



St. Thomas' S.N.S. Newsletter



6th January 2020

Rule of the Week

I come to school every day on time and prepared

Best Wishes

We hope you all had a very happy and enjoyable Christmas and hope that 2020 will be a healthy and successful year for all of us.

Uniforms/Jackets

Please make sure your child brings a jacket/coat to school especially in the cold weather. Reminder that all pupils are expected to wear their school uniform/tracksuit to school. Your child's name should be on their jacket, jumpers and tracksuit top.

Attendance

A huge thank you and congratulations to you for your support and making sure your children come to school every day. All absences must be explained. If your child is absent from school for any reason please let the school know—you can send in a note or put a note in the school journal. The school has an obligation to notify the NEWB when a child misses 20 days at school.

Punctuality

A small group of pupils arrive late to school on a regular basis. Some are going to the shop in the mornings for breakfast rolls/sweets/drinks which are not allowed in school and then arriving late to school.

Mount Seskin Community College

Reminder that parents/guardians and applicant are required to sign the confirmation of acceptance form indicating acceptance and return to MSCC by Friday 10th January. Failure to return by this date may result in the withdrawal of the offer and the place may be offered to the next student on the waiting list.

Stay Safe Programme

The Stay Safe Programme is part of the Social, Personal and Health Education programme on the Primary Schools Curriculum which all schools are obliged to teach. Please see the letter overleaf. This is Week 1 of the 13 week programme which will be taught in all classes in school.

Contact Details

It is vital that we have a number at which you can be contacted—it is your responsibility to make sure we have the most up to date number for you.

School/Sports News

- A. Assembly: the monthly assemblies will take place this week.
- B. Music Generation: Colleen from Music Generation will be working with 3rd classes on Wednesday.
- C. Confirmation: As part of preparation for Confirmation, Ms Griffin's class will attend Mass on Thursday.

Parent Courses

Please contact Lisa (HSCL) at the school office if you are interested in any of the following courses:

- 1. CoderDojo—A fun way to learn new computer skills with your child
- 2. Mindfulness—A chance to forget your everyday worries and gain a more relaxed and positive outlook on life
- 3. Healthy Cooking Classes

SCHOOL CLOSURE

Due to staff training on the new Primary Language Curriculum, there will be NO school for pupils on Wednesday week—15th January 2020.