

# ST LOUIS NEWSLETTER

Friday 18th October 2019 — Issue 4

**This week's attendance: 96.3%**

## **Photographs after half term**

Individual and Family (siblings only currently within school) Photographs are taking place in School on

**Tuesday 29th October**

Can you please ensure that your child is looking their smartest, wearing the correct full winter uniform, not wearing oversized hair bows or jewellery (earrings). Many thanks.

**St Louis Admin Team**

## **Jewellery and Uniform**

St Louis children have a well-deserved reputation for looking extremely smart in their [school uniform](#). They take pride in wearing it.

Please can children return after half term in full [winter uniform](#), including maroon (not white) tights. Uniform should not be a mix of summer and winter uniforms please.

**Jewellery (e.g. earrings, bracelets) is not permitted at any time.**

## **EYFS—Acorns (FS1), Holly and Cherry (FS2) classes**

Thank you to all our Foundation Stage families for making appointments and meeting us at our recent parent consultations. The sessions were a very positive and enjoyable experience for us as we were able to share with you the success your children have achieved in settling into life at St Louis.

Following on from the phonics workshop we are ready to hit the ground running after half term as we begin Phase 2 of the Letters and Sounds programme of study in Foundation Stage 2. Please ask us if you have any further questions or concerns about the work your children will be embarking on in their continuing journeys towards becoming competent readers and writers.

We have gradually introduced adult led teaching sessions as the first half term has progressed and the children in Foundation Stage 2 now have lessons in RE, phonics/literacy, number, art/DT and aspects of understanding the world. In Foundation Stage 1 our focus is primarily on the prime areas of learning and the children will have expert support in developing their physical, personal and communication and language skills.

Have a good half term break. You have all earned it and the children are ready for a short rest!

**Mrs Bryan**  
**EYFS Leader**



Writing from our Literacy curriculum in the Library

## KS1—Rowan (Y1), Lime (Y1/2) and Oak (Y2) classes

Now we have reached half term the children are established and well settled in their new classes. The children have been enjoying learning about the Victorians. They have found out about the types of homes Victorians would have lived in, what it would have been like at school for Victorian children and what conditions would have been like in a Victorian Workhouse. Please be reminded, that we will be having History Off the Page visit the school on Tuesday 19th November for our Victorian 'Life in the Big House' day. We still require additional adults to help on the day so if you are available can you please let your child's class teacher know.

In RE, we have started to learn about the signs and symbols associated with Baptism and how people are welcomed in God's family when we are Baptised. This will link with the EYFS and KS1 Mass which will be held in Church on Friday 8th November and will be themed around Baptism. When we return from the half term break, we will begin preparations for our Christmas Production of 'Bauballs'. Mrs Cox, Miss Brennan and I will have the difficult role of casting the children and the children will receive more information the first week back after half term. Have an excellent half term break and I hope the children enjoy their well deserved rest.

**Mr Rolfe**  
**KS1 Leader**



## Staff news from Mr Kerin

As many of you will know, **Mrs Lindsay** left St Louis last week after 15 years of dedicated service to the children and families of St Louis. Staff and Governors presented her with some leaving gifts and wished her well. We will miss her warmth and friendliness. **Mrs Katherine Ashen** is taking up the post after half-term.

**Miss Brennan** has let me know that she will be leaving St Louis at the end of this term, to return to Ireland. Miss Brennan has made a really positive contribution to our school, first joining us as a Year 5 teacher, then moving to Year 1/2. I am sure you will want to wish Miss Brennan well in her future plans and will want to bid her a fond farewell at Christmas. I am currently recruiting for a replacement teacher for Lime class and will let parents know when we have appointed a teacher for January 2020.

## St Louis Term Dates 2019—20

### Autumn Term 2019

*Staff Professional Days –  
Monday 2nd and Tuesday  
3rd September*

Wednesday 4th September –  
Autumn Term begins

Monday 21st to Friday 25th  
October – Autumn Half-Term

Wednesday 18th December –  
Autumn Term ends, 2.30pm,  
collect from church

### Spring Term 2020

Monday 6th January – Spring  
Term begins

Monday 17th to Friday 21st  
February – Spring Half-Term

Friday 3rd April – Spring term  
ends, 2.30pm, collect from  
school

### Summer Term 2020

Monday 20th April – Summer  
term begins

**Friday 8th May – Bank Holi-  
day – School closed**

Monday 25th to Friday 29th  
May – Summer Half-Term  
Friday 17th July – Summer  
term ends, 2.30pm, collect  
from school

*Staff Professional Days –  
Monday 20th, Tuesday 21st  
and Wednesday 22nd July*

## LKS2—Elm (Y3), Beech (Y3/4) and Beech (Y4) classes

In LKS2 we are nearing the end of a very busy half term . We have just finished a very exciting Literacy unit based around the book, Arthur and the Golden Rope. The children have written some really exciting alternative endings to the book and compared their version to the original. After half term we will be starting another book and are keen to see the children’s reactions to a very different kind of text.

We will be continuing with the Romans and then move on to the Saxons ready for our trip to West Stow. We will be looking at Baptism in RE and forces in Science. We look forward to another busy half term ahead!

**Mrs White**  
**LKS2 Leader**

**One of the pieces of display work  
inspired by our Literacy curricu-  
lum and created by the children  
for the walls of our  
School Library.**



## **UKS2—Hazel (Y5), Larch (Y5/6) and Maple (Y6) classes**

I can't quite believe we are at the end of our first half term!

Thank you to the parents/carers who joined us for our UKS2 Mass last week, and those who have helped transport children to various sporting events. It would be extremely difficult without your support: your help is invaluable - thank you.

We will continue with our Tudor learning next half term, and our RE topics will be Judaism, Vocations and Commitments and Advent. We will be studying Forces in science, and tag rugby and sportshall athletics in PE.

*Mrs Feehan*  
*UKS2 Leader*

## **Notice to parents re Brexit**

Lord Agnew has written to schools with regard to Brexit, giving guidance to school leaders on 'Guidance for schools on leaving the EU'. The document highlights the key actions that local authorities, academy trusts and schools need to take before 31 October in order to make a smooth transition.

A key aspect I would like to draw your attention to is the EU Settlement Scheme. Staff, parents or carers of students who are EU, EEA or Swiss citizens need to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme to continue living in the UK after 2020.

I would urge those affected to read the guidance at: <https://www.gov.uk/settledstatus-eu-citizensfamilies>

Please note that Irish citizens' right to live in the UK will not change when the UK leaves the EU. Irish citizens do not need to apply for the EU Settlement Scheme, but their family members, who are not Irish or British Citizens, will need to.

Please note that there will be no change to the right to work of EU, EEA or Swiss citizens and their family members living in the UK until 31st December 2020, if the UK leaves the EU without a deal.

As the political situation is clearly changing almost daily, I would point you towards

<https://www.gov.uk/brexit> for the most current information.