



St. Thomas' S.N.S. Newsletter



18th September 2017

Book Rental

Thank you to the parents who have paid the full book rental and to those who are paying it by instalments. The book rental is €75 which covers virtually everything.....we do not ask for additional money for photocopying, arts & crafts or voluntary contributions as other schools do. However we can only keep the cost low if everyone plays their part and pays the rental. We understand that some parents might have difficulties financially but it is very difficult for children to access the curriculum if they do not have the correct materials. Please call to see Ms O'Shea if we can be of assistance to you in this regard.

Vincent de Paul

If you need financial assistance for books the local conference of St Vincent de Paul may be able to help you. Letters for SVDP can be put through the front door letter box of the Pastoral Centre no later than 11.00am on Tuesdays.

3rd Class Meetings

Meetings for parents of children in 3rd class will take place this week and next. This will be a chance to meet with the teachers and have a chat about the year ahead. The short meeting will take place from 9.00am to 10.00am in your child's classroom. A cuppa will also be available.

- A. Wednesday: Ms O'Rourke's class—Room 2
- B. Thursday: Ms Kelly's class—Room 4
- C. Friday: Ms Quirke's class—Room 5

School News

- A. 5th class are working with Turtle from OWLS this year and have had their initial visit last week. They are really excited to be working outdoors this year.
- B. Well done to the Boys Senior Football Team who clocked up their first win against Kill last week.
- C. Good luck to the Boys' GAA team who play against Saggart this week.

School Attendance

All schools are obliged to keep a record of pupil absences and reasons for absences under the Education (Welfare) Act 2000.

- Responsibility of Parents: Under the Education (Welfare) Act 2000 parents must inform the school if their child is absent from school and the reason for the absence.
- Responsibility of the School: Schools are obliged to keep a register of the pupils attending the school. They must also maintain attendance records for all pupils and inform the Educational Welfare Services if a child is absent for more than 20 days in a school year. The Principal must also inform the Educational Welfare Services if a student has an attendance problem.

Reminders

1. If you wish to take out the Pupil Personal Insurance on your child please send in the form and money to Lisa by Friday.
2. Children should be on time for school.
3. Opening/Closing time: The Board of Management does not accept responsibility for pupils on the school grounds before the official opening time of the school at 9.00am. School finishes each day at 2.40pm. Parents who wish to have their children collected from school should make sure the person collecting them is at the school at 2.40pm as the school cannot be responsible for looking after children after the official closing time of 2.40pm.
4. Children should not be on the school grounds before/after official school time or during weekends.
5. Children going home during the day must have a written note from a parent/guardian. Children in 3rd class are not allowed to walk home alone during the day.