

# ST LOUIS NEWSLETTER

Friday 10th January 2020 — Issue 09

**Attendance this week: 93.4%**

*Wishing all parents, families and children a very  
Happy New Year!*

The staff were all really pleased to welcome the children back to school for the start of a new calendar year this Monday. We hope that you had an enjoyable Christmas together. There wasn't a single late child into school on Monday—how great to see the keenness with which the children returned—thank you parents!

I would like to extend my own and my staff's warm appreciation for the very kind and thoughtful cards and gifts which we received from many families at the end of the term. It is always such a lovely surprise to receive such kindness, when we are just doing our jobs (which we love anyway!), so thank you!

We started term with a delightful Beginning of Term Mass, hearing all about the Epiphany and its significance from Father Christopher and, despite some computer glitches, the children's singing was as joyful as ever, with a special performance courtesy of Miss Walsh and Miss Buttress and Year 5 children. An uplifting way to start the school year!

As ever, the teachers have already started on a busy and interesting term for your children as we move through the winter, into spring and onto the season of Easter. Curriculum details have been sent out today to you via ParentMail.

Please do keep yourself up-to-date with the activities which are going on in school through this newsletter and through the school's website. The online calendar details the clubs which are scheduled and the class pages will let you know about what the children have been up to. It's a great way to keep in touch with life at St Louis!

I look forward to an enjoyable and successful term with the children. If you wish to contact me at any point, please do email me at [headofschool@stlouisacademy.co.uk](mailto:headofschool@stlouisacademy.co.uk)

With best wishes

**Mr Nick Kerin**  
**Head of School**



## Staff News

We welcome **Miss Webb** as our **Y1/2 Lime** class teacher until the end of the school year, and **Miss Mannell** into **Y3 Elm** class, working alongside Mrs Lebbon, on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays for the next four weeks.

The Trust is **now recruiting** for my replacement as **Head of School** for September and will be interviewing in early February.

**Newmarket Tennis Club, Hamilton Rd CB8 0NQ**

## **SPRING TERM JUNIOR GROUPS**

All ages welcome from 4 to 16. All standards from Beginner to Performance

### **NEWMARKET SPRING 2020 INDOORS**

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<b>DAY</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>TYPE</b>	<b>APROX AGE</b>	<b>COST PER TERM</b>
<b>MONDAY</b> 13 Jan to 30 March excluding 17 Feb	4pm - 4.45pm	RED /ORANGE	4-7	<b>MEMBERS:</b> <b>£69 for 11</b> <b>sessions</b>
	4.45pm- 5.45pm	ORANGE/GREEN	7-10	
	5.45- 6.45pm	YELLOW	10 -13	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 15 Jan to 1 April excl 19 Feb	4pm – 4.45pm	RED	4-8	<b>NON-MEMBER:</b> <b>£79 for 11</b> <b>sessions</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b> 17 Jan to 3 April excl 21 Feb	5 – 6pm	GREEN/YELLOW	9-14	<b>Or £9 if “pay on the day”</b>
	6 – 7pm	YELLOW ADVANCED	11-16	
<b>SATURDAY</b> 11 Jan to 28 March excl 22 Feb	9 – 10am	RED MINI	4-7	
	10 – 11am	RED/ ORANGE	7-11	
	11 - 12	GREEN/YELLOW	9 - 12	
	12 to 1pm	YELLOW	11 - 16	

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OR book by email to [tarrantennis@btinternet.com](mailto:tarrantennis@btinternet.com) and PAY ONLINE DIRECTLY TO  
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Email Bruce for offline payment methods.

