



12th March, 2018

School Rule

I behave in a proper manner around the school

Big Snow of 2018

Thank you parents/guardians for your patience and understanding during last week. If you look at the school website www.stthomas.ie you will see some incredible photographs showing the massive drifts of snow on the school grounds. The BOM of both Junior and Senior schools paid for a digger on Monday and 2 diggers on Tuesday to move the drifts on the yard. Texts were sent to one parent in each family using the most recent number available to us. If you did not receive a text please let us know. Many, many thanks to Neil and Mark who worked tirelessly to create pathways through the snow to ensure the yard was safe for the children.

Report from Board of Management

The BOM meeting took place on Tuesday 27th February. The Board ratified the new Child Safeguarding Statement which includes a Risk Assessment. The Child Safeguarding Statement will replace the Child Protection Policy and will be available on the school website and in the front lobby. The Critical Incident Policy was also ratified by the Board. Attendance figures of 91% for the months of December and January was disappointing—we are aiming for an average of 95%. Children should be in school every day.

Confirmation

Ceremony of Light for pupils making Confirmation will take place on:
Tuesday 17th April for pupils in Ms Guinan's and Ms Graham's classes
Wednesday 18th April for pupils in Mr Daly's and Mr Campbell's classes.
The Ceremony will be held in the Church at 7.00pm

After School Clubs

There will be NO after school clubs tomorrow after school due to Staff Training (no Chess, Homework Club, GAA etc)

Seachtain na Gaeilge

We have a week of great activities planned for our own Seachtain na Gaeilge 2018. Beidh daoine o Heritage Ireland visitng gach rang to tell about Celts, the Vikings, Ogham writing and basket weaving. Beidh na paisiti tasting Irish food: Beidh rang a 3 agus Dads & Lads planting potatoes. We hope for fine weather so the whole school community can take part in the Grand Finale of a Ceili Mor in the yard after small break. We will then finish with a rendition of Amhran na bhFiann. Pupils will be encouraged to 'bí ag caint cupla focail as Gaeilge' during the week. We will have Radio na Gaeltachta o Jobstown on Friday at 12.30. Parents are invited to join us for the Ceili if you wish. Buiochas mór to our group of wonderful parents who are again helping out throughout the week and getting involved in face painting for An Ceilí Mór on Friday. **Headbands (€1) and Wristbands (50c) will be on sale during the week—proceeds going to Focus Ireland**

School News

1. **Mass:** Mr Daly's and Mr Campbell's classes will attend Mass on Thursday as part of their preparation for Confirmation.
2. **Stay Safe Programme:** This is Week 8 of the 13 week programme.
3. **Swimming** for 3rd class pupils tomorrow—LAST SESSION
4. **Athletics:** Best of luck to our Athletes competing in the second round of South Dublin Schools Cross Country Series in Jobstown Park on Wednesday. Good luck to the approximately 40 athletes taking part who will walk there and back with school staff.
5. Best of luck to our boys football team taking part in the FAI 5 a side competition in Wayside/Kiltiernan on Thursday.

School Closure

There will be NO school next Monday 19th March due to the Bank Holiday. School will reopen on Tuesday 20th March

Best wishes for a lovely weekend to all.

La Fheile Padraig shona daoibh go leir

St Thomas the Apostle

Vacancy

Community Employment Scheme

CE Scheme Vacancy for Security Officer in St. Thomas Church/School Complex

Position is Security/CCTV

19.5 hours per week. Full training will be provided

Gain qualifications and valuable work experience

CE rates apply

Must be eligible for CE

Contact Mary/Nicola on 01 4528714 for details and to arrange an interview.

PARENT ACTIVITIES

Do you want to upskill and get back into the job market? We are running a Digital & Employable Skills Course in the Parents Room running weekly for 6 weeks commencing 9th April. For more details please contact Lisa Rohan in the school or call 01 4526555.

Easter Activities is back!!! Make Easter craft baskets/decorations. Running for the next 2 Wednesdays (14th and 21st March) in our Parents Room at 9.00am ALL ARE WELCOME—WE WILL HAVE A CRAFT EXPERT ON HAND TO HELP.



