



# St. Thomas' S.N.S. Newsletter



29th January, 2018

## School Rule

I have respect for people and for property

## Parent/Teacher Meetings

Parent/teacher meetings will be held next week—on Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th February. You will receive an appointment—if you have not already done so. Please let the teacher know if the time does not suit so another appointment can be arranged.

- A. Tuesday 6th Feb from 2.45—5.15pm. Pupils will go home at 2.25pm on Tuesday
- B. Wednesday 7th Feb from 2.40pm. Pupils will go home at normal time of 2.40 on Wednesday.

## Health & Safety

A reminder to all parents that children should not be on the school grounds after school, at weekends or during holiday time.

## Students of the Month

A trip to DSPCA has been organised for the 3rd and 4th Class Students of the Month nominated by their teachers in December and January. This will take place this Wednesday during school time. The 5th and 6th class Students of the Month will get to go in February. Many thanks to Joanne from Dublin Bus for providing the transport free of charge.

## Grandparents Day

Grandparents are invited to visit the school this Friday at 11.15am. There will be a short ceremony, a cup of tea and grandparents will be welcome to visit the classrooms with their grandchildren. We ask that grandparents bring their invitations with them on the morning as this will make it easier to match children and their grandparents in an efficient manner. We would be delighted to have as many grandparents as possible with us for the occasion.



## Board of Management

A Board of Management meeting was held on Friday 12th January. The Board is happy with the progress made regarding suggestions in the Whole School Evaluation Report. The new Child Protection Procedures for Primary Schools (2017) were discussed and the Board must now develop a Child Safeguarding Statement. The Department of Education and Skills have sanctioned two half days "in service" for all school staff to engage with the new Guidelines and Procedures. One of these took place last Friday. The other date has not yet been decided.

## School Activities

- A. **Swimming** for 3rd class pupils Tuesday (Week 3/8)
- B. **Catholic Schools Week** takes place this week
- C. **Fighting Words:** pupils from Ms L. Seagrave's class will go to Fighting Words creative writing workshop in Glencree on Wednesday.
- D. **ACCORD** talk for 5th class pupils will take place this Wednesday for those pupils whose parents/guardians who have given consent.
- E. **Mass:** Mr Campbell's class will attend Mass on Thursday as part of their preparation for Confirmation.
- F. **MSCC**—Ms Wall, Year Head in Mount Seskin will meet with 6th class pupils on Wednesday as part of the transition programme.
- G. **Stay Safe Programme**—This is Week 3 of the 13 week programme

## Clinical Psychology Services

If you are concerned about or would like advice in relation to your child's behaviour there is a Drop in Service for Parents and Carers in Chamber House on the last Wednesday of every month from 9.00—1.00pm. This is a free, private and confidential parenting advice service—no appointment is needed—it is on a first come first seen basis. For more information contact:

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