

# St. Catherine's Primary School

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## WEEKLY NOTE - Monday 12th November 2018

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Get in the Mood for Christmas!!

THIS THURSDAY NIGHT - 6pm-9pm

Christmas CRAFT FAIR

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*God bless you all! Bridget Wilders, Principal*

# St. Catherine's

Nursery & Primary School  
Strabane



**Anti Bullying Week**  
12th November – 16th November

This  
**ANTI-BULLYING WEEK**  
we  
**choose**  
**respect**  
#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

This year the theme is "Choose Respect". Respect is a value we promote in our school at every opportunity! Respect is mutual between us all, pupils, staff, parents and community.

Anti Bullying Week is a great week to get involved in focusing on promoting mutual respect and showing kindness and care towards each other. Our PATHS Programme in school promotes a culture of mutual respect, kindness, understanding, empathy and resilience skills.

On this week we will promote understanding of

the definition of Respect

- that bullying is a behaviour choice
- that we can RESPECTFULLY disagree with each other, that, we don't have to be best friends or always agree with each other but we do have to respect each other
- that we all need to choose to respect each other both face to face and online

We will have Scallywags Puppet Theatre Show for our Junior School Pupils and our Senior School Pupils to highlight the impact of bullying behaviours and to

promote positive choices instead! Peer pressure will be discussed and the need to promote the idea that being an individual who makes good choices is so COOL!

We will also have Internet Safety Workshops for our children to help promote online safety and acceptable behaviour which promotes respect.

Our school council will meet for the first time as a group in school to discuss key priorities in our school and how we can continue to promote a culture of respect, fairness and positivity.

We also have a Parent Workshop (given by Parenting NI ) to support Parents who are faced with a child who has been the victim of bullying behaviour or has been engaging in bullying behaviour. This is a very worthwhile workshop indeed. Please come along and join us if you can.....parents, pupils and school working together is the best way forward!

**Let's CHOOSE RESPECT**  
**and go forward**  
**together!!**



# Families Together *Wee Workshops*

## Helping your child deal with bullying and making friends

An informal workshop looking at different types of bullying and how it can affect children. You will learn skills to help support your child to deal with bullying.

**Tuesday 13th November**  
**St Catherine's Primary School**  
**Room 6, Junior Site**  
**1:30 pm - 3 pm**

Come along for a cuppa and chat with other parents interested in discussing this topic.

Free for parents and all are welcome.

Want to come along?  
Text Clare on 078 2539 2136



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# Year 4 Do This In Memory Programme

The dates for the masses for the Do This in Memory Programme are as below. We look forward to seeing all our Year 4 Pupils and Families at these very special masses.



DATE	THEME OF MASS	TIME
10/11/2018	Enrolment Sunday	6.30pm
25/11/2018	Feast of Christ the King	10am
16/12/2018	3rd Sunday of Advent	12 Noon
26/01/2019	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30pm
03/03/2019		10am
14/04/2019	Passion (Palm) Sunday	12 Noon
11/05/2019		6.30pm
23/06/2019	Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)	10am

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 25th May, 2019



## YEAR 4 and YEAR 7 PUPILS: Holy Communion and Confirmation Workbooks

Every year in school children use special Holy Communion and Confirmation Workbooks with our children so that they can prepare for the sacraments very thoroughly indeed. These workbooks cost £3.50. Children love completing these workbooks and they obviously get to keep them for their own souvenir afterwards. Please send in £3.50 with your Year 4 or Year 7 Child for their Souvenir Workbook by Friday 23rd November.



# Annual Trip to Panto in the Millennium Forum in Derry

## *Peter Pan*

Every Year we take our children to Derry to the Millennium Forum to see the Christmas Panto. This year the panto is Peter Pan.

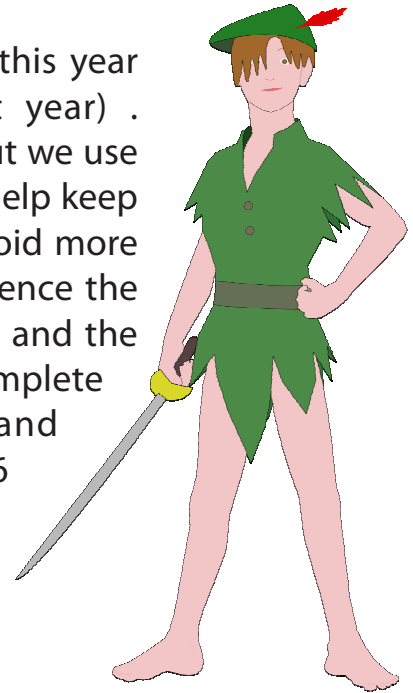
**Years 5-7 Pupils will go on Monday 3rd December and**

**Years 1-4 Pupils will go on Tuesday 4th December.**

This is always an exciting visit for our children on the lead up to Christmas and they enjoy it so

much!

