



St. Thomas' S.N.S. Newsletter



24th October 2016

School Rule

I behave in a proper manner around the school

Board of Management

A vacancy has arisen for a father nominee on the Board of Management. The Board would like to sincerely thank the outgoing father nominee Fergal Whelan for his work on the Board to date. A meeting to elect a new father nominee to the Board will take place on **Monday 7th November**. At the meeting in the school hall, nominations will be sought from parents for a father—to stand for election as parent nominee on the Board. There will be a ballot at the meeting to elect the nominee. All nominees must be proposed and seconded.

3rd Class Parents

We are actively recruiting parents of children in 3rd class to become involved in their child's learning in a fun way. Irene invites all 3rd class parents to a meeting after Halloween (giving you plenty of notice) on Wednesday 9th November in the Parents Room at 9.00am. Tea, scones and a chat guaranteed.

Halloween

Halloween is almost upon us—bonfires and fireworks are dangerous. Please explain the dangers of illegal fireworks and bonfires to your children. South Dublin County Council ask that you do not leave any material lying around that can be taken for a bonfire, that you keep pets inside as they are sensitive to noise. More information on www.sdcc.ie

All pupils should wear school uniform or tracksuit to school on Friday. There will be no dressing up for Halloween in school. This is to ease the financial pressure for parents and also to maintain the sense of calm in the school.

Thank you to our fabulous parents who are organising Halloween activities for 3rd classes at the end of the week. It will be a spooky event.....

School In Service Day

The School will be closed on Friday 11th November to facilitate in service training. All teachers will attend a full day seminar in the school on the new Primary Language Curriculum

Phones

We are collecting old phones—we can exchange them for tablets/ipads for use in the classes. If you have any please send them in to Mr Campbell in Room 10.

Parents

Knitting Classes for all parents/guardians will start Friday 11th November (9.00–11.00am) in the parents room. All are welcome, beginners, experienced and experts!!

School & Sports News

- A. **Transfer Programme:** Mr Watson's class will be going to MSCC today as part of the transfer programme.
- B. **Nature Programme:** Clare from the OWLS Nature Programme will visit 5th classes and the support classes on Thursday and Friday.
- C. **School Visit:** Ms Kiernan's and Ms Flynn's classes will visit Domino's Pizza on Thursday—they will travel there and back by public bus.
- D. **Swimming:** Session 4 of 8 takes place tomorrow for 4th class pupils.
- E. **Basketball:** Hard luck to the Basketballers who were defeated by St. Anne's last week. They did their best but it wasn't to be their day. Thank you to Ms Surlis and Ms English for their time and dedication.
- F. **Junior Football:** Hard luck to the Junior Boys Football team who were knocked out of their competition. Thanks to Mr Miley and Mr Daly for giving up their time after school to train the teams and organise the matches.

School will close on Friday 28th October for mid term break and will reopen on Monday 7th November. We hope you all have an enjoyable and a safe Halloween.