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## ***“LEARN TENNIS, LOVE TENNIS”***

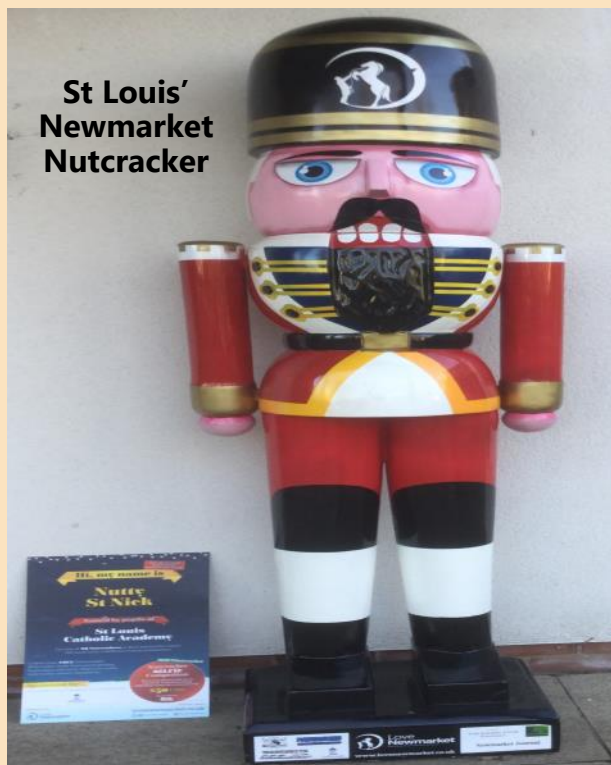


**St Louis  
Feast of the Epiphany and  
Beginning of Spring Term  
Mass**

**Donations needed please**

Whenever possible, St Louis Catholic Academy tries to support the Boat School (attached to [St John Catholic Church](#)) in Siem Reap City, Cambodia. Miss Fox, a former teacher here at St Louis, is a regular visitor there.

Miss Fox is visiting again on 26th January and hoping to take much-needed medical supplies with her. The children currently need the following: **paracetamol (to be handed into Reception, NOT left in the box, please!), vitamin pills, sterile dressings and plasters (preferably large).** We will have a box in our reception area for any donations you could make. Your support is very much appreciated. Thank you.



**St Louis'  
Newmarket  
Nutcracker**

**Attendance at St Louis**

You will have noticed from the front page that our Attendance % is PARTICULARLY LOW this week! In fact, very worryingly low indeed.

We appreciate that the vast majority of St Louis parents ensure their children attend school as much as possible to benefit from the good education which St Louis provides.

However, unfortunately, there is a small minority of parents who insist on extending school holidays, either before or after the scheduled breaks, without authorisation and this has a negative effect on our attendance figures.

School will NOT authorise extended absences tagged onto the beginning or end of scheduled school breaks. This is clear in our Attendance Policy which is available on our website here:

<https://stlouisacademy.co.uk/policy-library/>

If a pupil has more than 7 unauthorised absences, parents are then liable to a Fixed Penalty Notice of £60 per parent.

We hope this clear guidance and information is helpful. If you have any questions, please do speak to the School Office who will be able to assist.

**Morning Drop-off**

Please can parents and carers ensure that children are not left unaccompanied on the playground in the morning before 8.30am. Thank you.

**Afternoon Pick-Up**

Children who are not collected from the playground by 3.25pm will be taken to the School Office to be supervised by a member of staff and parents will be telephoned.

## School Office Hours

### 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.

### REQUESTING LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Thank you to those parents who have used the school website to request leave of absence—it is making the whole process much easier and quicker for staff and parents.

Please remember to attach evidence to support your request (e.g. appointment confirmation).

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

## Autumn Term 2020

*Staff Professional Days – Tuesday 1st September and Wednesday 2nd September*

**Thursday 3rd September – Autumn Term begins**

Monday 26th to Friday 30th October – Autumn Half-Term

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

## Spring Term 2021

*Staff Professional Day – Monday 4th January*

**Tuesday 5th January – Spring Term begins**

Monday 15th to Friday 19th February – Spring Half-Term

Friday 26th March – Spring term ends, 2.30pm, collect from school

## Summer Term 2021

**Monday 12th April – Summer term begins**

Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June – Summer Half-Term

Friday 16th July – Summer term ends, 2.30pm, collect from school

*Staff Professional Days – Monday 19th July and Tuesday 20th July*

**Also on the school website here:** <https://stlouisacademy.co.uk/term-dates/>