book money in the sealed envelope with your child's name and class teacher's name on it. Thank you

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

### *Homework*

Homework is an educational 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 school staff. Remember to check and sign all homework at home. Contact Fiona Kelly in Room 3 our SNA to secure a place.

### *Morning Drop Off*

It is very important that the children feel happy and secure coming to school. Staff are available to help.

### *Morning Supervision*

Morning supervision in the main hall begins at 8.30am for children arriving by bus. This service is run by teachers in the school. Parents that need the service must bring their child into the hall. Do not drop your child off outside the school before 8.30am. Wait until the door opens at 8.30am.

***PE Timetables are as follows:***

<u>Junior Infants</u>	Mrs McAdam Rm 1	Tuesday & Thursday
	Mrs Lambe Rm 7	Tuesday and Friday
	Mrs McCarey Rm 4	Monday & Friday
	Ms Farrell Rm 8	Monday & Friday
<u>Senior Infants</u>	Mrs Carville Rm 3	Monday and Thursday
	Ms Lynch Rm 10	Monday and Thursday
	Mrs McKenna Rm 9	Tuesday and Thursday
	Ms Hughes Rm 13	Wednesday and Friday
<u>First Class</u>	Ms Boylan Rm 11	Tuesday and Wednesday
	Ms Corr Rm 12	Tuesday and Friday
	Ms McCague Rm 14	Tuesday and Thursday

PE Uniforms are worn on these days.

**PE Uniform**; Navy tracksuit bottoms, blue polo shirt, runners and a royal blue jumper available from The Fabric Centre, Park Street.

***Snack – Sos***

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

**Child Protection and Safeguarding**

**Morning Drop Off**

Thank you for your co-operation. The children are very proud of themselves coming in. We will support children that need extra care.

Lots of staff are available to help walk the children down to their rooms. These arrangements are needed so that we know the adults that are in the building at all times.

The safety of all the children is of paramount importance to us.

***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.

***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 receives 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 and empty 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***

If you wish to discuss any issue with your child's class or support teacher please do so by appointment. Put a note in your child's Blue Folder and remind your child to give it to their teacher and an appointment can be arranged. Parent Teacher meetings will take place in November.

***Enrolment***

Our enrolment 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.

***Fr. Stephen Duffy***

We thank Fr. Stephen for his Chaplaincy work in our school and wish him well in his new parish in Castleblayney. Slán leat agus go raibh míle maith agat.

***Monthly Maths Challenge.*** Challenges begin in October. Enjoy!

# Holiday Calendar 2018-2019

*School will be closed on the following dates*

## Welcome

*Welcome children, I'm glad you're here.*

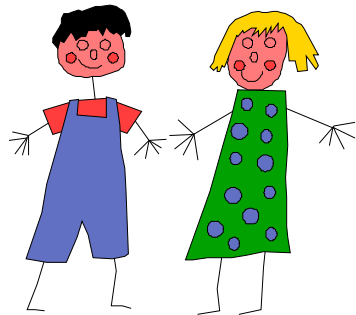
*We're all going to have a wonderful year!*

*We'll draw and we'll write,*

*We'll sing and we'll play,*

*We'll paint and we'll build,*

*And learn new things each day!*



**School will be closed on the following days:**

**Presidential Election 26th October**

**October Midterm Break**

Monday 29th Oct – Friday 2nd Nov. (re-opens Monday 5th Nov.)

**Christmas 2018**

Friday 21st December 2018 @ 12.00pm - Friday 4th January 2019

( re-open on Monday 7th January 2019)

**February Midterm Break**

Thursday 21st February and Friday 22nd February.

( re-open on Monday 25th February 2019.)

**St. Patrick's Day**

Monday 18th March

**Easter 2018**

Monday 15th April - Friday 26th April

( re-opens on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April.)

**May Day Holiday**

Monday 6th May

**June Bank Holiday**

Monday 3rd June

**Summer Holidays**

Wednesday 26th June 2018 @12.00pm