



St. Thomas' S.N.S. Newsletter



2nd October, 2017

Rule of the Week

I come to school every day on time and prepared

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

Thank you to all the parents who have paid the book rental. We can only keep the costs as low as they are if everyone pays. We would appreciate if those who have not fully paid to date contact the school to make arrangements. If you are having problems with payment please come and meet with Ms O'Shea.

After School Clubs

The number of clubs we have to offer depends on the goodwill of the teachers who give up their own time and run them for free. We ask that pupils are collected on time from the after school clubs.

ATHLETICS: Athletics Training starts tomorrow morning and runs each Tuesday and Thursday on the Astro from 8.30 to 8.50am weather permitting. If it is raining Athletics will not take place.

Board of Management

At it's last meeting held on Friday 8th September the Board of Management reviewed the Child Protection Policy. It also drafted a response to the Whole School Evaluation which was conducted by 3 inspectors from the Department of Education and Skills in May 2017. The Board was extremely happy with the very positive WSE Report which is available on the school website www.stthomas.ie. The Report is also available on the Department of Education and Skills website.

Confirmation Meeting

A meeting for parents of pupils in 6th class who will be making Confirmation in May will take place on Thursday 26th October at 7.00pm in St Thomas the Apostle Church, Jobstown.

Transition Programme

The Subject Samples in Mount Seskin last week proved very successful. Between now and Christmas, visits by 6th class pupils to MSCC will take place. Thursday is the Transition Day and Ms Guinan's class will have a library visit this Thursday. Pupils will walk there and back.

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 Child Protection Policy and Review is available on the school website, www.stthomas.ie.

School & Sports News

- A. Joanne from Dublin Bus and Jenny from the Garda spoke to pupils from 4th, 5th and 6th classes about throwing stones at the buses.
- B. Assembly for all classes will take place this week.
- C. Hard luck to the Junior and Senior Football Teams who played very well in their games last week but were beaten. Great reports about their behaviours—well done to all.
- D. Swimming starts tomorrow for 4th class pupils. Cost is €4 per session. Pupils will need their swimming gear/towel/swim hat.

PARENTS

ART CLASSES

Our art classes for beginners start tomorrow (October 3rd), 9-11.00am and run each Tuesday for 4 weeks in the Parents Room. No experience necessary—please come along and try your hand at it—you will definitely enjoy the experience. If you have a baby that requires minding while Art is on please let us know in advance so that we can organise a place in the Junior School Creche.

PARENTING CHILDREN FOR SUCCESS AT SCHOOL

We are hosting a talk by the very talented international educator Joseph Dreissan in the Parents Room this Thursday (5th October) from 9.30 to 11.30am. This is an amazing opportunity to listen to one of the most entertaining and motivational speakers who offers advice on guiding our children through the educational system.

This is definitely one not to miss.

ALL ARE WELCOME !!