The cost of the trip this year is £12 (Same as last year) . Prices have gone up but we use school funds to try to help keep costs the same and avoid more costs to our parents, hence the same price as last year and the year before! Please complete the attached slip and send a deposit of £6 by Thursday 15th November to secure your child's place on this trip.



## URGENT BIG NEWS!!!!

Due to apply for Nursery or Year 1 places this year? All applications can only be made to any school ONLINE this year....no paper forms..... We will update you further about this at our open afternoons or before them when we find out more!

## ATTENTION PRIMARY 5 SHOE BOX APPEAL



Shoeboxes need to be in school before or on **WEDNESDAY 14th November**

They will be collected on this date. As soon as you have them ready send them in. Thank you for helping this worthy cause that brings so much joy to many people around the world at Christmas.

# Parent / Teacher Meetings



Our Annual Parent Teacher Meetings will take place over the next two weeks in school. Teachers will be sending each parent an appointment date and time to invite you to come into school to see how your child is progressing in school to date. If you get an appointment please make every effort to attend or arrange an alternative appointment with the teacher. Each appointment time slot will be for 10 minutes approximately. These meetings are very important and key to communication between home and school in order to provide the very best for each of our wee children. We thank you for your support in this matter.



## Vocal Coaching Lessons

In addition to Brass and Strings lessons, we will now pilot Singing (Vocal Coaching Lessons) to some Year 5 Pupils. The lessons will be given by EA (Ms Una Carlin) and will be offered shortly. These lessons will be offered in the same way as Brass and Strings tuition. This is a pilot programme this year in St Catherine's. we are so excited to begin this new programme. Children will also have the opportunity to sit Singing Exams at the end of the Year to celebrate their skills.



## School Ties

If your child ever loses their school tie, ties are on sale at the school office to replace it!!

Elasticated tie : £4  
Full tie : £5  
Clip on tie: £6



# Christmas CRAFT FAIR

## THIS THURSDAY NIGHT

### 6pm-9pm

**The St. Catherine's Nursery and Primary School Parent Teachers Association (PTA) will host its third annual Christmas Craft Fair this Thursday 15th November from 6pm-9pm.**

We are fortunate to have more than 40 vendors showcasing a wide range of talents and offering an extra special evening of craft.

This is always a brilliant event and really sets the mood for Christmas.

Why not drop in to browse the wide variety of craft stalls selling all kinds of hand-made items from jewellery, knitting, Christmas Crafts, treats, wood crafts, personalised gifts, candles, bags, cards, cupcakes and much more.

There's a lot on offer for all ages.

This year we will also be selling a range of customised school merchandise ...pencils, our new Winter Woolie Hat (with or without pom pom!) and much more.

Items will be on sale but if we run out of stock of very popular items, more can be ordered.

In addition, Santa and Mrs Claus will be present in their very own grotto, a first for St. Catherine's!! Families will have the opportunity to have their photos taken with Santa and Mrs Claus!! Come along and join in the fun!

Our Senior Pupils will be providing musical entertainment at the fair ... Christmas songs to get everyone in the mood!

A spokesperson for St Catherine's PS PTFA said, "It's an ideal opportunity to support the school and take part in this important school calendar event.

"We look forward to everyone joining us for a seasonal celebration for all the family to enjoy."

Entry to the craft fair is £1 for adults, with free admission for children.

All proceeds raised are in aid of St. Catherine's Nursery and Primary School.





# CRAFT FAIR VENDORS

Quirtky  
Works –  
Buns

Eamon  
Cooke –  
Art

Kayleigh  
Harte –  
Sweet Cart

Barry  
McGowan  
– Art

Zoe Walsh  
– Frames  
boxed

Emma  
Hetherington  
– Handmade  
candles &  
Wax Melts

PTFA Tea/  
Coffee

Bridget  
Donegan  
– Scented  
Salts

Katie  
Kidney –  
Bakes

PTFA  
School  
Merchandise

Marion  
Cooke –  
Knitting

Sweet  
Gifts –  
Sweet  
Trees

Kivan &  
Natasha  
Sharma  
Scarves,  
Handbags

Valerations  
– Christmas  
Signs

Annie  
Thomas –  
Personalised  
Rocks

Pauls  
Handmade  
Crafts –  
Plaques

Mr.  
Slushtails

Biddy  
O'Neill –  
Christmas  
logs

TJ Teddies  
Stuffed  
teddies

Salome  
Preston –  
Sweets

Aisling  
Logue –  
Sweetcones  
& Fairy  
Houses

Rachel  
Edgar –  
Forever  
Living  
Products

Koran Kelly  
Herron –  
Books and  
Sweets

Catherine  
McCrory  
– Knitted  
babywear

Lou  
McInnes –  
Wax Melts,  
Candles

Grace  
Mullen –  
Jewellery

PTFA Cake  
Stall

Paula  
Walsh

Kerry  
Banks  
Crafts

Kivan &  
Natasha  
Sharma  
Tropics

Willie John  
Gallagher –  
Woodturning

Carrie  
McCauley –  
Aloe Vera

# CRAFT FAIR VENDORS



## Donations for Cake Stall at the Christmas Fair

In addition to the many crafters we will have for you to peruse, our PTFA runs a little cake stall too. If you would like to make a donation of any goodies for that cake stall, we ask that you leave them into your child's teacher from tomorrow Tuesday 13th November – Thursday 15th November!! Many thanks for your support in advance.





