



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



5th February, 2018

## School Rule

I behave in a proper manner around the school

## Parent/Teacher Meetings

Parent teacher meetings will be held tomorrow, Tuesday from 2.45–5.15 pm and on Wednesday 7th Feb from 2.45–3.45 pm. Pupils will go home at 2.25 tomorrow and at 2.40pm on Wednesday.

**If you cannot make the meeting for any reason please let the teacher/school know.**

## After School Activities

Due to the parent/teacher meetings this week there will be NO after school clubs on Tuesday or on Wednesday of this week.

## Grandparents Day

What a wonderful day we had on Friday with the hall packed to capacity again this year. We were delighted to welcome so many grandparents to the school. There was a great buzz about the school as the children proudly invited their grandparents to their class.

There was a little trip down memory lane for some as they looked at artefacts from the past.

A huge THANK YOU to our wonderful group of parents who organised the hall so beautifully and who looked after the catering.

## Green/Healthy Schools

We are a Healthy Eating school and soft drinks of any kind are not allowed in the school. Pupils are encouraged to drink water or milk in school.

We are doing our bit for the global Plastic Pollution problem and are delighted that bottled water is no longer delivered to the school each day. We now have special filtered water taps in all classrooms and pupils have their own Water

Bottle which they may use. Thanks to the Green School Committee for helping us with this initiative. Last year we used a staggering 79,000 plastic bottles for water—this is the equivalent of 11 kilometers of bottles in one school year.

## Anti Bullying Questionnaires

Anti bullying questionnaires were completed by all pupils last week. There are 2 questions on the questionnaire:

1. Would you like to talk to someone about bullying?
2. Do you know anyone having a hard time?

Pupils should have no fear about reporting bullying behaviour as all pupils fill in the questionnaires and children involved in any investigations are not informed where the information has come from. Any issues raised are investigated and dealt with by the relevant teacher. As per the Department of Education and Skills guidelines, the emphasis is not on punishment but on getting any bullying behaviours to stop.

## School Activities

- A. **Swimming** for 3rd class pupils on Tuesday (week 4/8)
- B. **Fighting Words:** pupils from Ms Griffins class will go to Fighting Words creative writing workshop in Glenree this Wednesday
- C. **Table Quiz:** we are delighted that 3 quiz teams are taking part in a Table Quiz in Tallaght Library tomorrow.
- D. **Stay Safe Programme:** This is week 4 of the 13 week programme.
- E. **Operation Transformation:** We are participating in the 10@10 challenge every day as part of Operation Transformation
- F. **Assembly** for all standards will take place this week.
- G. **Mass:** Mr Campbell's class will attend Mass on Thursday as part of their preparation for Confirmation
- H. **MSSC:** Mr Daly's class will visit Mount Seskin on Thursday as part of the transfer programme.

## Mid Term Break

**THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL NEXT WEEK AS IT IS MID TERM BREAK.**

**SCHOOL WILL CLOSE ON FRIDAY 9th FEBRUARY AT 2.40pm and RE-OPEN ON MONDAY 19TH FEBRUARY AT 9.00am.**

## **FAMILY MASS**

will be celebrated on **Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> of February at 11.30 am.**

We especially would like to extend an invitation to the First Holy Communion & Confirmation children and their Families.

Our parishes **JUNIOR CHOIR** is leading singing.

You haven't come to the Family Mass yet? This is the time!

We are looking forward to see you & your Family!

St. Thomas The Apostle parish Team

## **GODLY PLAY**

**EXPERIENCE SOMETHING NEW & POWERFUL** as you engage in the Bible Stories in the new way!

Lenten Bible Stories will be told for 6 weeks, starting **Tuesday, 13th of February, 11-12 pm for adults** and

**3-4 pm for children** in the parish pastoral centre.

**Story tellers:**

Saule Cameron & Rosemary Lavelle

**... ONLY CHRISTIANITY DEARS TO MAKE GOD'S LOVE UNCONDITIONAL!  
(Phillip Yancey)**

## **What's so amazing about Grace? (by Philip Yancey)**

***SESSION FOUR: THE ART OF FORGIVING:  
RESPONDING WITH GRACE WHEN IT SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE***

**continues on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> of February at 7.30 pm**

**in St. Thomas The Apostle Parish Church.**

**The last one is on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March.**

**A perfect time to join us!**

**Organisers: Tallaght Churches Together**



**ST MARKS GAA CLUB BOYS U10's ARE INVITING THE NEXT STARS OF DUBLIN GAA BORN AFTER JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> 2008 FOR THEIR GAELIC FOOTBALL AND HURLING TEAMS FOR THE UPCOMING 2018 SEASON.**

**IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN HAVING FUN AND MAKING NEW FRIENDS, COME ALONG AND LEARN THE UNIQUE SKILLS OF GAELIC FOOTBALL AND HURLING AND BECOME PART OF A TEAM AND CLUB WITH A GREAT FAMILY ATMOSPHERE**

**THE TEAM POSSESS EXPERIENCED GARDA VETTED COACHES WITH TRAINING ON MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY NIGHTS FROM 6-7pm AND MATCHES ON SATURDAY MORNINGS.**

**OPEN EVENINGS ARE BEING HELD ON THE ASTRO AT ST MARK'S SECONDARY SCHOOL, SPRINGFIELD FROM 6-7pm THROUGHOUT JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2018.**

**SO WHY NOT COME AND HAVE A GO!**

**FOR ANY FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT  
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