



St. Thomas' S.N.S. Newsletter



24th May, 2021

Rule of the Week

I have respect for people and for property

Safety Online

Please be aware of and check up on what your children do when they are online.

It is very important to monitor your child's online activity to ensure that they are safe, that they are acting in a sensible manner and using age-appropriate apps and website.

Click on <https://www.website.ie/parents/> for lots of tips, information and support and for the latest online safety advice.

Ms Cooney's class will take part in a Cyber Safe Kids workshop tomorrow. We are grateful to Tallaght Library for offering the workshop to us.



Coding

The children are having great fun with Lego WeDo 2.0 kits and with Spheros, thanks to Mr Carroll who has introduced them to the school.

They are great fun and a child friendly way to introduce the children to Coding. Mr Carroll is currently training the teachers in their use.



Mass

Children's mass is broadcast live from St. Mark's Church in Springfield at 12 o'clock each Wednesday.

First Aid

A total of 15 staff members have completed training in First Aid and having covered all aspects of the First Aid Programme will be presented with the National First Aid certification during the week.

Our First Aid response team is led by Mr Campbell.

Attendance

A reminder that all absences must be explained. Please send in a note, ring the office on 01 4526555 or email info@stthomas.ie if your child is absent for any reason.

We totally understand that this is a year like no other and that children should not be in school if they are unwell, if they have symptoms of COVID,

if they have been advised by the HSE that they themselves are a close contact,

if they live with someone who is going for a COVID test because they have symptoms of COVID,

or if they need to restrict their movements having returned from abroad.

Exciting New Project

We are so, so proud that Mr Campbell and our school have been chosen to take part in a very exciting project which will take place from September 2021 to June 2022. It is funded by the European Commission and we are the only school in Ireland who have chosen to be involved.

The aim of the programme is to develop and use interactive technology and the most up to date technology and devices for teaching literacy in our school.