

ST LOUIS NEWSLETTER

Friday 22nd November 2019 — Issue 06

This week's attendance: 96.4% - thank you!

Sports/Competitions

We have had a very busy few weeks of competitions at St Louis, bringing back trophies in both the boys' and girls' football competitions. The boys won the award for fair play by demonstrating fantastic attitude. The girls won the competition and have qualified for the county final. In hockey, both our A and B team finished second in their respective competitions. This means St Louis have qualified for the hockey county final in March. We also had success in table tennis where the girls team won the area competition and qualified for the county final. This county final has already been and the girls finished in 2nd place, which is an amazing achievement at county level.

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.

Ear-rings are not permitted at any time, and never have been.

This has always been understood and followed by St Louis parents in the 10 years that I have been at the school.

It is a matter of safety for the children, which is always our first concern. *Mr Kerin*

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

It does not seem possible that we are already starting to think about Christmas in Foundation Stage. You will have recently received a Parentmail message about our new arrangements for the Acorns children. We are really looking forward to the smallest children in our school having an opportunity to entertain you on Friday 13th December from 2.30 pm in their familiar setting after you have enjoyed a mince pie! The children may come in any Christmas outfit for the day and you will be welcome to take them home with you after the performance. Children and families who normally attend mornings only are welcome to join us for this.

Mrs Bryan
EYFS Leader

PARENT HELPERS NEEDED!

If any parents are available from 3pm on Thursday 28th November for about 15 minutes, Teo and the teachers would really appreciate some extra pair of hands to help move the staging across to the hall so it can be erected for our EYFS and KS1 Advent Productions! Many hands make light work!



St Louis Around the World!

This is a famous attraction in [St Louis, Missouri, USA](#).

Loving to Learn, Learning to Love

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

In Key Stage 1 we have been working hard on our performance of Baubles! The children in Year 1 and Year 2 have all been given a role in the performance. The Year 1 children have been given singing and dancing roles and the Year 2 children have been given speaking roles.

You will receive tickets and be invited to attend the dress rehearsal at 1:45pm on Monday 9th December, the second performance at 2pm on Tuesday 10th December and the final performance at 6pm on Wednesday 11th December. Please ensure that children are returned to school at 5:30pm for the final performance. Please ensure costumes are in school on Monday 2nd December so we can practice in them.

In Literacy, the children have been enjoying lessons based on the text Olga da Polga! Olga da Polga is a guinea pig who likes to go on adventures and we were fortunate to have a visit from Mrs Davis with her guinea pigs. It was a great experience and helped the children find out more about the creatures.

On Tuesday, the 19th of November we were visited by History Off the Page for our Victorian themed day 'Life in the Bog House'. In the morning, the hall was transformed into a Victorian home and in the afternoon the children split into groups and prepared a performance to share in a musical hall. Everyone in Key Stage 1, would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents who helped with this event, those who attended the Key Stage 1 Mass and those who have supported classes throughout the term.

Mr Rolfe
KS1 Leader

LONGER SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS!!

From 6th January 2020, the School Office will be staffed on Friday afternoons.

We have reflected on recent changes and listened to feedback from parents and staff and the current setup is not meeting anyone's needs effectively.

The office will be open from 2pm to 3.30pm, staffed either by Mrs Jones or Mrs Phillips.

This is for essential or emergency matters only. Anything non-urgent can be emailed to the office or delivered during office hours Monday to Thursday. Thank you.



Thank you for your support on our Spotty Day for

BBC Children in Need!

We raised several hundred pounds for the charity.

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

As Year 6 are all looking forward to the beginning of Advent - it's a busy, but beautiful, time of year—we would love to see as many of you as possible at our forthcoming Advent Service at 9.15am in church on Friday 29th November, and from 3.30pm at our annual Advent Fair!

On Wednesday 20th December, UKS2 classes will be participating in History off the Page's Tudor Day activities at school. We would like the children to come to school dressed as Tudors, but ask that you don't go to any expense. In class, we will be looking at Tudor dress, so children can think about recreating costumes from clothing they already have at home. We will need parent-helpers to join us please, so if you would like to spend the day in school (as a Tudor!) helping with the various activities, please let your child's class teacher know.

Mrs Feehan, UKS2 Leader



FREE School MEALS



Free School Meals could save you up to £450 a year

What's more, if you sign up, your child's school receives extra funding from the Government, up to £1,320 a year. Even if your child is getting Universal Infant Free School meals in Key Stage 1, your school will still benefit if you are entitled.

