



St. Thomas' S.N.S. Newsletter



20th September 2021

Rule of the Week

I must have respect for people and property

Holy Communions/Confirmations

Children are due to receive the sacrament of Communion this week—Communion 2020 Mr Murphy's class will take place this Thursday 23rd September and Ms Fleming's Friday 24th September.

Please refer to the parish website and facebook page for details regarding Covid protocols.

A big thank you to Fr Pat, Saule and the Parish Team for all their effort in rearranging these dates. We can all agree that it has been very frustrating for all the families but hopefully now there is an end in sight.

We will make an extra fuss of the children this week!

Code of Behaviour- Anti Bullying Policy

As part of our Anti Bullying Policy, all pupils will complete a questionnaire in the coming weeks about bullying. They will be asked two questions. If they answer yes to any of the questions, the teacher will speak with them and any issues identified will be dealt with. The questionnaire is completed by every pupil in the school every 6 weeks approximately. The questions are:

- A. Do you know anyone having a hard time?
- B. Would you like to talk to someone about bullying?

Our Code of Behaviour and Anti Bullying Policy are still relevant, these are available on our school website www.stthomas.ie

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

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.

Attendance

It is important that children come to school every day when they are well. This year however we must continue to make exceptions because of COVID19. We thank you for taking no chances when it comes to your children's health and for keeping your children home when they are unwell and for getting advice from your GP if they have any of the COVID symptoms.

Sometimes we may need to contact you if your child says they are not feeling well

Rewards for Attendance

We will be rewarding classes who have made a big effort in getting to school and being on time. Classes will be going to Citywise as a reward for best attendance/punctuality on the first Friday of each month for a morning of fun!

Being on time is very important to setting the tone for your child to have a good day. We do understand this cannot always be the case and will always understand but please let's make the effort.

TUSLA

As you know, all absences must be explained to TUSLA. However once the school receives an explanation of the reason for any absence, we will then record the absence as an explained absence. If your child has been absent from school it is really important that the reason for the absence is explained. You can do this by ringing Mairead on 4526555, sending in a note with your child or sending an email to info@stthomas.ie. The school is obliged by law, to inform Tusla when a pupil is absent for a total of 20 school days in one school year. If absences are COVID19 related this information will be passed on to Tusla



Mobile Phones

Under no circumstances is a pupil allowed to take his/her phone out in class. The school will not accept responsibility for phones lost, stolen or damaged in school. If a pupil has a phone during the day it will be confiscated and must be collected by an adult.

Advise from the HSE

Advise 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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Is fear cairde ná ór

Friends are better than gold



VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Ms Rohan and our very committed Green School Committee are looking for parent volunteers to plan trees in our garden as part of the 'Stepping Stone Forest Plan' with South Dublin County Council.

WHEN: THURSDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

WHERE: SCHOOL GARDEN

WHY: TO HELP TACKLE CLIMATE CHANGE

