



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



25th November 2019

## Rule of the Week

I behave in a proper manner around the school

## Coats/Jackets

Please make sure your children have their names on their coats/jackets and that they wear them coming to school especially during the cold weather. Every day tracksuit tops or coats/jackets are handed into the lost and found in the secretary's office. It would be a great help if they had their names on them.

## Book Bill

Most people have paid book bills or attempted to pay something off the bills at this stage but there is still some money outstanding. If you are one of the few who have not yet paid anything we would appreciate if you could rectify this or call to see Ms O'Shea.

## Christmas Fundraising

Toy Show Treat Boxes: Parents will be selling these this week in time for the RTE Toy Show at a cost of €3 per box. Plastic containers and all soft plastic from the Treat Box should be returned to Room 23 next Monday (as part of our recycling drive). When returned children will receive a raffle ticket and will be in with a chance to win a €30 voucher for Smyths.

Don't forget you can pre-order your Christmas Logs at a cost of €5 each.

**All the money raised will go to buying STEM and PE equipment for the school.**

## Tiny Tots

Join us for our **GRAND OPENING**  
Tomorrow, Tuesday 26th November  
9.15am

St Thomas Junior School Breakfast Club

We are delighted to announce the opening of St Thomas' Junior and Senior School Childcare Facility "TINY TOTS". There will be refreshments provided and even a chance to win a hamper worth over €50.

## Attendance/Strive for 5

Great improvement in our attendance overall. The results for each class so far this month are available on the school website [www.stthomas.ie](http://www.stthomas.ie). Pupils who have full attendance **every week** get a prize and a ticket for a draw at the end of this week. Pupils who have full attendance for the month of November will be rewarded with a film in the hall on Thursday.

## Shortage of Teachers

It is very difficult at the moment to get substitute teachers to provide sub cover in primary schools. The shortage of subs is affecting schools all over Dublin. 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.

## School News

- A. **Transition Programme:** Ms Lawlor's class will visit Mount Seskin Community College today.
- B. **Choir:** The school choir will sing at the opening of the Tiny Tots Childcare facility in the Junior School tomorrow.
- C. **Swimming:** The final session takes place tomorrow for 4th class pupils.
- D. **Music Generation:** Colleen will work with 4th classes on Wednesday.
- E. **Shared Reading:** Transition year students will do shared reading with Mr Daly's class on Wednesday.
- F. **Science Workshop:** Mr Murphy's class in UCD on Thursday. This is the last week of the programme which the pupils really enjoyed.

## Parish News/Sale of Work

We are delighted to announce that there will be a Sale Of Work on Sunday 8th of December in The Pastoral Centre after the 11:30am Family Mass. All proceeds will go towards Church repairs in St. Thomas' Church. There will be a raffle and a great selection of goods for sale. Raffle tickets are available in The Pastoral Centre. Sale of Work is hosted and organised again by the lovely Madge Cosgrove. All donations greatly received!



## Attendance -Tips for Parents

### What you need to know

#### When is a child **TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?**

There are three key reasons to keep a child home from school

1. Fever over 100.4 F or 38 C.
2. The child may have a contagious illness or rash.
3. The child is not well enough to participate in class.

#### -If your child is sick

Parents/Guardians must give the school a note explaining the absence or a doctor's certificate.

**NOTE:** Your child will be marked absent if not present by 10am.

#### -If your child has missed

5 days - A gentle reminder from the class teacher

10 days - A Phone call/Home Visit from HSCL

15 days -A letter from the school

20 days - A letter from the school and meeting with principal to discuss reason for absence

**Your child has a right to an education.**