# St. Catherine's

Nursery & Primary School  
Barrack Street, 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**

**at the St. Catherine's Junior Site  
(Barrack Street)**

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

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



# St. Catherine's PTFA Christmas Raffle for PUPILS .....

Our PTFA will be hosting a raffle on each school site. Tickets are 20p each. The raffle will take place just before the Christmas Holidays in December!

## Junior School Raffle:

This year we have PINKIE the Unicorn who wants a good home!



We also have a Teamster 3 Level Tower Garage with cars!

## Senior School Raffle

We have a Large Gumball Machine



We also have an Air Hockey Game

***Tickets will be on sale every morning in both assembly halls .... a little bit of fun in the Winter Mornings!!***



## Music News!!

Great news for our school musicians, our Year 5 Strings Pupils can now join our After School Orchestra from 3pm – 3.30pm every Thursday.

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## Nursery Open Afternoon

Have you got a child who you would like to start Nursery School next year? Was your child born in the year between 2 July 2015 and 1 July 2016? Would you be considering our Nursery?

If so, why not come along to see the fabulous Nursery Unit we have at St. Catherine's! We have our Annual Open Afternoon on Wednesday 28th November in the Senior School Site in the Assembly Hall starting with the Principal's Address at



1.30pm. Everyone welcome.

Please note our current Nursery Pupils should be collected at 12.30pm on this day so that we can prepare for our newest visitors! Many thanks!

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## Year 1 Open Afternoon

Have you got a child who will be due to start Primary School next year? Was your child born in the year between 2 July 2014 and 1 July 2015? Would you be considering our Primary School?

If so, why not come along to see the fabulous Primary School that is St. Catherine's! We have our Annual Open Afternoon on Thursday 29th November in the Junior School Site in the Assembly Hall starting with the Principal's Address at 1.30pm. Everyone welcome.



Please note our current Year 1 and 2 Pupils should be collected at 12.45pm on this day so that we can prepare for our newest visitors! Many thanks!

# Prayer of the Month - November

*During November we remember and pray for the dead*

## Eternal Rest

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.  
Amen.*



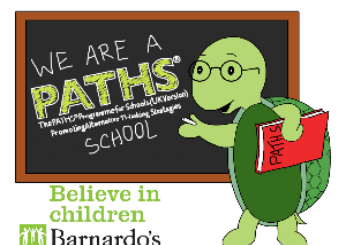
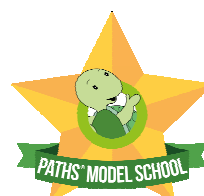
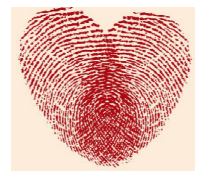
(If you are offering the prayer for a particular person, you can substitute "him" or "her" for "them.")



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

### PATHS Quote of the Month - November

*"In a world where you can be anything be kind"*





# WEEKLY NOTE

Every week the eldest child in the family will be given a weekly note to take home with them on a Monday. This note is designed to keep parents up to date with what is happening in the school! The weekly note is a great resource which is costly for the school to produce but we feel that it is worth it as some parents really rely on it!!

However if for some reason, you do not receive a copy of the weekly note, or you have lost it, we also upload it to the school's website each week so that you can always access it there!

***Our website can be accessed at [www.stcatherinesps.co.uk](http://www.stcatherinesps.co.uk)***

Try it out! We also put notifications on our **FREE SCHOOL APP**  
***St Catherines PS Strabane*** ..... feel free to download to your phone!  
You can now also view photos on our school app .....try it out!

**Please like/follow us on the following technologies .....  
we would like more followers!!**

We have a Facebook page called: **StCatherines PrimarySchool**



We have a Twitter Account called : **St Catherine's PS**



We have an Instagram Account also : **St Catherine's Primary School**



***Please note that these Social Media sites have a lower age limit of 13years old so they are for parental use only to enable parents to know more about what is going on in their child's school! #keepingyouuptodate***



# Peter Pan Panto Trip to Millennium Forum Derry

I would like to Book a Place for my child on the Peter Pan Panto Trip  
in the Millennium Forum Derry in December.

I understand that the cost of the trip is £12.

I enclose

Deposit : £6

☐

Or

Full Payment: £12

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Gaurdian of: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_