



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



28th May, 2018

## School Rule

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

## Confirmation News

Thank you to all those who attended the beautiful Ceremonies of Confirmation on Friday and Saturday. They were so respectful and special for the pupils being confirmed.

## Parents of 6th class pupils

Please make sure to return the 'My Child's Profile' which was sent home last week. This profile will form part of the Education Passport which will be sent when requested to the Post Primary School your child will attend. For further details about the Education Passport go to [www.ncca.ie/transfer](http://www.ncca.ie/transfer).

## Book Week

We will celebrate Book Week this week in the school. The Literacy Focus Group have organised a range of great activities for the pupils to enjoy: storytellers, magician, quiz, reading buddies etc. Thank you to our wonderful group of parents who will be bringing Story Sacks to the 3rd classes. Celtic Book Fair will be in the hall during the week. The school gets commission on all books sold. We use this commission to build up our stocks of Class Novels. We ask that you support this Book Fair by encouraging your children to buy a book. Pupils may if they wish dress up on Friday as a Book Character.

## GDPR

The new General Data Protection Regulations came into force last Friday. Please read the letter overleaf for more information.

## Disabled Parking Spot

We ask all parents, guardians and visitors to the school to be respectful of our Disabled Parking Spot and reserve it for those who need it.

## Cyber Safety

We are delighted that Cyber Safe Ireland will present workshops about navigating the online world in a safe and responsible manner with pupils in 4th, 5th and 6th classes in a few weeks. Pupils this week will do a brief online questionnaire.

Cyber Safe Ireland workshop for parents will take place in the school on:

**19th June at 9.15am**

## School News

- A. **Garden:** Geraldine will be planting in the garden with 3rd classes again today.
- B. **Music Generation:** 4th classes will take part in Music Generation music lessons today.
- C. **Hurling:** Dotsie OCallaghan will be working with 3rd classes this week.
- D. **Digital Art Project:** The videos which Ms English's class have made are available online: [www.stthomas.ie](http://www.stthomas.ie)
- E. **Cool Planet Experience:** Pupils in Ms L Seagrave's and Ms Griffin's classes will work again this week with Philip.
- F. **Soccer:** Good luck to the Boys Soccer Team who have an away match on Wednesday
- G. **Athletics:** Well done to our athletes who competed last week in Santry. They had a great day. Approximately 30 pupils will attend Santry for athletics on Wednesday.
- H. **Gaeilgeoir ni Miosa :** Well done to Livia Manole Room 27, a Gaeilgeoir na Miosa for May whose name was left off last weeks list.
- I. **Chess:** Good luck to the chess team in their match against St Marys tomorrow.
- J. **School Reports:** Please send €1 in to your child's teacher to cover the cost of posting your child's summer report.

## Bank Holiday Weekend

**School will be closed next Monday 4th June and Tuesday 5th June for the Bank Holiday Weekend. School will reopen next Wednesday 6th June.**



Dear Parents/Guardians,

May 2018

The General Data Protection Regulation (the GDPR) comes into effect on the 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018. The GDPR applies across the European Union and aims to give individuals more rights, control and understanding of how their personal data is processed. This is legislation which the European Union has enacted and it increases obligations on all organisations to standards they must meet when handling data. Please see below note from the Department of Education and Skills that I need to bring to your attention.

### **GDPR and Data Protection- Privacy Statement**

Under GDPR the Department of Education and Skills are required to keep you informed of the types of data we hold on you and your child, the purpose it is used for, and your rights in relation to how it is processed.

The Department of Education and Skills, which provides for the education and training of people resident in the State, requires certain personal data on all learners in order to fulfil its function. For primary school pupils, this data is held on the Primary Online Database (POD). The data held on POD forms the basis of the allocation of resources to schools as well as statistical reporting on education; it is also used for research and analysis into the operation of the education system and the formation of future policies. Data is shared with the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection for validation purposes, and with the Central Statistics Office under Section 31 of the Statistical Act for statistical reporting and analysis.

The complete Privacy Notice, which outlines further information in relation to the data held by the Department, can be found on the Department's website at the link below, as can full details of the Department's data protection policy setting out how the Department will use your child's data, as well as information regarding your child's rights as a data subject. <https://www.education.ie/en/The-Department/Data-Protection/>.

If you have any further queries in relation to POD or the data held therein, the POD Helpdesk can be reached at 01 889 2311 or [pod@education.gov.ie](mailto:pod@education.gov.ie)

Yours sincerely,

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Eithne O Shea (Principal)

