

# St Stephen's DLS Home School Community Liaison



## Back to School Newsletter!!

September  
2017

### Welcome Back!

Welcome back to school to all boys and their families. A special welcome to all the new boys in Miss Kenny's and Miss Hickey's Junior Infant classes. I hope you are settling in well and enjoying your time here in St Stephen's.

### Parent's Room

My room will be open in the mornings between 9:00am and 9:30am and again in the afternoons from 1:30pm to 2:30pm. Feel free to call in for a chat, a cup of tea or coffee, or to discuss any concerns that you may have. If you would like to contact me outside of these times, my number is 085-2766982.

### Home Visits

I will be calling to the Junior Infant homes in the next few weeks and throughout the year. I will be calling to get to know the families and to discuss in confidence any concerns you may have about your son's first weeks/months/year in school. If you are not at home when I call, don't worry, just give me a call on the above number and we can arrange another time that suits!

### School Lunches

The school lunch programme is now up and running, and proving to be a great success. Don't forget you can change your order up to 6pm Thursday evening, by logging on using your sons username and password at [www.freshtoday.ie](http://www.freshtoday.ie) or by texting "Change" along with your sons name and the school name and class to 087-6522911. If there are any problems, don't hesitate to drop into the parent's room and I will try to sort it out for you.

## Coffee Mornings



Coffee mornings for the Junior Infant Parents held shortly. We will send home a reminder closer to the time. Looking forward to catching up with you on the day.

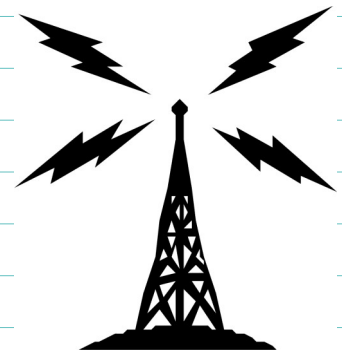
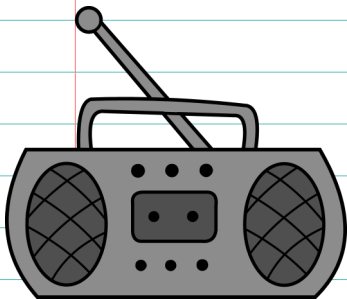
Miss Hickey's Class: Wed 4th October 9:15 am

Miss Kenny's Class: Thurs 5th October 9:15 am

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## School Radio

Mr. Russell's class this year will be operating an internet radio station. This is a super opportunity for learning to take place across so many areas. The boys will learn how to record and edit audio, to plan out a topic to present a show with, to talk about their interests and favourite music, to speak confidently in Irish, to read aloud for an audience outside of their classroom - there are so many ways that they'll use the radio station to complement their learning.



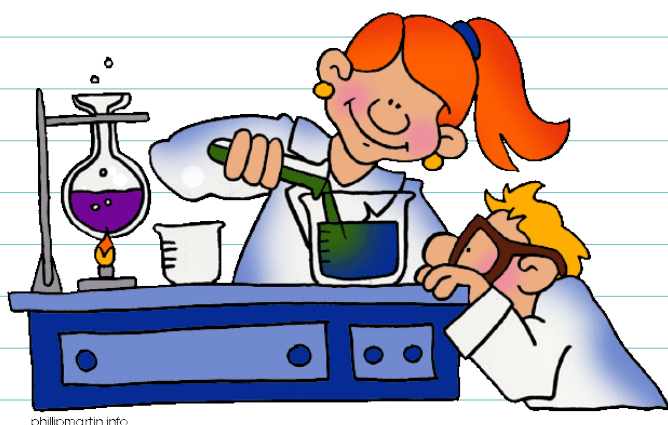
They'll also be looking to interview people from home - parents and grandparents, aunts and uncles. They'll be looking for YOUR favourite songs (the older, the better!!) Using those songs and your interviews, the boys will research the years that those songs were released and come up with a short list of the main news stories from that time. I hope that you'll all participate - and that you'll listen in to hear the boys and their programmes too! On air: Mon 8am—Fri 3:30pm

## Maths for Fun



Maths for Fun will be starting on 29th Sept for Mrs Breen's 1st Class. I need 7 parents to help me play maths games with the boys for one hour every Tuesday for 4 weeks. Training will be given beforehand. If you'd like to volunteer, please come in and see me in the parent's room. Remember, you don't have to be a mathematical genius to help!!! It will be great fun, and the boys always really enjoy the games.

## Science for Fun



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I hope to run a Science for Fun Class with Mr Russell's Class for three weeks in October starting Tues 3rd. The children will be conducting experiments in small groups with the help of volunteers. I will need at least 4 volunteers also for these classes.

The children are really excited about this class, so all help would be greatly appreciated. No previous knowledge is required as training will be provided beforehand.

## Family Learning Courses

There are many new courses on offer in the school this year, thanks to the Waterford and Wexford Education and Training Board. These courses are outlined in the leaflet that was given to your son at the start of term. The courses will run once we get a minimum of 6 people, but there is also a maximum of 12 people per class, so don't delay in booking your place if any of the classes are of interest to you. The dates and times of the classes will follow, once numbers are confirmed. If you are interested, fill in your name and address on the back of the form and drop it in to me in the parents' room or give to your son to give to his teacher

## Uniforms

Many parents have kindly given in tracksuits, jumpers etc, in good condition that their sons have outgrown. If your son needs anything, please call and see me. All enquiries will be treated in the strictest confidence. Also, stocks of shirts and pants are currently low, so if you have any shirts and pants, especially tracksuit pants at home that are no longer being used and are in good condition, please drop them in. There are some coats and jackets available as well.

### Tips for getting the most out of school

- Get plenty of sleep. It is very hard to learn anything when you are tired. Primary school children need **at least 10 hours** sleep.
- Get up early to make sure you have enough time to eat breakfast and get ready for school
- Eat a good healthy breakfast. Starchy foods, such as breads and cereals help to kickstart the body and mind in the morning, providing the essential energy needed for learning.

### Parent's Association News

The Parent's Association AGM will take place on Wednesday 27th September at 7:30pm. All parents are encouraged to attend, as our PA is very active and contributes a lot to our school.

#### Upcoming Events

Bag Pack Caulfields Supervalu	19th and 21st October
Bingo Night—The Forum	25th October

Looking forward to meeting many of you throughout the year!!!

Jerome Fahy