



St. Thomas' S.N.S. Newsletter



17th October 2016

School Rule

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

Music

We are very lucky to have a musician Ray coming in to teach tin whistle to pupils in 5th/6th classes one day a week. The school covers the cost of the tuition. Most children had got their tin whistles last year but they may have been misplaced or lost. Tin whistles cost €5 and are available in the school shop. **5th/6th class pupils must have a tin whistle for Thursday**

Mandolin

Ms Farrell teaches the mandolin in an after school club. There are a small number of places still available if your child is interested in learning to play the mandolin—the instruments will be provided by the school. Please let Ms Farrell know.

Chickens



It was a sad day on Friday when we had to say good-bye to Tommy, Sheldon and Peekachick as they went to their new home in Co. Kilkenny. It was a very exciting project to have had in the school. Thanks to Ms Rohan for organising it.

Critical Incident Management Plan

We have updated the Critical Incident Management Plan and would like your views in relation to it. A critical incident is an incident or sequence of events which overwhelms the normal coping mechanism of the school. There will be a meeting this Friday to outline the plan to parents. If interested please come to the Parents Room on Friday at 9.00am

Parents

Reminder that all are welcome to attend our Adult Art Classes each Tuesday from 9.00—11.00am and our Pranic Healing Course every Thursday from 9.30—11.00am.

Uniform/Tracksuits

Please make sure your child's name is written on the uniforms/tracksuits/jackets so we can return lost property to the right owner. We have a number of jackets in the lost and found from last year. If you think they might belong to your child please call to the office.

Fighting Words

All of the 4th classes will get the opportunity to go to a creative writing workshop in town during the next few weeks. Ms Daly's class will be going on Friday. Transport will be provided.

Transfer Programme

Ms Farrell's class will visit the library in Mount Seskin Community College today as part of the Transfer Programme. Pupils in 5th/6th class will get the opportunity to take part in various workshops such as Woodwork, Home Economics, Metalwork, Art, Science in the College tomorrow as part of the open day in MSCC.

School & Sports News

- A. **Swimming:** Session 3 of 8 swims takes place tomorrow for 4th class pupils.
- B. **Athletics** training resumes on Tuesdays and Thursday mornings from 8.30-8.50am weather permitting thanks to Ms Flynn and Ms Scanlon. If it is very wet or windy it will not take place.
- C. **Basketball:** Good luck to the basketball teams who play on Wednesday in the school hall—there are 2 games organised against St. Anne's at 1.00 and 1.30pm.
- D. **Senior Football:** Hard luck to the **Senior Boys football team** who were knocked out of their competition. They have played with full conviction and enthusiasm in all of their matches to date and their behaviour is a credit to their parents. Thanks to Mr Watson, Mr Murphy and Mr Daly for giving up their time after school to train the teams and organise the matches.
- E. Good luck to the **Junior Boys Football Team** who have 2 home matches this week, tomorrow and Wednesday.
- F. School finishes at 2.40 and we are not responsible for pupils after this time. Each day a number of children are not collected on time—this is unfair on the pupils and their teachers.