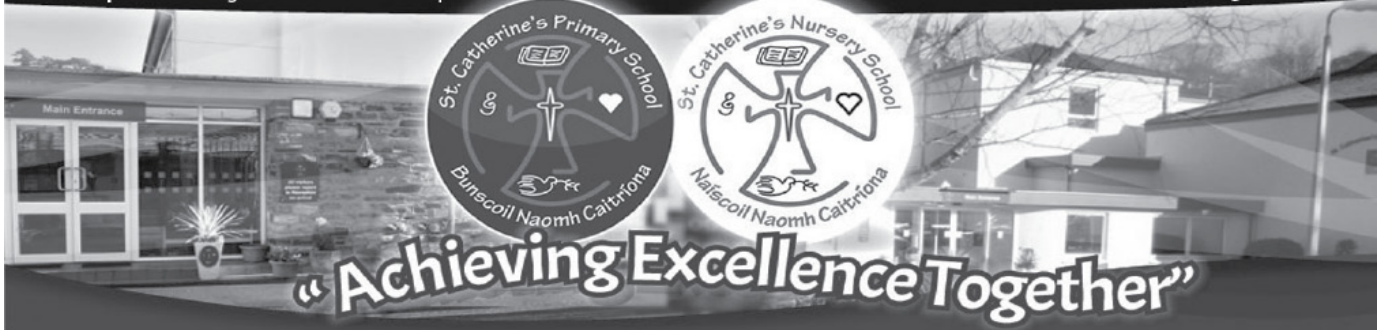


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WEEKLY NOTE - Monday 24th September 2018

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Macmillan Cancer /Foyle Hospice Charity Coffee Morning

We all know the impact that Cancer has had on our society. It is a widespread frightening disease that strikes nearly every family at some stage in their lives. We are sure that we all know someone that has suffered from this dreadful disease.

Therefore we thought we would host a "Coffee Morning" in order to raise some

money for this very worthy cause. We are having the Coffee Morning in both our school canteens on **Thursday 27th September at 10.30am approx.** (Just after school mass).

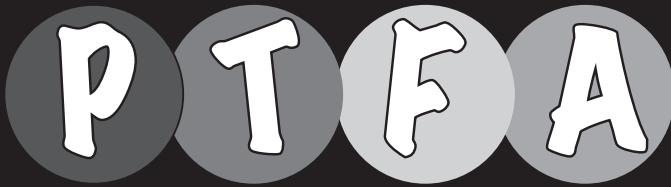
We ask for your support. Please come along to join us in having a cuppa to support a very worthy cause!!

Staff Training Day

School will be closed on Friday 28th September due to a staff training day.

God bless you all! Bridget Wilders, Principal

St. Catherine's Nursery & Primary School



Parent, Teacher,
Friends Association
**Working together
for our children**

JOIN US!

WHY NOT COME ALONG
TO OUR NEXT MEETING?

Thursday 27th September

at 7pm in the Junior School



We have a PTFA (Parents, Teachers, Friends Association) whose members work so hard to raise funds for our school in order to best support our little children. We invite everyone that is available to come along and join our wee group. The work of the PTFA involves mainly fundraising activities for our wee pupils so that we can provide the little extras for them in school!!!

Everyone is welcome! Your child's school needs you!! Our first PTFA Meeting this school year will take place on **Thursday 27th September at 7.00pm in Junior School Assembly Hall**. We look forward to seeing you there!

Extended Schools Clubs: REMINDER

There has been huge interest in our after school specialist soccer and netball coaching for our year 6 and year 7 pupils for this term.

Due to this and in the interest of health and safety of our pupils, these clubs will now be facilitated as follows:

Netball

- Group One netball – begins Thursday 4th October until Thursday 15th November (no coaching Thursday 1st November due to Halloween holidays).
- Group Two netball – begins Thursday 22nd November until Tuesday 20th December.

Please Note: All participating pupils are aware of which group they are in.

Soccer Year 6 and 7 boys

- Year 7 only soccer – begins Monday 1st October until Monday 12th November (no coaching Monday 29th due to Halloween holidays).
- Year 6 only soccer – begins Monday 19th November until Monday 7th January 2019.

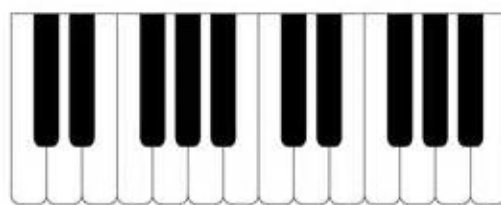
Mrs C Gormley
Extended Schools Co-Ordinator

After School Piano Lessons

We are delighted to offer our pupils the opportunity to take Paired Piano Lessons at St Catherine's this year.

