

St. Catherine's Nursery School

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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



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!



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

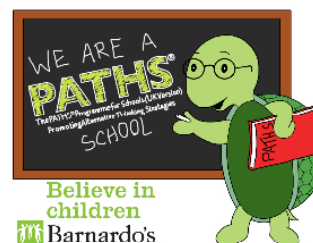
PATHS Quote of the Month - September

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.

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 feel it is crucial to celebrate the joys of Reading and Literature by having our book week. This year Book Week will take place Week Beginning Monday 1st October . On Friday 5th October children will have their Book Character Day. Every child should come to school dressed up as a book character under these themes.

Nursery / Year 1 / Year 2 : Nursery Rhyme Characters

Year 3 / Year 4 : Fairytale Characters

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

Many prizes will be given out to our children who dress up on this day!! So join in the fun!!! You can get thinking now of who you could dress up as !!!

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!

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

Nursery Parent Curriculum Information Session

Every year we like to keep our parents in touch with what it is that your wee child will actually be doing every day in Nursery!

To this end we invite you to our Nursery Parent information Session on Tuesday 25th September at 12.30pm in the Nursery Classrooms.

You will be so enlightened when you hear what the Nursery day actually involves for our youngest pupils in the school.

Please sign the attached expression of interest slip to let us have a wee idea of numbers.



Nursery Parent Information Session

I can / cannot attend the Nursery Parent Information Session
on Tuesday 25th September at 12.30pm

Pupil Name: _____

Class: _____

Teacher: _____

Parent/Gaurdian: _____