



ST THOMAS SNS NEWSLETTER

Rule of the week:

I behave in a proper manner around the school

Attendance Drive:

We are halfway through our attendance drive and the effort so far has been amazing. All classes are scoring in the 90%. That's nearly full attendance in all classes. Well done to all the children and parents. The focus is for pupils to have 100% attendance for the week. Each child will get 1 raffle ticket for everyday they are in school. There are 5 prizes to be won per class. The class with the highest attendance percentage in the school for September will win a trip to Citywise. A display will be in the hall tracking daily winners to keep the competition going between the classes.

Positivity and constant encouragement at all times is very important.

A trip for 3rd classes will take place on Friday thanks to Dublin Bus. It will reward those pupils who have not missed a day. Pupils from 4th- 6th will have a cinema day on Friday. Thanks to Donal and Emma from SCP for supplying the **treats**.

Punctuality:

Punctuality goes hand in hand with attendance. Every effort should be made to make sure all pupils are in for 9. We understand that this isn't always possible but getting into that routine is so important for the pupils particularly the older pupils who will be moving onto secondary school. Even missing 10- 15 minutes per days can impact the learning of a pupil as it may eat into Maths/ English or whatever subject is done first in the class.

Secondary Schools/6th Class:

Due to the enactment of the Admissions Act (2018) the admission to all schools will be slightly different this year. **Most Post primary schools are accepting application forms for admission to their schools now. Closing dates for receipt of applications for most schools around the 23rd October.** The dates may vary slightly from school to school so you will need to check with the school you have chosen for your child. You can do this by ringing the relevant school or by checking their school website for information about the application form and closing date. There is only a short time frame of **three weeks** to get the process completed. Schools must also publish an Admissions Notice letting you know how many places there are and when you will be notified about your child's application. Enrolment forms will be given out to children who said they are going to Mount Seskin Community College. These should be returned to MSCC by appointment.

School Trips:

Classes have once again started to represent the school in sports and away on trips to Tallaght library, Citywise, with Dublin Bus and so on. This is a brilliant step forward out of Covid for our school. As ever the children have represented themselves brilliantly and we are so proud of them all.

Mr Mangan's class received a glowing report from Citywise for their manners, maturity and respect as they started their 6wk stem programme. Our football coaches continue to praise the different teams on their recent trips to other schools. Even though it might not go the way they expect it, their conduct is an example to anyone. Representing the school is a privilege and on any trip pupils are reminded of this and how they should present themselves..

There are many more trips planned for pupils in 3rd and 4th in the coming months. Going on these trips depends on manners, respect and hard work in the class and yard. If a pupil receives a yellow card then going on these trips will be deemed a loss of a privilege. We appreciate your support with regards to this.

School Fees:

Thank you to those who have paid all/some of the €25 for the books and stationery. If you have not yet paid we would appreciate it if you could do so.

Contacting the School:

You can contact your child's teacher by sending in a note or ringing the secretary Mairead on 4526555. You can also e mail info@stthomas.ie and we will get back to you.

Thank You:

As September comes to an end I would like to thank all the parent community for their support and cooperation since we got back.

It has been a very positive start so far and this is down to everyone working together. I would also like to thank all the staff who work tirelessly day in day out to make sure that the school is a safe, positive environment where all children can learn and develop. Let's keep it up.