



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



28th January 2019

## Rule of the Week

I behave in a proper manner around the school

## Catholic Schools Week

**Don't forget:** as part of Catholic Schools Week we are celebrating Grandparents Day this Friday at 11.30am. **We would be delighted to have as many grandparents as possible with us for the occasion.** The children love to see their grandparents in the school and especially in their classes. Please bring your invitation with you on the day. There will be a short prayer service in the hall at 11.30am followed by visits to the classroom.

## Parent/Teacher Meetings

Appointments will be issued shortly for parent teacher meetings. It is very important that you meet with your child's teacher. Meetings will take place on:

- A. Tuesday 12th Feb from 2.45–5.15pm.  
Pupils will go home at 2.25pm.
- B. Wednesday 13th Feb from 2.45–3.45pm.  
Pupils will go home at the normal time of 2.40pm on Thursday.

## R.S.E.

As part of the Relationships and Sexuality education programme, facilitators from ACCORD will be in school on Monday **11th February at 9.00** to meet parents. They will provide information to you about the topics/sensitive issues they will cover with the 5th and 6th class pupils. **One lucky parent will get a spot prize for attending the meeting.** Please sign the consent form and return to your child's teacher.

## 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/Carers in Mary Mercer Health Centre** on the last Wednesday of every month from 9.00am-1.00pm. This is a free, private and confidential advice service—no appointment is needed—it is on a first come first seen basis. For more information contact:  
Mary Mercer Health Centre or:  
Dr. Ciara McCarthy—Senior Clinical Psychologist  
[01 4686285](tel:014686285)

## Gaeilge

Each week we are trying to include a sentence(s) in Irish (as Gaeilge) that you might like to use at home with your child

Go raibh maith agat—Thank you  
 Fáilte romhat—You're welcome  
 Ca bhfuil tu? - Where are you  
 An maith leat? - Do you like?  
 Is maith liom—I like  
 Is breá liom—I really like  
 Cá bhfuil do lón? - Where is your lunch?  
 Seo é do lón—Here is your lunch.  
 Cuir ort do chóta—Put on your coat  
 Maith thú! - Well done! Good for you!  
 Brostaigh ort! - Hurry up!  
 Cé leis é seo? - Who owns this?

And our Seanfhocail (old Irish saying) translates to "Friends are worth more than gold"

*Is fearr cairde ná ór*



## Board of Management

At it's last meeting the Board of Management reviewed the Child Safeguarding Statement and Code of Behaviour. Amendments to Code of Behaviour were recommended. See letter from Chairperson overleaf. We welcome suggestions or comments regarding the Code of Behaviour. The Board agreed that any parents who have not yet paid anything towards the Book Bill should be contacted. They understand that things may be difficult for some people but will work with them to come to a solution. The matter will be reviewed at the next meeting.

## Attendance

Letters regarding your child's attendance will be sent to you as a matter of course if your child misses 15 days and again if they miss 20 days of school. A meeting will be set up to meet parents when a pupil misses 20 days and we are obliged to inform the Educational Welfare Services, Tusla at that stage. It is really important that pupils come to school every day.

## School/Sports News

- A. **Music Generation:** Aoife will visit 3rd classes today.
- B. **Swimming :** 3rd classes swimming tomorrow (2/8). Make sure they have their towel, underclothes.
- C. **Confirmation:** As part of preparation for Confirmation, Ms Fleming's class will attend Mass on Thursday at 10.00am.
- D. **Transfer:** Mr Kilbride's class will have a georgraphy lesson in MSCC on Thursday.
- E. **GAA:** David O'Callaghan will be coaching GAA with 4th class pupils on Friday.