



St. Thomas' S.N.S. Newsletter



26th November, 2018

Rule of the Week

I behave in a proper manner around the school

Shortage of Teachers

There is a chronic shortage of teachers available to provide substitute cover in primary schools at the moment. This is affecting schools all over Dublin in particular. When a teacher is out on sick leave or on substitutable leave we will try our hardest to get a substitute teacher. Where we cannot get a sub, classes will have to be split and/or support teachers will be asked to cover classes.

Christmas Annuals

A limited number of Christmas Annuals, Parade and Fairground are on sale in the school shop for €3—this is very good value.

Sprocket Rockets

Our Sprocket Rockets finally got going on Thursday—having been cancelled again for the third Wednesday in a row due to heavy rain. The 3rd class children loved it!

Christmas Fair



Our annual Christmas Fair will be held this Friday from 9.30 to 12.30pm in the School Hall. All proceeds go towards new books and resources for our library for all the children to enjoy.

There will be lots of stalls selling wonderful things and will give you a chance to stock up on some great Christmas presents

A huge thanks to the parents who are here every day preparing for the fair and selling tickets (€1/strip) for our raffle for fabulous hampers.

Come along and support your school

Dublin Bus

Congratulations to Margarita Charlamenkova (past pupil), Keren Diba and Ali Juma Khan whose art work will appear in the Dublin Bus calendar for 2019.

Contacting Parents/Guardians

We will shortly be introducing Cadoo—Smarter Messaging for Schools, a new way of contacting parents. We will be sending you a text with a link to download the CADOO app.

It is safe to download this app.

We will soon start to use this app to communicate with parents. **As messages sent via the app are free, we encourage all parents to download it to help save the school money.**

Thank you.

Oral Language

As part of our Literacy Plan we are focusing on Oral Language and Storytelling in particular this term. Each day for ten minutes we have Story Time where every class gets an opportunity to listen to a story for enjoyment. A storyteller, Pat Burke Walsh will be here on the next two Thursdays for 4th class pupils.

Gaeilge

Each week we are trying to include a sentence(s) in Irish (as Gaeilge) that you might like to use at home with your child

Go raibh maith agat—Thank you
Fáilte romhat—You're welcome
Ca bhfuil tu? - Where are you
An maith leat? - Do you like?
Is maith liom—I like
Is breá liom—I really like



And our Seanfhocail (old Irish saying) translates to "When the cat is away the mice will play"

School & Sports News

- A. **Transition:** Ms Lawlor's class went to MSCC today for a history lesson.
- B. **Swimming:** Last session takes place tomorrow for 4th class pupils.
- C. **Cookery:** Ms Kiernan's and Ms Flynn's have Cookery Classes this week.
- D. **Sprocket Rockets:** Hopefully we will have the second (of 5) sessions this week—weather dependant.
- E. **Storytelling:** Ms O'Rourke's, Ms Kelly's and Ms Quirke's classes will be visited by a storyteller on Thursday.

St Thomas the Apostle Church, Fortunestown Road, Jobstown,

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES IN THE PASTORAL CENTRE:

MONDAYS: 11 am - Divine Mercy Prayer. 7 pm - Ladies Club Meditation (Liz Murphy).

Kids Speech & Drama class - 1.45 pm for juniors & 2.45 pm for seniors (Olivia Fitzgerald)

TUESDAYS: Godly Play on Tuesday, 20th of November at 11 am for adults & 3 pm for children! (Saule Cameron & Rosemary Lavelle).

WEDNESDAYS: Junior Choir at 3 pm in the Parish church (Olivia Luc & Saule Cameron)

WEDNESDAYS & THURSDAYS: First Holy Communion preparation with Sr. Joan. 7.30 pm Men's Shed (Danny Morris).

THURSDAYS: CHURCH CAFÉ - 9.30 am to 12.30 pm (Justine Redmond).

GODLY PLAY - Advent & Christmas Story

We invite you for a precious time of quiet and peace on Tuesday, 27th of November at 11 am for the adults and 3 pm for the children in the pastoral centre. We are looking forward to see you!

THE VINE MASS DATES FOR DECEMBER

1st of December, Saturday - in the Church of the Incarnation, Fettercairn, with our good friend Fr. Bryan Shortall. There will be a collection at this Mass for brother Kevin's homeless appeal .

8th of December, Saturday - in our parish church, with our good friend Fr. Pat McKinley & 16th of December, Sunday - in St. Mary's priory.

THE MOVIES WITH MEANING COMING TO OUR PARISH!

On Thursday, 6th of December in our parish church. You'll be invited to watch a movie 'It's a wonderful life', do not miss it! ALSO: 'A miracle on 34th street' - Sunday, 9th of December in the Church of the Incarnation, Fettercairn.

Lastly, as part of the 'Help Us Help Others' campaign, The Vine Group will be staging a live production of Mick Langans 'Christmas canticle'. This will take place at the end of January and all money raised will be goin to help people in need.

Any singers & musicians interested in getting involved, contact us through Facebook
E-mail vinemass@gmail.com or phone Joe on 0876569223. THANKS!

