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School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Dia dhaoibh go léir. Fáilte romhaibh ar ais ar scoil. 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 are delighted to welcome back Ms. McCarthy, Ms. Lloyd, Ms. McAdam, Ms. O' Dwyer and Ms. Healy from their maternity leaves, along with Ms. Niamh Mulderrig & Ms. Sinéad Moloney, who are new to our teaching staff. It was with great sadness we said goodbye to our 6th class girls and 1st class boys in June. We wish them well in their new schools. Congratulations to Mr. Cormac O' Connor on the recent birth of his son Dara.

Dates for your Diary



August 31st:	School reopened.
September 15th:	Prayer Service & Colours Day.
September 16th:	Fun Day in Alexandra College for 4th—6th classes.
Please note two important dates:	
October 6th:	Meeting for parents of Junior Infants @ 9:15a.m.
November 14th:	School closed for Primary Language inservice for staff.



School Books

A **BIG** thank you to those of you who have already paid for the rental of your child's school books and for pupil insurance. **The cost is €65.** We need the support of all parents to allow us to continue this scheme. Unfortunately, due to scarce resources, your child will not receive his/her books until some payment has been made. There has been a very good response so far this year. If you still have to pay for your child's books, **please call to the school office** asap.

Headlice are an unfortunate fact of life and pose a big problem at the start of each school year. Please be vigilant and check your child's hair regularly. It is very frustrating for parents if a small minority of children continue to re-infect their classmates. If there is an outbreak of headlice in your child's class, you will be notified. Please take action immediately. Thanks for your cooperation.

Meet our New Pupils!

On the 31st of August the new Early Start pupils and Junior Infants began school for the first time. We hope they will spend many happy years in our school.



Early
Start
Morning
Group



Early
Start
After-
noon
Group

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 play-grounds.

Spent the years inventing games

that don't let me in. Games

that are rough and swallow you up.

And the railings.

All around, the railings.

Are they to keep out wolves and monsters?

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

"Together We Grow - Cairde le Chéile"

(Our School Motto)

Parents' Corner

The Parents' Room is located next to the school garden and is open each day during school hours. Please feel free to drop in for a cuppa and a chat. Alma Quinn, our school's Home School Community Liaison teacher, is currently organising courses for this term—details to follow.

The Parents' Association is always actively seeking new members. If you would like to become involved in supporting the school, please give your name to Alma Quinn. The Parents' Association will hold an open morning on **Tuesday 26th September** in the Parents' Room at 9am. Call in for a **FREE** coffee and tasty treat.

School Lunches / Recycling

We encourage healthy eating practices in our school. We are well aware of the increase of childhood obesity and would encourage all parents to support our healthy eating policy. Glanmore Food provides our school lunches and a wide variety of options are available. Chocolate, crisps, sweets and popcorn are not in keeping with our healthy eating policy. Neither are drinks apart from water or milk. If you have not already given the lunch order form back to your child's teacher, please do so as soon as possible.

We are a **green school**. We have worked hard and are proud to have achieved four green flags. Each day, having eaten their lunches, children are encouraged to bring their recyclable packaging home to recycle. The pupils also bring home any uneaten lunch so you can keep an eye on their eating habits.

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 (misses 20 days) 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. There is a section for absent notes in your child's homework journal. This will be kept on file. We are aware that some doctors unfortunately charge for sick certs. If you attend the doctor, ask the doctor to stamp your child's journal & show this to the teacher.



School Uniform / Tracksuit

Can you please assist your child to wear the official full school uniform every day and the school track-suit on their designated P.E. days? The uniform includes our crest and school tie (available to purchase from the school office at a cost of €5 each). We ask parents to please buy our school ties and crests to ensure St. Louise's brand and identity is preserved among our pupils and the school community. 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 nearly new uniform jumpers, track-suits etc. available in the school. Please call to the office if you would like one. Please clearly label all your child's belongings with his / her name and room number. If a child comes to school not in uniform and without an explanatory note, they will be offered items from the storage room to wear as a matter of course.

Contact Numbers



Please notify your child's teacher or the secretary of any changes in mobile 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?



Congratulations to all the pupils who received special awards at the end of year assembly on the 30th June. Prizes were awarded to the pupils of the year from each class, the ten full attendees for the year, the pupils who received the highest results in reading and maths and the most improved readers and mathematicians. We wish our first class boys a fond farewell!

