



St. Thomas' S.N.S. Newsletter



2nd December 2019

Rule of the Week

I come to school every day on time and prepared.

Attendance Drive

Well done and thank you for making sure your children came to school every day during the Strive for Five attendance initiative. There was a massive improvement in attendance in the school for the month of November as a result of the Attendance Drive. The weekly results for each class will be available on the school website www.stthomas.ie. Pupils who had one **full week's attendance** got a treat and a raffle ticket for a prize at the end of every week. Two hundred and eighteen pupils who had **full attendance** in November were rewarded with a treat/cinema experience in the hall and a raffle.

Termly Attendance Reward

Pupils with excellent attendance—those who have missed 0, 1 or 2 days from September to December will also be rewarded with a treat/cinema experience before the Christmas Holidays.

MSCC

The closing date for enrolment in Mount Seskin Community College is Friday 6th December. Offers of places and another form to be filled out will be sent out to you from Mount Seskin before Christmas. The second form must be sent back by 10th January.

Christmas Shows

There is huge excitement in school with preparing and practising for the annual Christmas Shows which will be held next week. You are invited to our annual Christmas Shows which will be held on:

4th class parents—Thursday 12th December at 9.30

5th class parents—Thursday 12th December at 11.30

3rd class parents—Friday 13th December at 9.30

6th class parents—Friday 13th December at 11.30

DEIS Campaign

We are a DEIS Band 1 school. The class sizes were reduced in the budget in 2016 and 2018 but not reduced in DEIS schools. The Irish National Teachers Organisation is calling on the Minister for Education and Skills to reduce class sizes in DEIS band 1 schools like ours. You can play your part by following the link which will be sent to you later today. This will allow you to send an email to your TD's—your children will benefit. It only takes one minute.

Contact Details

Please make sure that all contact details (which you have given to the school) are correct and current—particularly mobile phone numbers. This is essential, as we operate a Text a Parent facility.

Complaints Procedure

A reminder that the **Parental Complaints Procedure** is on the school website www.stthomas.ie in the parents zone under School Documents. A hard copy is available from the Secretary's office on request.

School News

- A. **Assembly:** takes place for all classes this week.
- B. **Music Generation:** Colleen will work with 4th classes on Wednesday
- C. **IRISH ANNUALS:** For sale in the school shop for ONLY €2 EACH

Parish News

NEWS MASS TIMES: Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10 am and Sundays at 11.30 am.

Parish Office Monday to Thursday 9 am to 3 pm & Friday 9 am to 12.30 pm

SALE OF WORK: on Sunday 8th of December in The Pastoral Centre after the 11:30am Family Mass. All proceeds will go towards Church repairs in St. Thomas' Church