



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



6th November, 2017

## Rule of the Week

I behave in a proper manner around the school

## Attendance & Punctuality

In order to improve our attendance figures we will be having an **Attendance & Punctuality Drive** for November. The class in each corridor who has the best attendance and punctuality for the month of November will be rewarded with a **PIZZA PARTY**. Please help your child's class to win by making sure your child is in school **EVERY DAY and ON TIME**.

- A. All pupils should be in their line for 9.00am every day.
- B. If a pupil is absent from school for any reason—it must be explained.

## Confirmation

Thanks to the many parents who attended the Confirmation Meeting before mid term. Confirmation will take place on Friday 25th May for pupils in Ms Guinan's and Ms Graham's classes and on Saturday 26th May for pupils in Mr Daly's and Mr Campbell's classes. If you want your child to make their Confirmation please return the form and baptism cert to the school this week.

## School News

- A. **Thank you** to all the parents who made Halloween so special for 3rd and 4th classes before mid term. They did a range of spooky Halloween activities in the Parents Room and Breakfast Club—fun and games were had by all. THANK YOU.
- B. **Staffing:** We wish Mr Grant the best of luck in his change of career—he has left us to join the Garda Síochána—we welcome Mr Mangan to his place.
- C. **Student of the Month:** pupils who were awarded Student of the Month for the month of September will visit DSPCA in Rathfarnham on Friday 10th November as a reward. Many thanks to Joanne from Dublin Bus for providing the transport.
- D. **Spelling Bee winners:** Well done to all our spelling bee winners listed overleaf.
- E. **Transition:** Mr Campbell's class will visit MSCC ON Thursday.

## Sports News

- A. Swimming: Session 4 of 8 swims takes place tomorrow for 4th class pupils.
- B. Cricket: Mr Grants', Mr Watsons' and Ms Guinans' classes have cricket coaching tomorrow.
- C. Basketball: Good luck to the Basketball team who have their first match on Thursday.

## Board of Management Report

### Code of Behaviour

At this stage of the year all parents are familiar with the Code of Behaviour in the school and the steps involved in dealing with negative behaviours which range from verbal warnings to red card or suspension.

At the Board of Management meeting on Friday 27th October, the Board of Management felt that the **rewards** for promoting positive behaviours in school should also be notified to parents. Positive or good behaviour in school is rewarded on a daily and/or weekly basis—this is done in a variety of ways depending on the individual teacher

Rewards such as **dojo points, raffle tickets, homework pass, computer pass, extra PE, Golden Time, watching a DVD, marbles, hot chocolate, sweets and treats, cookery, horse-riding/trips** etc. are available to individual pupils, groups of pupils or to the whole class.

Students have the opportunity to earn **Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards** on a class basis and they also get rewards for lining up. These are also rewarded with a range of treats.

The names and photographs of **Student of the Week** are placed on the classroom door.

Pupils selected as **Student of the Month** are presented with a **certificate at the monthly assembly, a group photograph is taken and placed on the school website and they also have a big reward (see School News).**

Pupils selected as **Sportsperson of the Month** are presented with a certificate at the monthly assembly also and get extra PE class.

## SCHOOL CLOSURE

**REMINDER that school will be closed for children this 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**



## **Congratulations to all of our Mid-term Spelling Bee Winners**

3<sup>rd</sup> Class- Terry O'Reilly Rm.2, Jayden Griffin Rm.4, Becky Shiels Rm.6, Precious Adeniyi Rm.27 and overall winner Daniel Ayandokun Rm.5

4<sup>th</sup> Class- Elena Posse Oliver Rm.19, El-Josh Villanueva Rm.20, Kaylee Farrelly Rm.22, Brodrick Abudioré Rm.26 and overall winner Nathan O'Toole, Rm.25

5<sup>th</sup> Class- Chloe Smith Rm.8, Jay Kumar Rm.9, Keren Diba Rm.10, Promise Kamara Rm.12 and overall winner Kayla Mc Cormack Rm.7

6<sup>th</sup> Class- Jakub Kubicki Rm.14, J.R. Cunningham Rm.15, Lisa Marie Mc Donagh Rm.16 and overall winner Paige O' Faolain Rm.17

**Keep up the great work!**

## **Maths Puzzle:**

Mr Murphy will present a Maths Puzzle for you the parents to try out ..... Send in your answer to your child's teacher to see if you are correct.

*Here is this week's puzzle.....Mary has twice as many brothers as sisters while her brother John has twice as many sisters as brothers. How many children are in their family? .....*

