



*“To love, wonder and achieve together”*

### Weekly Update – 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019

*This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The designated persons for Child Protection are Mr Triggs, Mrs Cromie and Mrs Rigby*



The Sunday Gospel through School on Wednesday This Sunday’s Gospel (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22) brings us out of Christmastide. On Sunday we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord. Jesus begins his Mission to the world when the Holy Spirit comes down upon Him - the same Spirit we receive through Baptism and Confirmation. Baptism is one of the seven sacraments which bring us closer to God. “Baptism is God’s most beautiful and magnificent gift.” St Gregory of Nazianzus. This week’s word is of course BAPTISM. <http://www.wednesdayword.org/>



**A thank you from the PSA.** The children created some ingenious and creative decorations for the Christmas Fayre. Now that the judging has taken place and everyone has had a good chance to look at them they are going to be available to take home if you would like them back.

#### Census Day – Pupil Favourite Lunch Menu Thursday 17th January 2019

We have a special menu for our census day next week. The more infant children that have a hot dinner next Thursday the more funding the school will receive. **PLEASE SEE IF YOUR CHILD CAN HAVE A DINNER ON THIS DAY.** Just have a look at the menu:

**Thank you.** We hope that you had a lovely Christmas Holiday and we wish you all a Happy New Year. St Louis staff would like to say a big thank you for your Christmas gifts, cards and kind wishes. They were as always, very much appreciated.



**BAM ITALIAN KITCHEN**  
17<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2019

Ham & Pineapple Pizza  
OR  
Cheese & Tomato Pasta Bake  
Chips  
Salad Bar of  
Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber &  
Grated Carrot  
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Individual Vanilla Ice Cream  
Pots  
Or  
Fresh Fruit

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**PSA news**

The PSA are trying to find the best way to communicate news and events to parents. In the past we have relied very much on our own facebook group and the informal class groups but we are aware that many people are unwilling to join the groups for a variety of very good reasons. With that in mind we have created a new website on which to post announcements

<https://wordpress.com/pages/stlouispsa.wordpress.com>. Please take a moment to visit the site. You will find an option to follow it in the bottom right hand corner allowing you to receive email notifications of any new posts. Please note we will still maintain the facebook group alongside the website.

**Attendance figures for last month** show a continued upturn, albeit slight! It is good news though and almost 1% higher than where we were at this time last year which is great news. Now we are in to the New Year I am hoping for a very healthy term ahead!

Class	At the end of Sept	End of October	End of November	End of December
Reception	94.7%	96.38	95.81	95.83
Year 1	96%	95.10	95.41	95.40
Year 2	94%	93.48	95.04	95.69
Year 3	96.3%	94.96	95.07	95.23
Year 4	95.4%	95.44	96.52	96.79
Year 5	98.1%	96.48	96.40	96.01
Year 6	96.1%	95.67	95.72	95.33
End Month total	96.1%	95.34	95.71	95.73
Total Dec 2017	96.27%	95.88	95.32	94.79
Difference	0.17%	-.54	0.39	0.94



**Ordinary Time.** After the celebrations of Christmastide we now return to 'Ordinary Time'. This seemingly odd title for a period of the church calendar is far from unimportant or uninteresting. Ordinary Time is called "ordinary" not because it is common, but simply because the weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered. The Latin word 'ordinalis', which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin word ordo, from which we get the English word order. Thus, the numbered weeks of Ordinary Time, in fact, represent the ordered life of the Church—the period in which we live our lives neither in feasting (as in the Christmas and Easter seasons) or in penance (as in Advent and Lent), but in watchfulness and expectation of the Second Coming of Christ

**School Crossing Patrol.** We have a new 'lollipop lady' starting in the next few weeks after a long wait. Thank you for your patience and I will let you know more details closer to the time.

### Last Few Days for Applications Approaching!

#### For the attention of all parents/carers with a child due to start school in September 2019.

If your child is due to start school for the first time (born between 01/09/2014 and 31/08/2015) then it is very important you make an on time school place application.

#### Deadline for primary school admissions 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019

To download the primary booklet for parent's, to make an on-line application and for further information please visit our website [www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions) and choose the page Apply to Start School.

#### Dates for the coming Spring Term.

Here are a few important dates for you for the coming term:

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January - Mass at 9.30am in the school hall.

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March - Mass and distribution of ashes at 9.30am in the school hall.

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April - Easter Praise presentation by Year 5.

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - Parents Evening

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April - Parents Evening

I will send out a more complete list next week.

**We have a vacancy** for a lunchtime supervisor between 12.00pm and 1.15pm Duties include taking responsibility for a class or individual children during our lunchtime session and helping to make the playtime happy and safe. Please call in and ask for more details if you are interested for more details.