



St. Thomas' S.N.S. Newsletter



23rd October, 2017

Rule of the Week

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

School Finishing Time

School finishes at 2.40pm and we are not responsible for the pupils after this time. Each day a number of children are not collected on time—this is unfair on the pupils and the teachers.

Thank you

Thank you to our fabulous parents who are organising Spooky Halloween activities for 3rd classes on Thursday and 4th classes on Friday. It will be a spooky event.....

Skipping Workshops

Skipping Workshops have been organised for all pupils in 3rd classes for tomorrow.

Student of the Month

Pupils who were awarded Student of the Month will visit DSPCA in Rathfarnham on Friday 10th November as a reward. Thanks to Joanne from Dublin Bus for providing the transport.

Confirmation

A reminder that there will be a meeting for parents of children to be Confirmed taking place in St Thomas' Church this Thursday (26th October) at 7.00pm.

Code of Behaviour

Best behaviour is expected from all pupils in our school at all times. The Code of Behaviour (available on school website www.stthomas.ie) in the school is focused on 4 School Rules:

1. I come to school very day on time and prepared.
2. I have respect for people and for property.
3. I do my best in class and allow others to do the same.
4. I behave in a proper manner around the school.

School & Sports News

- A. **Swimming:** Session 3 of 8 weeks takes place tomorrow for 4th class pupils.
- B. **Athletics** training resumes on Tuesday 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. **School Visit:** Ms Kiernan's and Ms Flynn's classes will visit Domino's Pizza tomorrow—they will travel there and back by public bus.
- D. **Senior Football:** Hard luck to the Senior Boys Football team who were beaten in the semi finals last week. They played with great spirit and heart and had excellent behaviour at all times. Well done lads.
- E. **Cycle Safety:** Ms Kiernan's and Ms Flynn's classes have their final cycle safety classes today—this has been organised through Cycle Ireland.
- F. **Transition Programme:** Mr Daly's class will visit MSCC on Thursday.

School In Service Closure

The school will be closed on **Wednesday 8th November** to facilitate in service training for teachers. All teachers will attend a full day seminar in the school on the new Primary Language

Mid Term Break

School will close this Friday 27th October for mid term break and will re-open on Monday 6th November. We hope you all have an enjoyable and a safe Halloween.

Please see overleaf for important Halloween Information



Halloween is almost upon us:

1. Bonfires and Fireworks are dangerous. Please explain the dangers of bonfires and illegal fireworks to your children.
2. South Dublin County Council have a Halloween Pack for children which is designed for young people to encourage them to make the most of this holiday season and do so in a safe way. Inside the pack you will find 'stay safe' advice, pet safety tips and fun outdoor activities for young people to take part in over the Halloween period. More information at: www.sdcc.ie/services/community/school.
3. Joanne from Dublin Bus and Jenny Walsh, Community Guard spoke to pupils in 4th/5th/6th classes on Friday about staying safe and Halloween and the dangers of Fireworks.
4. Teachers will show a short film from Fire Brigade Services about Safety at Bonfires.
5. **All pupils should wear school uniform or school 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. Pupils will celebrate Halloween in other ways instead.