The 20 minute lessons will be delivered by Mr Paul Harley and will be based on the initial, pre-grade rudiments of playing with progression to playing entertaining pieces for fun. Lessons will not be based on Grade Examinations but will give the children an initial, fun experience of Piano Playing.

Lessons will be delivered to children in pairs and will cost £20 for 4 x week block. We would endeavour to pair brothers/



sisters/ friends together.

If you would like to register your interest in this opportunity, please sign the form below and make a note at the bottom if there are any days that do not suit your child.

Many Thanks



PATHS Programme in St. Catherine's (Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies)

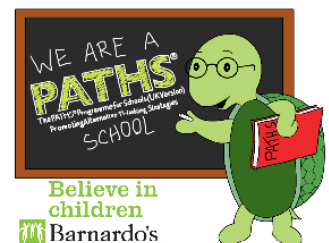
PATHS Quote of the Month - September

We are delighted that our school is a PATHS Model School and that PATHS is taught in all classes from Nursery right through to Primary 7. The PATHS programme involves lots of fun activities dealing with important issues such as Feelings, Behaviours, Solving Problems, Making Friends and Self-Esteem.

It links directly with our Personal Development and Mutual Understanding curriculum and aims to help children develop the fundamental skills needed for life. From time to time your child will have fun home activities to complete relating to the programme. Get involved! Ask your child in the coming weeks about our fantastic PATHS programme and help prepare them with the essential skills they need for their life ahead. There will be an inspirational PATHS quote each month in our newsletter highlighting key PATHS ideas.

Check out September's quote...

"Wouldn't it be a wonderful world if everyone followed the Golden Rule? Let's show the world how to do it by treating others the way we want to be treated."



School Photographer

Our school photographer will be in school to take our children's photographs on
Wednesday 17th October, Thursday 18th October and Friday 19th October.

P1 Parents' Induction Programme

Early childhood is the foundation on which children build the rest of their lives. In St. Catherine's Primary School, the needs and interests of children and their families are at the centre of what we wish to provide.

We are planning a series of 4 information sessions which we hope will provide clear, educational guidance and ideas for parents/carers in relation to what and how children learn in Primary 1.

An Activity Pack for your child will be given on completion of the programme!!

These meetings will be held on 4 consecutive Tuesdays at 7:00pm beginning on Tuesday 2nd of October.

If you wish to attend, please indicate below by Wednesday 26th September.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs D.Doherty (P1a)
Miss C.Hutton (P1b)

I/We _____

(parent/(s)/person(s) with parental responsibility) would be interested in attending.

Child's Name: _____

Teacher: _____

Signed: _____

(Parent/Person with parental responsibility)

Start of Year School Mass

We are excited to begin another year in our wee school!! We ask for God's Blessings upon us all ... pupils, parents, staff, Governors and friends! To celebrate our new school year we will have our start of

year Mass in the Church of the Immaculate Conception on **Thursday 27th September at 10am**. We would like you to join us if you can!! Thanks for your support! We will pray together!



We are so excited to celebrate Book Week on the first week of October.

The Book Fair will be open Monday 1st-Friday 5th October. The fair will be held on both sites, it will be open on the Junior Site 2.15-3.45pm daily and on the Senior site 3.00pm-3.45pm. Money raised at the fair will be used to buy books for our school, so we would ask that you will support us in this.

Town Library Visits have been organised for children in P1-P7, each teacher will inform their class of their given day and time.

We are looking forward to our poetry show which will be hosted by Jim Mc Cool on Tuesday 2nd on the Senior Site and Wednesday 3rd on the Junior Site.

We will also have story tellers from the Library Services coming around our classrooms to entertain the children with exciting stories.

On Book Character Day (Friday 5th October) your child should come to school dressed up as their book /fairy-tale character or nursery rhyme character.

Nursery / Year 1 / Year 2 : Nursery Rhyme Characters

Year 3 / Year 4 : Fairytale Characters

Year 5/ Year 6 / Year 7 : Characters from Novels

We have so many prizes to award on this day from speech prizes, art prizes and fancy dress prizes. Every child will go home with a little token for their efforts on this day.

We look forward to your continued support!

