



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



3rd October 2016

## School Rule

I come to school every day on time and prepared

## 3rd Class Meeting

We look forward to meeting parents of 3rd class pupils this week and next. Parents will be reading with their children followed by a brief meeting with the class teacher. The Code of Behaviour and Anti Bullying Policies will be outlined at the meeting. We hope for a great turnout.

## Homework

All pupils will get homework Monday to Thursday.

It is very important that pupils do their homework each night. Please check your child's homework and sign the journal each night.

## Book Rental

A number of parents have yet to pay for the book rental. This is not fair on those who do pay. If you have a problem with payment please come and meet Ms O'Shea.

## Child Protection

We all—parents, school and community members have a duty to protect children as the welfare and protection of children is of paramount importance. Please read the letter overleaf which outlines the responsibility of this school in relation to issues of child protection. The Board of Management reviewed the Child Protection Policy at its last meeting on Friday 28th September. This policy is on the school website [www.stthomas.ie](http://www.stthomas.ie)

## Family Mass

There will be a family Mass next Sunday (9th October) at 11.30am in the Church. All welcome.

## Chickens



Our chickens are due to hatch between Tuesday and Thursday this week. Thanks to Mr Campbell you can follow all the action on the live feed on the website.

## Confirmation Dates

Pupils in Ms Murphy's and Ms Surlis's class will make their Confirmation on Friday 26th May and pupils in Mr Watson's and Ms Farrell's classes will make theirs on Saturday 27th May.

## School & Sports News

- A. Dublin Fire Brigade will speak with 3rd classes tomorrow about fire safety.
- B. Swimming for 4th classes starts tomorrow.
- C. Assembly for all classes will take place this week.
- D. Well done to the Senior Boys Football team who had a great win against Scoil Solas Chriost last week.
- E. Hard luck to the Junior Team who played very well against St Martin de Porres and were unfortunate not to win.
- F. Good luck to the Basketball team who play their first game in Killinarden on Wednesday against Scoil Caitlin Maude. Pupils will walk there and back.

## Parents

All our courses are funded by the school and everyone is welcome to attend. If you would like to become involved in our school please contact Irene.

- A. Adult Art classes continue every Tuesday 9-11am
- B. Pranac Healing 6 week course every Thursday 9.30-11.00am.
- C. An information talk on Austistic Spectrum Disorder will take place on Thursday 13th October 9.30 -10.30am. All wlcome
- D. Saoirse Womens Refuge Tallaght will be coming in to talk about their work in the community and the supports they provide on Friday 14th October in the Parents Room (9.00-10.00am)



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### **Re: Child Protection Guidelines**

03/10/16

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Department of Education and Skills has issued Guidelines and Procedures for all schools in relation to child welfare and protection. These guidelines promote the welfare of all children and are to be welcomed. A copy of the guidelines is available to be viewed in the school on request.

The Board of Management of St. Thomas' Senior School has adopted the guidelines as school policy. If there is a matter of serious concern about a child's welfare or protection, we are required to report this to the HSE who will then assess the case and provide the necessary support for the child and family concerned.

The Board of Management has nominated me as the Designated Liaison Person (DLP) for the school. I will liaise with all parties in relation to child welfare and protection. In my absence, Ms. Maire Moloney will act as Deputy DLP.

We are obliged to inform parents/guardians of the procedures that operate under these guidelines and this letter is simply to do that. The Child Protection Policy can be viewed on our website [www.stthomas.ie](http://www.stthomas.ie) under School Documents in the Parents' Zone. Should you require any further information about this, do not hesitate to get in touch.

Sincerely,

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Eithne O Shea  
Principal