Applying online only takes a few minutes and, if eligible, you will receive free meals until March 2022. Visit www.suffolk.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

To get free school meals you need to be receiving one of the following:

- Universal Credit (up to £7,400 net earned income)
- Income Support
- Income based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Working Tax Credit run on
- Child Tax Credit **but no element of Working Tax Credit** and have an annual income that does not exceed £16,190



If you need more information you can call [0345 606 6067](tel:03456066067)

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

We have had a very busy few weeks in LKS2. We have been reading and responding in writing to our Literacy book, Pugs of the Frozen North. The children have been really enjoying finding out about the main characters and following the adventures of Shen and Sikka. In Maths we have been learning how to subtract and are now focussing on multiplication. All the time that most of the children are spending on TTRockstars is really helping with their speed and knowledge of their times tables. Please encourage your child to go on the game at least three times a week.

In Science, we have been enjoying learning about forces and have carried out some interesting investigations on friction and magnetism. Last week, we had a very successful trip to West Stow Anglo Saxon Village. We were really lucky with the weather and the children were able to bring their classroom learning to life. The guides at the village were really impressed with how well the children behaved and the interest they showed in all the amazing objects that were available to see. Well done children, and a big thank you to the parents that kindly came with us.

Finally, please note that there will be no swimming for any class on Friday 29th November due to us all attending the Advent Service in Church.

Mrs White, LKS2 Leader

From the Admin Team

We still have some **Data Collection sheets** that are outstanding. The information on these sheets is what we use in an **emergency**, so can they please be signed and returned asap.

We update our records with change of email and telephone numbers, but it is parents' responsibility to amend their details on Parentmail.

[Requesting Leave of Absence—now online!](#)

Thank you to those parents who have made absence requests in advance via our new form on the website. You can find it here:

<https://stlouisacademy.co.uk/absence-request/>

It is meaning parents are receiving a quicker response and there are no paper slips to go missing in book bags!

Please remember to attach your evidence via the form as we cannot process requests without this.

As well as using the online form, absence reporting on the morning of any illness can still be made by leaving a telephone message or sending an email. Give us a call!



St Louis Advent Service

In church

Friday 29th November

At 9.15am

All parents welcome

Advent Fair

Friday 29th November

After school in the hall

TREE-MENDOUS TEXTILES



FREE art activity for all the family!

Saturday 7th December 2019

Drop in between 10.30am-2.30pm

King's Yard, Palace House

Palace Street, Newmarket

Come and draw some inspiration from our colourful collection of silks to decorate your own Christmas tree mobile.



Look around the King's Yard free of charge, collecting Palace House Christmas decorations as you go. Personalise them however you wish, whether it's colouring, collaging or crafting and bring some light to your tree!

Tickets will be available at the usual price to visit the rest of the site and to experience the racehorse simulator. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

To find out more about Palace House see:

www.palacehousenewmarket.co.uk



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Mesele gratuite de la școală vă pot aduce economii de până la 450 £ pe an

În plus, dacă vă înscrieți, școala copilului dvs. primește finanțare suplimentară de la Guvern, de până la 1.320 £ pe an. Chiar dacă copilul dvs. beneficiază de mese Universal Infant Free School (Mese gratuite universale la școală pentru copiii mici) la Key Stage 1 (Etapa principală 1), școala dvs. va beneficia în continuare dacă dvs. aveți dreptul.

Solicitarea online durează doar câteva minute și, dacă sunteți eligibili, veți primi mesele gratuite până în martie 2022. Vizitați www.suffolk.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Pentru a primi mesele gratuite la școală trebuie să beneficiați de una din următoarele:

- o Universal Credit (Credit universal de până la 7.400 £ venituri nete câștigate)
- o Income Support (Suport de venituri)
- o Income based Job Seeker's Allowance (Alocație în funcție de venituri pentru cei care își caută de lucru)
- o Income related Employment and Support Allowance (Alocație de Angajare și suport în funcție de venituri)
- o Working Tax Credit (Scutire de impozit pentru muncă) în desfășurare
- o Child Tax Credit (Scutire de impozit pentru copii) însă fără elementul Working Tax Credit și aveți un venit anual care nu depășește 16.190 £



Dacă aveți nevoie de mai multe informații, sunați la
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