

Welcome to Year 5

Staff in our classroom

- Miss Keating
- Mrs McKay
- Mrs Perryman (PPA)

- Miss Goulding
- Miss Bohacs
- Mrs Riley (PPA)

School routines

- **Start to the day:** We have a flexible start to the school day with children arriving from 8.40 am onwards. We ask parents to use the 'drop off point' on the main drive from 8.40 am onwards.
- If your child is late for any reason, then they must go to the front office with yourself and be signed in. Please do not knock on any of the external classroom doors
- If you need to get any messages to the school please do so before 2.30pm e.g. pick up arrangements
- **End of the day (3.10 pm):** please wait on the middle playground but away from the classroom until the classroom door is open
- All children are allowed a water bottle at school. Please ensure your child understands that they can only refill their bottle at lunchtime and break time
- Children are encouraged to use the toilet at break and lunchtimes only. This is to avoid wasting valuable learning time. Please remind them to go to the toilet before leaving home in the morning. Please speak to me if there are any issues.
- If at any point you need to pass on information or discuss an issue about your child, please speak to me in the first instance and I will arrange a convenient time to meet with you. I will aim to see you as soon as possible. If you just want to leave a message this can be written on a message slip available at the Reception desk.

Religious life of our school

- Monday- Gospel assembly
- Wednesday- KS assembly
- Friday- Pupil of the week assembly
- Children have the opportunity to visit the chapel with their class as part of class worship

How can you help us

- Please ensure all clothes, lunchboxes etc are clearly marked with your child's name. Check this regularly to make sure the name has not faded or washed away
- As the weather becomes colder/wetter please ensure that your child has a warm coat and suitable footwear. They can wear wellingtons or boots to school but they must change into shoes once they come into school
- If you are parking your car please do it away from the roads leading directly into school and walk the rest of the way
- Do not park in a way that upsets the local residents

Behaviour management

- We want our school to be a safe and happy place so that all children can learn and do their best and we work hard in helping them to understand the part they have to play in this. Wherever possible we make a point of noticing when children are doing the right thing and we praise them so they know we have noticed
- When children's behaviour in lessons distracts others or interrupts learning we tell them that they need to stop and we remind them of what they should be doing
- Please speak to me in the first instance if you have any concerns

Uniform

- We have our uniform policy on the website so take a look
- Plain studs for earrings. Please take earrings out for PE days
- No nail polish
- Long hair tied back
- Polo shirts to be tucked in

PE days and Kit

- Children wear their PE kit twice a week (Wednesdays and Fridays)
- No earrings

Swimming

- Wednesday afternoons during the Advent term
- Our last swimming lesson will be on 7th December
- Children can wear their swimming costumes under their PE kits

Topics for the year

- Advent – The Romans
- Lent – South America
- Pentecost – Vikings vs Anglo-Saxons

Homework

- Starting next week:
- Spellings on Purple Mash every day
- MyMaths set on Fridays
- TTRS
- Reading

Reading

- The children will have a reading book and reading record to take home
- They should aim to read to you every day
- I will listen to them read once every half term with their reading level being assessed on a termly basis in line with assessment week
- Daily whole class reading lessons – work on comprehension

Online safety

We love the internet. Children can **play, learn, create and connect** with people from all over the world – opening up a plethora of exciting possibilities. But with the digital world changing all the time, we need to make sure that we keep our children safe.

At St Louis, we take the safety of our pupils very seriously and this includes their safety while they access the internet. Online safety is an integral part of children's education in today's digital world and is embedded in their learning at school.

In school we have robust systems in place for monitoring and filtering. They do not use devices unsupervised at school.

Children follow the SMART rules within lessons and are quizzed throughout computing lessons to check their understanding.

They are taught the importance of reporting anything that doesn't feel right.

We suggest that you have the same conversations with your children at home.

What parental controls do you use?

It's important to remember that the legal age to have an account on most social media - Instagram, Facebook, YouTube & Snapchat - is 13 years old.

We recommend you have a read on the NSPCC website about their keeping children safe online. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

They also have article <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

