



St. Thomas' S.N.S. Newsletter



25th February 2019

Rule of the Week

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

Parent Teacher Meetings

Thank you to all the parents/guardians who attended Parent Teacher meetings before mid term. These are very important meetings as it allows you the opportunity to discuss your child's progress with the teacher. If for any reason you were not in a position to attend please contact the teacher/school to make another appointment. The school phone number is 01 4526555.

Attendance

We are delighted with the improvement with the attendance figures for December and January. We hope the February figures will also be improved. There are seven weeks to the Easter holidays. It is really important that children are in school and on time every day. We will inform you by post if your child misses 15 days and 20 days of school. As you are aware, we are obliged to inform the Educational Welfare Services in TUSLA when a pupil misses 20 days of school. It is important that you let your child's teacher know the reason for any absences.

Uniforms

Pupils enrolled in the school are expected to obey the school rules. Pupils are expected to wear their school uniform or school tracksuit every day. We thank you for your cooperation with this. We have some spare quality second hand ones if you need them.

Student Teachers

Over the next few weeks we will have a number of student teachers on placement in our school. We are delighted that they will be with us.

Confirmation

If your child is being confirmed this year and was baptised in a Church other than St Thomas the Apostle in Jobstown, you will need to get a copy of your child's baptismal cert and bring it to the school.

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?
Ar aghaidh leat... - On you go... Go on...
Tá sé in am dul ag lui—It's time to go to bed
Tabhair é seo do - Give this to...

And our Seanfhocail (old Irish saying) translates to "Silence is Golden"

Is binn béal ina thost



Parish News

Mass Times: Thursdays at 10.00 and Sundays at 11.30.

Parish shop now stocking range of baptismal and communion gifts. Opening times Monday to Thursday 9-pm 3-pm Friday 12-30.am.

Bealtaine Festival Why not consider running a Dawn/Dusk chorus during the month of May? Older people, their families and friends sing songs they love and that everyone can join in. Please e-mail: bealtaine1@ageandopportunity.ie or call (01)8057713

School/Sports News

- A. **Music Generation:** 4th class pupils will be working with Music Generation today.
- B. **Swimming:** for 3rd class pupils tomorrow, Tuesday (week 5/8)
- C. **OWLS** Heritage in Schools will be working with 5th classes on Biodiversity on Tuesday.
- D. **Fighting Words:** Pupils from Ms Quirke's class will go to Fighting words creative writing workshop in Glencree on Thursday.
- E. **Transfer:** Pupils from MSCC will again visit on Tuesday to do paired reading with 4th class pupils.
- F. **Mass:** Ms Lawlor's and Ms Fleming's classes will attend Mass on Thursday as part of preparation for Confirmation.
- G. **GAA:** David O'Callaghan will do GAA workshops with 4th classes on Friday (3/5)