Monday January 8th 2018

Dear Parents,

On behalf of the Management and Staff of Thomastown National School we wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year. At the beginning of this new year we take the opportunity to bring to your attention some dates for your diary and other notices.

Please note that the school will be ***closed on Tuesday, Jan 9th*** due to whole school staff training for the new literacy curriculum.

**Parent Teacher Meetings**

Parent Teacher Meetings beginning January 23rd

Parents will receive exact date and time from the class teacher.

**Dell Vex Robotics Programme**

5th and 6th class are currently participating in the Dell Vex Robotics Programme.

Workshop in Dell, Limerick in February 2018, date to be advised.

**Peace Proms**

Peace Proms - Sunday, March 4th at 2pm in The Hub, Kilkenny.

**Communion**

Communion – 11.00 am Saturday May 19th 2018..

**Enrolment 2018/ 2019**

Please find enclosed Enrolment Form for siblings, cousins, neighbours or friends that may be interested in attending Thomastown NS in September 2018. Enrolment is now open and completed forms would be welcome, Thank you.

**Open Night 2018**  - Thursday March 1st 7.30pm

**New Principal.**

Marie Donovan has been appointed as Principal of Thomastown National School. Marie has served in a variety of teaching and educational leadership roles over the past sixteen years, nine of these years as Principal Teacher.
Marie comes to us from Araglen National School in Kilworth, Co. Cork, a four teacher school with an enrolment of 84 pupils, similar to Thomastown school.  Prior to this she was Principal of St. Kieran’s National School in Clareen, Birr, Co. Offaly.
Marie will take up her post at the commencement of the 2018/ 2019 school year.

We wish Marie well in her position as Principal of Thomastown School.

**Donations**

Donations received from Godolphin - Victor Stud and an anonymous donation in November 2017 for which we are very thankful.

***Eircode***

To transfer pupils from Primary Level to Secondary Level we now require your Eircode as part of your address. Please complete the attached form and return to school office. Thank you.

**Flu Season**

Parents/guardians are reminded to take the necessary precautions should their child become ill and to help prevent a flu outbreak in the school. Thank you.

**Holidays for remainder of school year.**

**2018**

**Mid Term Break**
Closed on Thursday 15th and Friday 16th February 2018

**St. Patrick's Day Holiday**
Closed on Monday, 19th March 2018

**Easter Holidays**
Closing on Friday, 23rd March and re-opening on Monday, 9th April 2018

**May/June Bank Holidays**
7th May and 4th June 2018

**Summer Holidays**
Closing on Friday 22nd June 2018

These dates could be subject to change as part of contingency arrangements to make up for time lost due to unforeseen school closures, e.g. bad weather.

Management & Staff at Thomastown N.S.