

St. Thomas' S.N.S. Newsletter

13th September 2021

ATTENDANCE WEEK

Thanks and well done to all the pupils and parents involved in the Attendance Drive last week. It was a massive success and the atmosphere in the school on Friday was wonderful. To build on this, Citywise have offered to accommodate a class on the first Friday of each month. This could possibly be a class who has performed the best with regards to attendance and/or punctuality. Classes would be up there from 9.30am to 1.30pm and they would take part in STEM, Sport and Art activities.

We will keep you updated on this. The most important thing is that the children make it to school every day.

Keeping Everyone Safe

We continue to ensure that we are all playing our part in ensuring everyone's safety in school. We have clear procedures in place re. physical distancing, hand hygiene and the use of face coverings. Anyone coming into the lobby or the school must wear a face mask. Visitors to the school are kept to a minimum, are pre-arranged and by appointment. A contact tracing log must also be kept.

Children will stay in their pods until after Halloween when they may change. The children are working very hard in school and doing lots of work.

I would really appreciate it if you could avoid congregating on the school grounds in the morning and at home times. Third classes are used to the morning times so a "drop and go" approach would be best.

Code of Behaviour

Our Code of Behaviour and Anti Bullying Policy are still relevant. These are available on our school website

www.stthomas.ie At St Thomas' SNS we strive for the highest possible standards of manners and respect for everyone. We appreciate your support in this.



Hand Hygiene



There is no need for children to bring in their own hand sanitisers to school. We have sanitisers at every entry point and in all classrooms. Staff and children practice hand hygiene (washing/sanitising) their hands when they come into the school building, after they use the bathroom, after sneezing, before they eat. Air monitors will be installed in the school this coming week.

Pupil Personal Accident Policy

If parents would like to take out insurance on their children it can be organised through the school insurance company who offer a Pupil Personal Accident Policy. This is an additional insurance and you do not have to take it out but many parents do. For the sum of €4.80 your child will be covered for any accidents in school. For €7.20 they will have a 24-hour cover for any accidents both in and out of school. If you are interested please let us know and . All forms must be filled in and returned with payment by Friday 24th September.

Mobile Phones

In general pupils should not bring mobile phones to school. However, if they really need one for after school it must be handed up to the teacher in the morning. Phones cannot be left into the office this year. The school will not accept responsibility for phones lost, stolen or damaged in school. If a pupil has a phone out during the day it will be confiscated and must be collected by an adult.

School Fees

These are 25 euro for the year and are amazing value. Anybody who had paid the full amount and is due a refund please call and collect from Mairead in the office.

Future Activities

6th Classes will be starting CS makers in Citywise during the week. This is a programme that encourages children to engage in computer science, coding and programming and it runs for six weeks before Christmas and six weeks after Christmas.



5th Classes will also be undertaking a six week program in partnership with Tallaght Library where they will visit many of the historical landmarks of Tallaght and will create visual, audio and artistic accounts of their experiences.



SCHOOL RULE

I COME TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY, ON
TIME AND PREPARED

Advise from the HSE

Advice from the HSE is that if your child has symptoms such as headaches or a sore throat, keep them at home for at least 48 hours.

These are not common symptoms of Coronavirus, but they could be a sign of another infection. You and the rest of your family can continue your normal routine. You do not need to restrict your movements as long as you are not ill.

Keep an eye on your child's symptoms for 48 hours. After 48 hours it's usually okay to send your child back to school or childcare as long as:

- * their symptoms do not get worse
- * They do not develop new symptoms
- * They do not need paracetamol or ibuprofen during these 48 hours.

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Níl aon tinteán mar do thinteán féin

There's no fireplace like your own
Or
There is no place like home

