



St. Thomas' S.N.S. Newsletter



17th May, 2021

Rule of the Week

I come to school every day on time and prepared

Board of Management

At it's meeting on Friday 14th May the following policies were reviewed by the Board of Management: *Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment, Anti Bullying Policy and Critical Incident Plan.* They are available on the school website www.stthomas.ie in the Parents Zone under Policies.

Relationships and Sexuality Education Programme

Teachers will be teaching the sensitive lessons of the RSE programme from this week. Parents who do not wish their children to take part must put this request in writing to the principal. For further information look up the RSE policy in the Parents Zone on the school website or contact your child's teacher.

Unpaid Book Bills

Thank you to the parents who paid the Book Bill of €25 this year which was reduced and covered everything. Unfortunately many parents did not pay and not all books were returned after lockdown. The school had absolutely no income this year apart from the grants received from the Department of Education & Skills which is not enough to run the school. Invoices have been posted to parents who have yet to pay the book bill for this year and we expect payment as soon as possible.

Music Generation

4th Classes are continuing with the online music lessons given by a tutor from Generation Lessons.

Wellbeing

If you have concerns about your child please let us know and we will support you in any way we can. 6th class pupils will have a Wellbeing workshop this week with Fiona Forman co-author of the Weaving Wellbeing Programme.

Environment

3rd classes will take part in a Cleaning up Wildlife environmental workshop this week.

Standardised Testing

Standardised testing in Mathematics will take place tomorrow for all classes.

Literacy Workshops

4th classes are taking part in Fighting Words workshops. Mr Daly's class had theirs last week and Ms Ginan's class will have theirs tomorrow.

Attendance

There has been a marked improvement in the attendance of some pupils which is fantastic. If your child is absent from school for any reason you must notify the school and explain the reason why.

Uniform

Pupils should wear their school uniform or school tracksuit to school. Makeup and false eyelashes are not part of the school uniform and we ask that pupils do not wear them to school. A number of pupils are also wearing long false nails to school which is not appropriate as it affects their ability to write correctly and fully take part in PE or outdoor activities. We thank you for your support in this as it is becoming an issue in some classes.