



# St. Thomas' S.N.S. Newsletter



4th April, 2022

## Rule of the Week

**I come to school every day, on time and prepared.**

**Be on time, Be on line,  
Be in for 9!**

This week is Punctuality week in the school. We will be encouraging the pupils to make a huge effort in getting in on time this week. Classes will be working together to see who has the less amount of minutes at the end of the week. There will be prizes and treats for those classes with the lowest minutes. Teachers will be encouraging and praising all students for being in this week.

We would really appreciate your support throughout the week by speaking to the children about the week and how they can contribute to their class doing well. Having the children in and on time is the most important thing. They are having fun with their friends, not missing out on important work and contributing to the amazing school that we have.

## Lifting of Covid Restrictions

Please see the following link in relation to testing positive for Covid19

[www.gov.ie/en/press-release/60083-covid-19-reframing-the-challenge-continuing-our-recovery-reconnecting/#if-you-have-symptoms-of-covid-19](https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/60083-covid-19-reframing-the-challenge-continuing-our-recovery-reconnecting/#if-you-have-symptoms-of-covid-19)

## Code of Behaviour

As part of the school Code of Behaviour pre Covid, any pupils that receive a Yellow Card in class or continue to disrupt the teaching and learning in their class will be asked to complete work in another class until their behaviour improves. We appreciate your support with regards to this.

## Uniforms

All pupils must wear their school uniform every day. Pupils must have a note from home if they are not wearing their uniform. The school will be giving pupils and parents the option of wearing/purchasing school knee length shorts after the break. A sample will be shown to the pupils and emailed to parents. The shorts will retail for €15.99. This will prove a welcome relief on the warmer days and curtail any issues over uniform.

## School Activities

- After school clubs will continue with Emma this week.
- Music Generation—3rd classes finished their 8 week programme. All pupils behaved brilliantly and the music coming from the hall over the last number of weeks was a joy!
- Swimming will finish on Thursday for the 4th classes. I have heard great reports from Ms OLeary about how attentive and well behaved the children have been down in the pool. The instructors have even complimented the school on being the best behaved swimmers, so well done to all the pupils.
- Girls GAA—well come to all the teachers involved in the girls football team this year. It was very rewarding to see the confidence, unity and pride grow in the team over the last month. A lot of this was down to all involved in the training, encouragement and support you showed the girls, so thank you!
- Soccer—Well done to Mr Brennan and Mr Daly for their work with the soccer team. The lads were very unlucky in both games but showed great effort and kept the standards we want to see the kids showing when they represent the school. In both games they fought hard, demonstrated amazing skills but just did not get the rub of the green in both games.
- **Please remind any of your children who are involved in school teams that it is essential that standards are kept with regards to class work/homework/attitude/manners/respect. Any drop will result in their non participation in the games.**

## Website/Twitter Feed

Thanks to Mr Carroll, Mr Watson, Ms Graham, Ms Treacy, Ms Guinan, Ms Bramhall, Ms Lawlor and Ms Connolly for all the fabulous posts on our website and Twitter feed last week.

Website: 338,967 views (520 views since last week)

Twitter Account: 461 followers (6 new followers since last week)





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## War in Ukraine



As the war in Ukraine continues to impact so much damage to many families your children may be asking some difficult questions. Please see the link below which may support you in answering these questions. Keep in mind that answers should be age appropriate for the children.

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/e003e-supporting-children-and-young-people-in-a-time-of-war/#>

## Parent App

So far 125 parents/guardians (same as last week) have installed the Parent App on their phone to keep up to date with their child's progress, view their child's school reports, record reasons for their child's absence and receive important updates from the school.

We have postponed our €50 raffle so that we can help those who are having difficulty installing the app on their phone.

If you are interested/need help in installing the Eolas App on your phone please email:

[helpdesk@stthomas.ie](mailto:helpdesk@stthomas.ie)

## Contacting the School

You can make contact with us by email at  
[info@stthomas.ie](mailto:info@stthomas.ie)

By ringing Mairead in the office on 01 4526555

or by contacting Julie (HSCL) between 9.00—  
2.40pm on 083 0092792

Alternatively you can send in a note with your child.

## Easter Holidays

The school will break for the Easter Holidays this  
Friday (8th April) at 12.00.

School will resume on  
Monday 25th April at 9.00am.

This is a well earned break for you  
and for your children.

On behalf of the Board of  
Management and all the staff in the  
school we want to thank you and wish  
you all the best over the Easter  
Holidays.