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# ST THOMAS SNS NEWSLETTER



## Summer Holidays



Holidays on Friday. All the children in St Thomas' SNS have worked so hard throughout the school year. They have shown how respectful and mannerly they are on a daily basis. You should be so proud of them all so please make the time for a relaxing and enjoyable summer.

What a year it has been!! All the pupils are ready for the jump up to 4th, 5th and 6th. They continuously display what wonderful children they are on a daily basis. As a staff we are very lucky that part of our job involves greeting all the pupils each morning and interacting with them throughout the day. It is very important to us all. The smiles, hellos, fist pumps and stories beat any drama!!

The pupils celebrated their Confirmations. All of the ceremonies were very special indeed and it was great celebrating them together. Halloween, where we all got dressed up will live in the memory as will the wonderful Ceilí and Easter parade. Everyone made a great effort and once again the wonderful sights in the yard and around the school will live long in the memory. Thanks to our brilliant parents for the support and hard work in all of these ceremonies.

Music Generation, swimming lessons, GAA, Soccer, Athletics, Track and Field, Book week, Active week, school tours and visits were all evident throughout the year. The atmosphere in the school continues to be welcoming and inclusive. Our 5th & 6th classes also took part in Marathon kids in term 1 and had an opportunity to sit down with David Gillick. It was amazing to hear the children speak about the benefits of fitness and keeping healthy which has continued to be enforced by our school teams.

Our school garden has continued to grow and is an amazing addition to our school. Even though significant damage was caused, the Jobstown community stepped up and with Stephen Brennan leading operations with past pupils, parents, students we now have an area that will benefit all pupils for a long time. Continued thanks to our green fingered SNA Esther and her crew of gardeners for the maintenance and upkeep of the garden.

Jobstown has an amazing ability to pull together and show such resilience in times of adversity. For that I am extremely grateful. I also want to sincerely thank every single member of the school community for the part you play in supporting the school and the staff. Together we do our best under difficult circumstances at times and we do this with the shared aim of looking after the pupils of St Thomas SNS. Well done to everyone.

During the summer months, please continue to enjoy some special reading time with your child. Just twenty minutes of reading each day will help your child maintain acquired skills and can have a great impact on his/her success in the upcoming school year. **Summer Stars:** This is a free national reading programme for children that takes place in all public libraries and online each summer. It will run from 13th June - 31st August 2022. This is a fun reading programme and available free of charge to all children who register for it at their local library. Log on to [www.summerstars.ie](http://www.summerstars.ie) for further information.

## Holiday Dates

The school closes this Friday 30th June at 12.00 for the school holidays. We will reopen on Wednesday 30th August at 9.00am for a full school day.

## Thank You

I would just like to extend my deepest gratitude and thanks to all the Jobstown community. Personally, I want to thank the parent community for your kindness and hard work over the year. Thanks to Mary Dalton, our chairperson for all her support and great work. A massive thank you to Mairéad for all the work that she does every day. She is an integral part of the school and its functioning on a daily, weekly, yearly basis. Thank you to Neil for all his work throughout the year and during all breaks. Anything that needs to be done you know he'll do everything he can to get it done.

To Brian, Cathay, Elaine, Aileen and Helena for all their hard work since September.

## 6th Class Graduation

6th Class will have their Graduation tomorrow Wednesday 28th at 11.30am. Please be aware of the following:

- : Time & Date- Wednesday 28th @ 11.30am.
- : Please arrive from 11 am onwards- ceremony to begin at 11.30am.
- : **1-2 members from each family due to limited capacity in the hall.**
- : No younger children/ siblings allowed in the ceremony.
- : No photos/ filming during ceremony due to GDPR. opportunity to take photos in the garden afterwards where refreshments will be served.
- : Mobile phones are not allowed. Only parents can take photos on their own phones.
- : Ceremony and pupils to home at 12.30/12.45

## Uniform/Schoolbags

Please make sure all pupils are in full uniform and have their school bags with them. Standards must be maintained right until the 30th June.. Granted the weather is very warm and will continue to be but too many pupils were not wearing their uniforms. Messages will be sent home during the week. Please insist on a note if a pupil is not wearing their uniform.