



St. Thomas' S.N.S. Newsletter



16th September 2018

Rule of the Week

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

Uniform/Tracksuits

Please put your child's name or initials on their tops. They take them off during break times and sometimes leave them on the yard or Astro. When their initials are on the clothing it makes it easier to return.

Book Rental

Thank you to the parents who have paid the full book rental and to those who are paying it by instalments. The Book Rental is €75 which covers virtually everything....we do not ask for additional money for photocopying, arts & crafts or voluntary contributions as other schools do. However we can only keep the cost lost if everyone plays their part and pays the rental. We understand that some parents might have difficulties financially but it is very difficult for children to access the curriculum if they do not have the correct materials. Please call to see Ms O'Shea if we can be of assistance to you in this regard. All pupils should have copies for school.

Parent Meeting

Thank you to the parents who came to the meeting last week.

Meeting Teachers

If you need to speak with your child's teacher, please make an appointment with her through the school journal or ring the office on 01 4526555. Teachers cannot speak with parents without an appointment as supervision of classes must be organised in advance.

School Attendance

All schools are obliged to keep a record of pupil absences and reasons for absences under the Education (Welfare) Act 2000.

- **Responsibility of parents:** Under the Education (Welfare) Act 2000 parents **must inform the school if their child is absent from school and the reason for the absence.** Parents are asked to explain pupil absences from school in writing. TUSLA strongly advises against taking children out of school to go on holiday during term time.
- **Responsibility of the school:** Schools are obliged to keep a register of the pupils attending the school. They must also maintain attendance records for all pupils and inform the Educational Welfare Services (TUSLA) if a child is absent for more than 20 days in a school year. The principal must also inform the Educational Welfare Services if a student has an attendance problem.

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. Tuesday 24th September - Room 2—Mr Daly
- B. Wednesday 25th Sept—Room 4—Ms Guinan
- C. Thursday 26th Sept—Room 5—Ms Collins
- D. Friday 27th Sept—Room 6—Mr Watson

Opening/Closing Times

- A. The Board of Management does not accept responsibility for pupils on the school grounds before the official opening time of the school at 9.00am. School finishes each day at 2.40pm. Parents who wish to have their children collected from school should make sure the person collecting them is at the school at 2.40pm as the school cannot be responsible for looking after children after the official closing time of 2.40pm.
- B. Children should not be on the school grounds before/after official school times or during weekends.

School News

- A. If you wish to take out the Personal Insurance on your child please send in the form and money to Lisa by Friday 20th September.
- B. Colleen Heavey from Music Generation will be working with 4th classes this year.
- C. Junior Football: Good luck to the Junior Boys GAA team who have an away game against St Aidan's tomorrow and also have a match against St Dominic's on Wednesday.
- D. Senior Football: Well done to the Senior team who were successful last week and best of luck in this week's home match on Thursday against St Dominics.
- E. If you have any concerns or worries about your child in school please speak with your child's teacher.
- F. Drop in Child Care Facility: This is available in the Breakfast Club in the Junior School for parents attending meetings etc in the school. For information talk to Lisa Rohan, our Home School Community Liaison Teacher (HSCL).

GAEILGE

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?

And our Seanfhocail (old Irish saying) translates to "Friends are better than Gold"



JOBSTOWN CELTIC U12

WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW PLAYERS:

BOYS & GIRLS BORN IN 2008

PLEASE CONTACT :

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