

## St Stephen`s De La Salle September 2017

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Welcome to all our boys and parents for a new school year. Well done to our Junior Infant boys who have settled in really well. Thanks to all our parents. Thanks to Miss Kenny and Miss Hickey. It is very important that parents drop their boys and remain behind the barrier as our small boys can be overwhelmed by crowds. We hope 2017 - 2018 will be a happy and successful year.

### Points to note / remember:

- Please ensure your son has an **up to date contact numbers** in his homework journal. Please contact Deirdre if there is a change in your mobile number.
- 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 €8 per pupil for the whole year, forms to be returned by **September 26<sup>th</sup>**.
- 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 should stay at home, otherwise they need to 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.

- Parents, please check and sign homework **Monday to Thursday**.

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

**Please find our school calendar on the back cover. It is on the website also.**

With the help of a Department of Education grant, our Board of Management has supplied ipads for our school. This is a fantastic resource. Our teachers are taking part in special training for using ipads in the classroom.

St Stephen's has been awarded a '*Digital School of Distinction*'. We are very pleased and a special thanks to all our boys and teachers.

We are continuing our work with **Oral Language and Money Lessons**. The new language curriculum continues this year. Our staff will have a full day training in oral language - no date has been set yet.

**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.