



St. Stephen's De La Salle BNS

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

Welcome to all our boys and parents for a new school year. A special welcome to our Junior Infant boys who have settled in really well. Thanks to all our parents. Thanks to Miss Kenny and Miss Butler. It is very important that parents drop their boys and remain at the barrier as our small boys can be upset by crowds. We hope 2018/2019 will be a happy and successful year.

Points to note / remember:

- Please ensure your son has an **up to date contact list** in his homework journal. Please contact Deirdre if there is a change.
- Please mark / label all clothing especially jumper and tracksuit tops, books, copies etc.
- Pupils will be supervised in the school yard from **8.40a.m.** each morning.
- Twenty four hour Personal Accident Insurance is being offered at a cost of €9 per pupil for the whole year, forms to be returned by Wednesday **September 26th.**
- Give your son a good start to the day by ensuring that he is **on time for school.**
- School attendance is very important. When boys are sick they stay at home, otherwise they should be in school.
- **Parents please remain behind the barrier for health and safety reasons.**
- It is important for the boys to have a routine for doing homework. That means having a suitable place and time without distractions.
- Please check and sign homework **Monday to Thursday.**

- Pupils from 3rd to 6th classes need a gum shield to participate in Gaelic Football coaching and games.

We are happy to have secured funding for lunches for all our boys. Fresh Today is the name of the company who supply and deliver the food. It is working very well.

Please find our school calendar [here on the website](#). The dates for Communion and Confirmation are to follow.

Plans for our new 4 classroom building are ready. We are waiting on planning permission to start.

We are continuing our work with the new language curriculum. Our staff will have a full day training again this year - no date has been set yet.

We have a new Facebook page where you can keep up to date with school news and events. Find us on Facebook at: facebook.com/StStephensDLS.

After school activities continue this year thanks to our dedicated staff, the De La Salle GAA Club and Billy Flynn. They include hurling, football, basketball and chess.

Thanks to all families for having books and uniforms. Thanks also to all who have paid for arts / crafts, recorder lessons, dance lessons, drumming lessons, photocopying etc. We realise that equipping children for school is costly. If you are unable to pay these charges in one amount, it is quite acceptable to pay in weekly instalments. Please contact class teacher, Deirdre or myself.

Thank you,

Mr Morris, Principal.