



**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 Nevin. 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 2019 - 2020 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 €8 per pupil for the whole year, forms to be returned by **Friday September 27th.**
- 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 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

For better communication with our parents our school will now be using **Aladdin Connect** to relay information with regard to our pupils. We will **NOT** be sending "paper notes" in the future. So it is very important that the **phone number** you gave to the office is correct and up to date. Please download the **ALADDIN CONNECTAPP** from your app store as soon as possible. We thank you as always for your co-operation. If you have any problems please call to the office.

In consideration to other children, we ask that children or parents do not distribute birthday invitations and Christmas cards in school. Please do not send in leftover cakes from birthday parties to be distributed in school due to allergies. Due to GDPR we are not in a position to give out class lists.

**Please find our school calendar on the back cover. It is on the website also. The dates for Communion and Confirmation are to follow.**

Planning Permission for our new 4 classrooms has been granted. The project has to go to tender for building.

We are continuing our work with the new language curriculum. Our staff will have a full day training again this year on **Friday October 18<sup>th</sup>**.

Our next Green Flag is Transport. We will have a travel awareness quiz and a walk to school week.

**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.

**ST STEPHENS DE LA SALLE**  
**SCHOOL CALENDAR 2019-2020**

**Term 1**

<b>Mid-Term Break</b>	Friday 25th Oct – <b>Close at 12:00pm</b> Re-opening Monday Nov 4 <sup>th</sup> at 8:50am
<b>In-Service</b>	Friday October 18 <sup>th</sup> – <b>School Closed</b>
<b>Parent / Teacher Meetings:</b>	November 20 <sup>th</sup> and November 21 <sup>st</sup> .
<b>Christmas Holidays</b>	Friday December 20 <sup>th</sup> – <b>Close at 12:00pm</b> Re-opening Monday January 6 <sup>th</sup> 2020 at 8:50am

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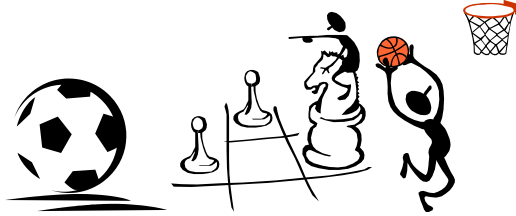
**Term 2**

<b>Mid-Term Break</b>	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> & Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February
<b>Bank Holiday</b>	Monday March 16 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday March 17 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Easter Holidays</b>	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April – <b>Close at 12:00pm</b> Re-opening Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April at 8:50am

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**Term 3**

<b>May Bank Holiday</b>	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>De La Salle Day</b>	Friday May 15 <sup>th</sup> – <b>Close at 12:00pm</b>
<b>June Bank Holiday</b>	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>
<b>Summer Holidays</b>	Friday June 26 <sup>th</sup> – <b>Close at 12:00pm</b>



## **AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES\***

*(\*full list of activities for the 2019/2020 year*

*is on our website at [www.ststephensbns.com](http://www.ststephensbns.com))*

<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Class</b>
<b>Monday</b>	2.30 - 3.15	Hurling	1 <sup>st</sup> Class
<b>Tuesday</b>	2.30 - 3.30	Chess	Advanced
<b>Wednesday</b>	2.30 - 3.15	Hurling	2 <sup>nd</sup> Class
<b>Thursday</b>	2.30 - 3.15	Hurling	3 <sup>rd</sup> Class