



St. Thomas' S.N.S. Newsletter



24th May, 2021

Rule of the Week

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

Coding

Check out the school website to see the results of the coding on www.stthomas.ie

Fighting Words

As you all know 4th classes are having Creative Writing workshops with specially trained tutors from Fighting Words. We are so proud of Daniel in Mr Watson's class whose story was published on the Fighting Words Website

<https://www.fightingwords.ie/stories/cookie-and-oreo-kidnappers>

Standardised Testing

Pupils from 4th-6th classes will do part 2 of the standardised maths SIGMA-T tomorrow. As previously mentioned, it is expected that the results of all standardised testing throughout the country will be lower than usual as a result of the school closures due to COVID last year and this year. Pupils have missed out on much of their face to face engagement with learning.

Book Bill

Thank you to all of you who have paid the €25 for the Book Rental this year. A number of people have yet to pay. We were able to reduce the cost because we got an enhanced grant from the Department of Education and Skills. We are not getting an enhanced grant for next year so unfortunately the cost of the Book Rental for next year must go back to our normal cost of €75 which is still excellent value.

We are accepting payment through the office from this week. We now also have the facility for online payments should you wish to use this method

End of Year Reports

End of year reports will be posted in June. We would appreciate if you could send in €1.00 with your child towards the cost of stamp/stationery.

Parents of 6th Class Pupils

Please make sure to return the 'My Child's Profile' which will be sent home today. This profile will form part of the Education Passport which will be sent when requested to the Post Primary School your child will attend. For further details about the Education Passport go to www.nca.ie/transfer

Sacraments

There is still no word on when First Holy Communion or Confirmation ceremonies will take place. We will let you know as soon as we have any updates.

School Lunches

We are so lucky to be part of the Hot Meals Scheme which provides delicious healthy hot meals to our pupils every day in school. If your child would like to change their menu choices you can do this online.

Midterm Break

There will be no school next Monday 7th June or Tuesday 8th June due to the Bank Holiday Weekend.

School will re-open on Wednesday 9th June.