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WEEKLY NOTE - Monday 15th October 2018

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COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

Our school seeks to be a 'listening school' and will do its best to enable parents/ guardians to feel confident to raise issues and concerns with appropriate staff in a timely/appropriate manner.

Comments/Complaints will be considered following a clear set of procedures based on Education Authority / CCMS guidance. These procedures will be made clear to any parent/guardian or member of the public making a complaint. Complaints can be shared either verbally or in writing.

Our school will try to resolve a parent/ guardian's concern as informally and quickly as possible and always make clear what action is being taken.

It is to be noted that the correct procedure for making complaints is outlined in our Complaints Policy and Procedure which is available upon request from either School Office.

If you have any further queries / concerns about this procedure, please do not hesitate to contact the Principal.

God bless you all! Bridget Wilders, Principal

JOIN US

IF YOU DARE

for a

HALLOWEEN

SCARE

& Costume Party

Our PTFA is hosting a Disco for our children on

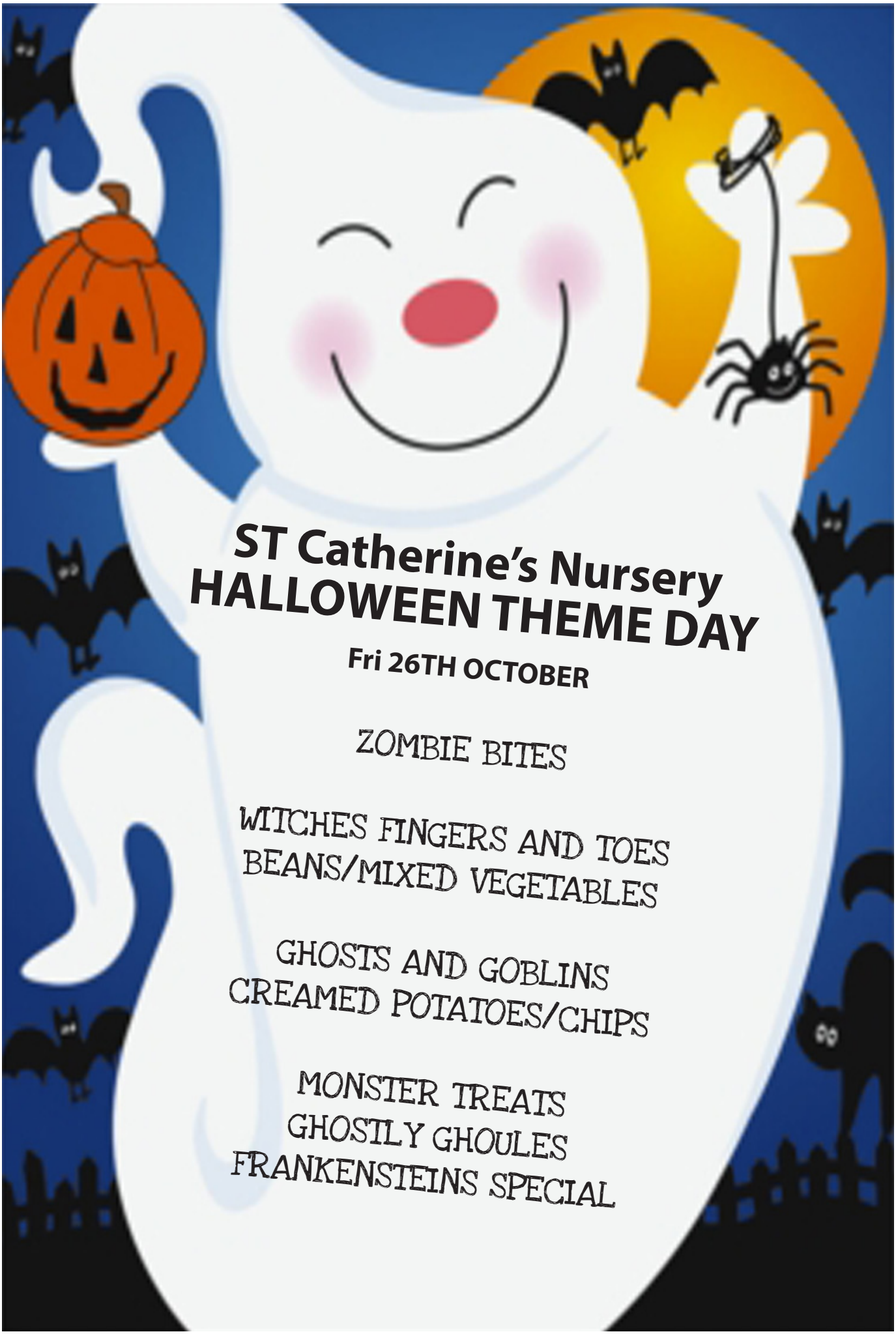
Friday 26th October

in school.

Admission to the Disco is £1.

There will also be a tuck shop at the disco.

Children should wear their Hallowe'en Costumes on this day.



