



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



10th September 2018

## Vacancy-Board of Management

Reminder of meeting this Thursday at 7.00pm in the school hall to elect a **Mother Representative** for the Board of Management. At the meeting, nominations will be invited for a mothers' panel. Each nominee must be seconded by a person in attendance at the meeting. If there is only one nominee for the mothers' panel the nominee shall be deemed to be elected. If more than one nomination is received, a secret ballot shall be held at the meeting.

## Early Collection

Parents/guardians who must take their children home early from school must sign them out at the Secretary's office.

- A. Pupils from 3rd/4th class will not be allowed to leave the school early unless collected by a parent/guardian.
- B. Pupils from 5th/6th class who need to leave during school time **must** have a note signed by parent/guardian.

## Attendance

The roll will be called every morning at 10.50am. Pupils will be marked either present or absent at the time of roll call. If pupils arrive after this time they will be marked absent and a record will be kept of the time of their arrival to school. All absences from school **must** be explained by a note from parents. This is a requirement of the national Educational Welfare Board.

## Medication

We need to be informed if your child has a medical condition. If your child needs to take any medication in school you need to see Ms O'Shea to discuss this and fill out the necessary paperwork.

## Parental Complaints

If you have a complaint it is always advisable to speak with the teacher involved first. A parent complaints procedure policy is on the school website [www.stthomas.ie](http://www.stthomas.ie) under School Documents in the Parents Zone. A hard copy is available on request in the Secretary's office. It is important that we are all aware of the steps involved should any issues arise.

## Head Lice

As we start another year—the problem of head lice rears its ugly head again. We ask that you check your child's hair for head lice on a regular basis. Should your child have head lice please treat the problem and let us know and we will send a note out to everyone in the class.

## School News

Good luck to the Junior Boys Football Team who play away to St. Aidans tomorrow.

## Parish News

- A. **CE Scheme Vacancy** for Security Officer in St. Thomas Church/School Complex. Position is Security/CCTV/19.5 hours per week. Full training will be provided. Gain qualifications and valuable work experience. CE rates apply. Must be eligible for CE. Contact Mary/Nicola on 01 4528714 for details and to arrange an interview.
- B. **Family Mass** is back this Sunday at 11.30am and we are extending an invitation to the 6th class children in particular.
- C. **Junior Choir**—we invite all girls and boys who love singing to join our parish choir, we will practice every Wednesday (starting this Wednesday 12th September) straight from school in the Pastoral Centre till 4pm.
- D. **Kids Speech & Drama** new in the Parish for children aged 4 to 12. The group will meet in the pastoral centre every Monday (1.45-2.30 for 4 to 8 year olds and 2.45-3.45 for 8 to 12 year olds). Classes will start on Monday 17th September led by Olivia Fitzgerald.

## Pupil Personal Accident Insurance

If parents would like to take out insurance on their children it can be organised through the school insurance company who offer a Pupil Personal Accident Policy. **This is an additional insurance and you do not have to take it out but many parents do.** For the sum of €4.80 your child will be covered for all accidents while in school. For €7.20 they will have 24 hour cover for all accidents both in and out of school. **Further information is on the back of this page.** If you are interested or have any queries please contact Lisa, Home School Teacher. All forms must be filled in and money paid by Friday week, the 21st September.