



St. Thomas' S.N.S. Newsletter



22nd January, 2018

School Rule

I do my best in class and allow others to do the same

Parent/Teacher Meetings

P/T meetings will be held on Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th February. Appointments will be sent out shortly. Please let the teacher know if the time does not suit so that another appointment can be arranged. Attendance at the Parent/Teacher meeting is very important so that you can find out exactly how your child is doing in school.

Mount Seskin CC

The Entrance Test for pupils wishing to go to Mount Seskin Community College will take place this Friday 26th January. Only children enrolled in the College will be eligible to do the Entrance Test.

Pupils must make their own way to the College for 9.00am.

Date for your Diary

As part of Catholic Schools Week, **Grandparents Day** will be held on Friday week—2nd February. Further Details next week.

ACCORD

A reminder that personnel from ACCORD will be in the school to meet parents in the Parents Room this WEDNESDAY 24th January at 9.05am. While all parents are invited to the talk it is of particular relevance to parents of 5th and 6th class pupils.

The personnel will provide information on the sensitive issues of the Relationship and Sexuality Programme (RSE) which must be taught in school.

One lucky parent will receive a Spot Prize for attending!

Stay Safe Programme

The Stay Safe Programme is part of the Social, Personal and Health Education programme on the Primary Schools Curriculum which all schools are obliged to teach. Please read the letter overleaf. This is Week 2 of the 13 week programme which will be taught in all classes in school.

School Activities

- A. **Swimming** for 3rd class pupils takes place tomorrow (Tuesday) - Week 2/8
- B. **Catholic Schools Week** takes places next week.
- C. **Fighting Words**; Pupils from Ms English's class will go to the Fighting Words creative writing workshop in Wicklow on Wednesday.
- D. **ACCORD** talk for 6th class pupils will take place on Wednesday. Facilitators will cover the sensitive parts of the Relationship and Sexuality Programme.
- E. **Mass**: Mr Daly's will attend Mass on Thursday as part of their preparation for Confirmation.
- F. **Transition Programme**: Ms Graham's class will visit MSCC on Thursday as part of the transition programme.

Parents

Killinarden Family Resource Centre are running a course in Restorative Practice which offers advice on building relationships and resolving conflicts. This will start this Thursday and run for 3 weeks from 10am to 12.00. Please contact Claire Casey on 01-4940030 for further information.

An Cosán are running a Health & Fitness class for women on Tuesdays from 10.00—12.30. Registration and information is tomorrow (23rd January) at 10.00am

School Closure

SCHOOL WILL CLOSE AT 12.00 THIS FRIDAY 26TH JANUARY TO FACILITATE STAFF TRAINING ON THE NEW "CHILD PROTECTION PROCEDURES FOR TEACHERS"



Our Seanfhocail for this week
"Níl aon tinteán mar do thinteán féin"
"There is no place like home"



Dear Parents

This term we are teaching a personal safety education programme called Stay Safe. The aim of the Stay Safe programme is to teach children personal safety skills so that they can look after themselves in situations which could be upsetting or dangerous. It deals initially with common situations which most children will experience at some stage or other, eg getting lost or being bullied. The programme also teaches children the safety skills necessary to protect themselves from physical or sexual abuse and emphasises the importance of telling a trusted adult about any problems they have.

The Stay Safe programme is part of the Social, Personal and Health Education curriculum which all primary schools are required to implement. Co-operation between parents and teachers is essential to the success of the programme. It is important that parents are aware of the content of the Stay Safe lessons and are able to discuss the lessons with their children. Your child may bring home worksheets which will inform you on the topics being covered in class and how you can reinforce the messages at home.

You can familiarise yourself with the content of the Stay Safe lessons at www.staysafe.ie/teachers/resources.htm. Please contact the school if you wish to discuss the programme further.

Thank you for your co-operation.

