



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



24th September 2018

## Deepest Sympathies

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of Kyle Finnegan who died suddenly and unexpectedly on Friday. Kyle was a very valued 6th class pupil who graduated to post primary school after the summer holidays. Ms O'Leary is available for pupils if they need support during this very sad time.

## Board of Management

The Anti Bullying Policy was reviewed and amended at the Board of Management meeting on Friday. A review of the implementation of the policy also took place. Please see the school website for notification regarding the annual review [www.stthomas.ie](http://www.stthomas.ie)

## Anti Bullying Policy

As part of our Anti Bullying Policy, all pupils will complete a questionnaire this week about bullying. They will be asked two questions—if they know of anyone having a hard time and if they would like to talk to someone about bullying. Any issues identified will be dealt with. The questionnaire is completed by every pupil in the school at the end of every month/6 weeks.

## Reminders

- A. Swimming starts next week for 4th class pupils. There will be 8 sessions in total at a cost of €5 per session. Pupils will need to have a towel, swimwear and a hat.
- B. If pupils need a phone for after school they must hand it up to the office and it will be returned at 2.40pm.
- C. Pupils should not be on the school grounds outside of school time.

## Mount Seskin

Mount Seskin Community College are holding their Open Night tomorrow (Tuesday 25th September) from 4pm to 7pm. There will be a tour of the school and a chance to meet teachers and current students. All are welcome!

## 3rd Class Meetings

Meetings for parents of children in 3rd class will take place next week. This will be a chance to meet with the teachers and have a chat about the year ahead. The short meeting will take place from 9.00 to 10.00 in your child's classroom. A cuppa will also be available. If you cannot attend a meeting on the day appointed you are very welcome to attend any of the meetings during the week. Meetings are as follows:

- A. Monday 1st October: Ms Gill's class—Room 2
- B. Tues 2nd October: Ms Guinan's class—Room 4
- C. Wed 3rd October: Mr Muphy's class—Room 5
- D. Thurs 4th October: Ms Graham's—Room 6
- E. Fri 5th October: Ms English's class—Room 27

## School News

- A. Repairs to the roof are due to start this week.
- B. The DSPCA will be here on Thursday to speak to senior pupils in 5th and 6th classes about responsible horse ownership.
- C. 5th class pupils had a visit from Garda Grant last week about the use of scramblers in the community. He hopes to visit 6th classes this week.
- D. Best of luck to the Senior Boys GAA team who play a home match on Thursday against Scoil Santain on the Astro.

## Parish News

Speech and Drama for kids, ages 4 to 12, from beginners to more advanced! This group will be meeting in the parish pastoral centre every Monday:  
1.45 pm – 2.30 pm for 4 to 8 years old and 2.45 pm – 3.45 pm for 8 to 12 years.

Junior Choir practise **every Wednesday straight after school till 4 pm** in the parish pastoral centre. Please come with one of your parents/guardians for the first practise as they will need to sign a parental consent form.

St. Thomas Parish C.E. Scheme has the following vacancies: **Care-taker/Gardener, Special needs assistant, Administrator**. Please leave your CV in the parish office, stating which vacancy you are interested in. This is a C.E. vacancy and to be eligible you must be age 21yrs and over, and in receipt of a social welfare payment for at least 12 months.