St. Catherine's Orchestra (Brass and Strings Pupils)

Orchestra will begin on Thursday 27th September in the Senior School Site from 3pm to 3.30pm. Any child who is in the school orchestra should be collected at 3.30pm on Thursdays.

A fantastic new programme for P2 pupils only



Want time to support your child's learning?

Want more time together having fun?

Meet up with other parents?

Then Come along to our coffee morning information session on

**Wednesday 26th September 2018
10 am**

Junior Assembly Hall

And enjoy some tea, coffee and sweet treats while you learn about our amazing programme.

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE ATTACHED
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST SLIP**

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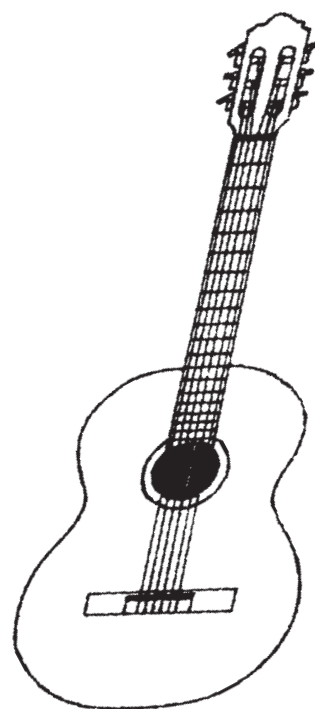
Lessons will be delivered to children in pairs and will cost

£20 for 4 x week block. We would endeavour to pair brothers/sisters/friends together.

** Guitars will be provided for any child who doesn't have their own, but unfortunately, for insurance reasons, we cannot let the children take them home**

If you would like to register your interest in this opportunity, please sign the form below and make a note at the bottom if there are any days that do not suit your child.

Many Thanks



School Start Times and Collection Times

Start Times

Class Teachers are on duty on both sites at 8.50am every morning. All children should be in school for 9.05am at the latest as we gather for prayer at this time in the assembly halls of both sites before each class will begin their school day. It is to be noted that school staff (Principal/Vice Principal) are available for supervision in the assembly halls across both sites from 8.30am onwards. **There are electronic doors on the Junior School Site which will automatically unlock at 8.30am.**

Collection Times

Please note that Nursery and Year 1 have a staggered intake as part of our settling in policy.

Nursery:

Nursery should be collected at 11.30am for the first three weeks.

Week 4 (24th September) Nursery Children should be collected at 12.30pm after lunch.

Week 5 (1st October) Nursery children will have a full day and should be collected between 1.30pm and 1.40pm.

Year 1 :

Year 1 should be collected at 12 Noon for the first two weeks.

Week 4 (24th September) Year 1 should be collected at 2.15pm at the front pupil exit on each site.

Year 2 :

All Year 2 children should be collected at 2.20pm at the front exit on each site from the very start of the year

Year 3 – Year 7 :

All children should be collected from school at 3pm every day.

Prayer of the Month - September

Back to School Prayer



*Dear Lord,
Help me to use my eyes to see new friends.
Open my ears to hear my teacher.*

*Open my mind to learn new things.
Let my heart remember you are near when I'm afraid.*

*Help me to love others like you do.
Help me to shine my light so bright in our school.*

Amen

Curriculum Information Newsletters

Every year we send out Curriculum Information Newsletters to the parents of our pupils from Nursery – Year 4. We believe that this is helpful to parents to let them know what their child is learning in school and hence parents can work with their children at home too to support the work of the school. Curriculum Information Newsletters for Term 1 will be sent home on Monday 1st October.....so keep a wee eye out for it!!

If you have any questions at all about the newsletter or the work that your child is studying in school, please do not hesitate to ask the teacher who will be happy to help!



Families Connect Programme for Year 2 Pupils and their Families

I am interested /not interested in Families
Connect Programme this year.

I can / cannot attend the Coffee Morning



Pupil Name: _____

Class: _____

Teacher: _____

Parent/Gaurdian: _____



Piano Lessons

I would like to register my interest in
Paired Piano Lessons for my child/
children at St. Catherine's.



Pupil Name: _____

Class: _____

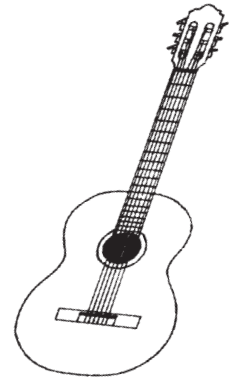
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Class: _____

Teacher: _____

Parent/Gaurdian: _____