ST Catherine's Nursery
HALLOWEEN THEME DAY

Fri 26TH OCTOBER

ZOMBIE BITES

WITCHES FINGERS AND TOES
BEANS/MIXED VEGETABLES

GHOSTS AND GOBLINS
CREAMED POTATOES/CHIPS

MONSTER TREATS
GHOSTLY GHOULES
FRANKENSTEINS SPECIAL

St. Catherine's

Nursery & Primary School, Strabane

Why not join us for a seasonal celebration for all the family to enjoy

Christmas CRAFT FAIR

Thursday 15th November

from 6.00-9.00pm

Cost £10 per table

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS

Any talented crafters that would be interested in taking a table please contact any member of the PTFA

Final date for tables 6th November

All procceds in aid of St. Catherine's Nursery & Primary School, Strabane

Event organised by St. Catherine's P.T.F.A.

Naming Of Whole School House Rewards System:

I'm delighted to let you know the outcome to our Parent/Pupil Survey on the 4 names of our Whole School House Rewards System....

We had 88 returns in total. Parents/Pupils have made an overwhelming decision (of 52 families) in favour of the 4 Harry Potter House names: Gryffindor, Hufflepuff, Slytherin and Ravenclaw.

The Whole School House Rewards System will begin on Monday 5th November for all classes throughout the school.

The Rules and Rewards:

House Point Rules: How to earn points

1 point: excellent classwork, super homework, being creative, wonderful practical work, sporting skills, beautiful singing, fantastic problem solving

2 points: good behaviour, great attitude in school, lovely manners, showing consideration to others, being kind and thoughtful to others in the playground and the canteen, participation in Hymn Practice, full uniform check, participation in events: eg. feis, Diwali, Chinese Show, Irish Language Show, Nativity and Assemblies.

Special Bonus: A pupil who does something extra special gains three points for their House!

Prizes:

Each month – Pupils in the 'House' with the most points, in each class, receive a 'Homework Pass.'

Each Term - The leading 'House' in each class gets a certificate.

At the end of the year – the House (throughout the whole school) with the most points wins the 'House Shield' and each child in that House wins a medal and a Day Trip!

Thank you so much for your cooperation in choosing our 'House' names. We are really looking forward to beginning our new Rewards System!

Mrs Daly
(Pastoral Care and Health and Well Being Leader)

HSC Public Health Agency

Project supported by the PHA

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

PATHS Quote of the Month - October

Remember that there are many kinds of compliments. Compliments can be about how a person looks, the things they have, the things they do, and the way a person is. Challenge yourself to give at least one of each of these compliments today

PATHS
Promoting Alternative THinking Strategies Program

PATHS MODEL SCHOOL

WE ARE A PATHS SCHOOL

Believe in children
Barnardo's

MORE NEWS ABOUT the 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.

SENIOR SCHOOL SITE : WEDNESDAY 17th OCTOBER

The school photographer will be on the Senior School Site and will take families there first followed by Nursery Children and then Years 5-7 Pupils. If you have a child who goes to the Senior School Site and another child who goes to the Junior School Site you can choose which site you wish to take the family photograph on if you wish to.

JUNIOR SCHOOL SITE : THURSDAY 18th OCTOBER

The school photographer will be on the Junior School Site and will take families there first followed by Years 1-4 Pupils. If you have a child who goes to the Junior School Site and another child who goes to the Senior School Site you can choose which site you wish to take the family photograph on if you wish to.

FRIDAY 19th OCTOBER

The photographer will also be in school on Friday 19th October and will go between our two sites to take Staff Photographs and also to take anyone's photograph who may have been missed on either Wednesday or Thursday.

If you have any questions, queries or concerns please do not hesitate to ask your child's teacher.

Keeping Fit and Helping Others Fun Fitness Event

As you may be aware, Funding opportunities for ourselves and many other groups is being greatly reduced or even cut altogether. Mrs Daljeet Guram and Strabane Ethnic Community Association have been coming in to our school for many years in order to educate our children on the Indian Culture and explain the true meaning of the Diwali Festival. This has been such a fabulous experience for our children every year. The programme is totally multicultural and filled with fun, education and dance as part of the delivery. This has always been given at absolutely NO COST to the school or our children. This year Strabane Ethnic Community have informed us that their funding has been greatly reduced. Despite this they are still running the fantastic Diwali Programme in school and will have the Diwali Celebration St. Patrick's Hall on Thursday 25th October, Our children love their multicultural Diwali Programme and it was felt that it would be a good idea to try to raise some funds for Strabane Ethnic Community to say a great big thank you for years of service to our school.

We will also make a donation to FPIES UK in support of children with Food Allergies. We have several children in school who have Food Allergies.

FPIES UK supports and advises families dealing with a specific food protein induced enterocolitis syndrome

Joe's Body Works Team will come in to school to complete the Fun Event with our children. We are truly grateful for the support of Joe and his team.

To this end, we are organising a fun sports session in school called "Keeping Fit and Helping Others! which will take place in school on Wednesday 17th , Thursday 18th and Friday 19th October. This will involve every child in the school from Nursery to Year 7! Each child will receive a sponsor sheet to be sponsored to take part in this exciting Physical Fitness Event. We have organised sponsored events like this before in school and the children thoroughly enjoy them!

FPIES UK

Strabane Ethnic Community Association

Your child will receive a sponsor sheet this week for the event. We would appreciate it if each child gets as many sponsors as they can from family and friends for this event. All money raised (no matter how much or how little) will go towards Strabane Ethnic Community Association and FPIES UK in support of children with Food Allergies.

We would appreciate it if all sponsor sheets and money could be returned to school by Monday 22nd October.

We thank you in advance for your ongoing support for our wee school and pupils!

If your child did not receive a sponsor form please ask the class teacher!