

School Newsletter



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Welcome back!

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Dia dhaoibh go léir. Fáilte romhaibh ar ais. Tá súil againn go mbainimid go léir an-taitneamh as an mbliain scoile nua seo.

Welcome back to school to all our pupils, parents and staff after the summer break. A very special welcome to our new Junior Infant and Early Start (pre-school) pupils and to a few other pupils who have joined classes up along the school. We hope you will enjoy your years at school in St. Louise's and that you get a chance to learn lots and develop all your talents.

We also welcome back the principal Kathryn Crowley, who had been working with the National Curriculum agency for the past two years. We thank Mairéad McKeon who was principal during that time and who has now returned to teach Early Start.

It was with great sadness we said goodbye to one of our teachers Laura Murphy and to our 2nd class girls and 1st class boys. We wish them well in their new schools.

Dates for your Diary



- September 7th: Visit by a film crew from 'Ceol' to Ms. Flynn's and Ms. Mc Glynn's classes to highlight the great work being done in the music curriculum
- September 13th: Junior Infant pupils attend for full day—home @ 1:50pm
- September 15th: Ms. Flynn's 2nd class begin swimming lessons

We will be selling school calendars next week, it will contain all the school closings for the year.

School Lunches



School lunches are free at least until December 2010, as the school has sufficient grant money to cover the costs until then. If you have not already given the order form back to your child's teacher, please do so immediately.

Meet our New Pupils

On the 1st of September the new Early Start pupils and Junior Infants began school for the first time. We hope they will be very happy in our school. We do have a limited number of places available in Junior Infants and in the afternoon Early Start if you know any one who requires a place.



Junior Infants: Room 10



Junior Infants: Room 11



Junior Infants:
Room 12

The First Day at School

A millionbillion miles from home
 Waiting for the bell to go. (To go where?)
 Why are they all so big, other children?
 So noisy? So much at home they
 must have been born in uniform.
 Lived all their lives in playgrounds.
 Spent the years inventing games
 that don't let me in. Games
 that are rough and swallow you up.



Early Start Morning Group

And the railings.
 All around, the railings.
 Are they to keep out wolves and mon-
 sters?
 Things that carry off and eat children?
 Things you don't take sweets from?
 Perhaps they're to stop us getting out.
 Running away from the lessins. Lessin.
 What does a lessin look like?
 They keep them in classrooms.
 Whole rooms made out of glass. Imagine.

Roger McGough



Early Start Afternoon Group

Head Lice

Please check your child's hair regularly for head lice and, if needed, treat your child. If all parents check regularly and treat an infestation immediately it will prevent the spreading of head lice within the classroom / school.

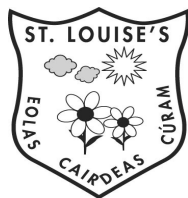
Pupils' Absences



Parents/ guardians are reminded that, under the provision of the Education Welfare Act (2000), principals of all schools are obliged by law to inform the authorities if any pupil is consistently absent from school for any reason. If children are to do well in school, it is vital that they attend every-day. If your child is absent for any reason, please **send in a written note** with them to explain the absence when they return. This will be kept on file.

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Contact Numbers

Please notify your child's teacher of any changes in mobile contact numbers, address, etc. so we have an up-to-date number in the event of an emergency. Do you have a "back-up" system in place in case your child is unexpectedly sick or injured in school?



September Birthdays

Congratulations to these pupils celebrating their birthdays:

Husna Khan	Nately Duff	Abbi Martin
Brooke O'Brien Balfe		Chloe Saul Shields
Kerrie Boland	Kane County	Megan Bates
Megan Hamilton	Najma Khan	Bronagh Cleary
Courtney Collins	Alex Brereton	Hannah Griffin
Taylor O' Toole	Robyn Sheridan	Amber O' Reilly
Jamie Matthews McGowan		Alexandra Delaney

We are on the web!

www.stlouisesjns.com

We have a great blog at www.stlouisesjnsblog.com. Please log on and leave a comment! Available from Monday.

School Uniform / Tracksuit

There is a new red tie for the uniform. If children already own a navy tie there is no need to buy a new one. However, if you are buying a new one, please choose the red. The new red waterproof school jacket is also available from Topshop. There is a tag in one of the pockets to write your child's name on. Please do this.

Can you please assist your child to wear the official school uniform every day and the official school tracksuit on their designated P.E. days? For insurance purposes, children will not be allowed to participate in P.E. or activities in the hall unless they are wearing runners.

There are a number of uniform jumpers and cardigans and tracksuits available for free from the school office.

School Books



A BIG thank you to those of you who have paid for your child's school books. The cost is €50. We will need the support of all parents to pay the €50 to allow us continue the scheme. If you were to pay full price for the books, it would come to well over €100. We are using a grant from the Department of Education to run a book rental scheme and keep the cost down. If you still have to pay please call to Ms. O' Loughlin in Room 8 and discuss paying it off in stages if necessary. Unfortunately we cannot give any books, copies or supplies to children whose parents have not paid or contacted us.