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Annual Trip to Panto in the Millennium Forum in Derry

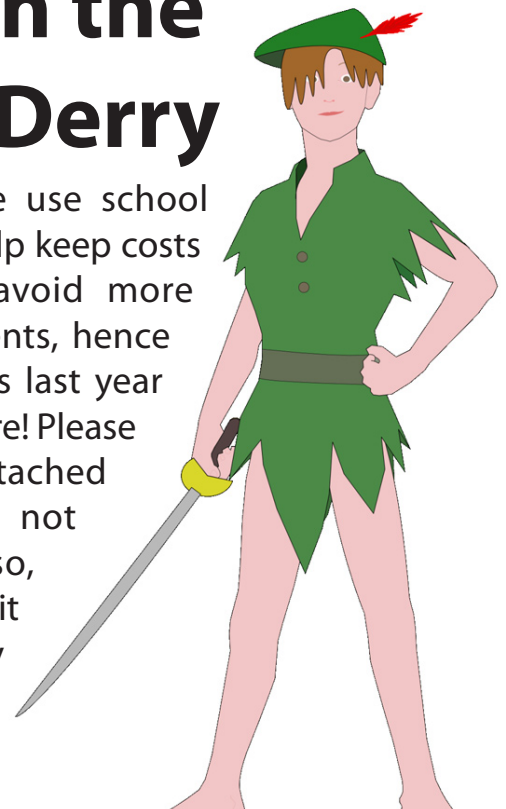
Every Year we take our children to Derry to the Millennium Forum to see the Christmas Panto. This year the panto is Peter Pan.

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 if you have not already done so, and send a deposit of £6 immediately to secure your child's place on this trip.



God bless you all! Bridget Wilders, Principal

Junior School Christmas Nativity Production : Mary's Boy Child

Our Annual Junior Christmas Nativity Production which will involve all pupils from Nursery, Year 1 , Year 2 and Year 3 will take place in **St. Patrick's Hall on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th December at 7pm.** The Nativity Production this year is called "Mary's Boy Child." This is always a very special event and really puts us all in the mood for Christmas.



Tickets: (PLEASE COMPLETE ATTACHED TICKET PURCHASE SHEET)

Each child from Nursery – Year 3 will have THREE tickets reserved for them.

St. Patrick's Hall has enough seats to allow for each child from Nursery, Year 1 , Year 2 and Year 3 pupils to have **THREE tickets each.** Tickets will cost £5 each.

This year to avoid stress (of queueing to seek tickets) for our parents, we are sending home a reply slip to enable each child to have their family purchase their THREE tickets in advance in school. When the reply slip is returned with the amount of tickets indicated

and money sent, we will send the tickets home.

The **THREE tickets** can be purchased all for the same night or the THREE tickets can be split between the two nights for example TWO for one night and ONE for another night etc. It must be noted however that due to the seat allocation in St. Patrick's Hall, each child (Nursery – Year 3)can only have THREE tickets purchased at this point. **All tickets should be paid for when the reply slip is returned. The reply slip should be returned NO LATER THAN TUESDAY 4TH DECEMBER.**

If all reply slips are not returned / purchased by **WEDNESDAY 5TH DECEMBER**, any tickets not claimed will be released for sale on a first come first served basis from the offices on each site.

PLEASE SEE BELOW THE DAYS / TIMES FOR SALE OF UNCLAIMED TICKETS

Dates (FOR PURCHASE OF UNCLAIMED TICKETS)

Times

Thursday 6th December

8.45am-9.15am
2.15pm-3pm

Friday 7th December

8.45am-9.15am
2.15pm-3pm

Monday 10th December

8.45am-9.15am
2.15pm-3pm

Thursday 11th December

8.45am-9.15am
2.15pm-3pm

We will let you know by text message if there are unclaimed tickets available for purchase.

As always every year, our wee children are so excited about their Annual Production. Our staff are excited too! It is always a lovely event. Parents have also shared with us.....

"It's not Christmas until we see the wee Nativity Play!"

Enjoy your wee children!

DVD of our Nativity Production "Marys Boy Child"

Our Nativity Production will be recorded for DVD. A souvenir DVD will be available for parents to purchase if they wish to at a keen price of £5 (which has remained the same every year). If you wish to have a copy of the showplease reserve your copy by completing the attached pre order form.





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!

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!

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!



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GET INTO THE SEASONAL SPIRIT AND JOIN US FOR OUR

Christmas

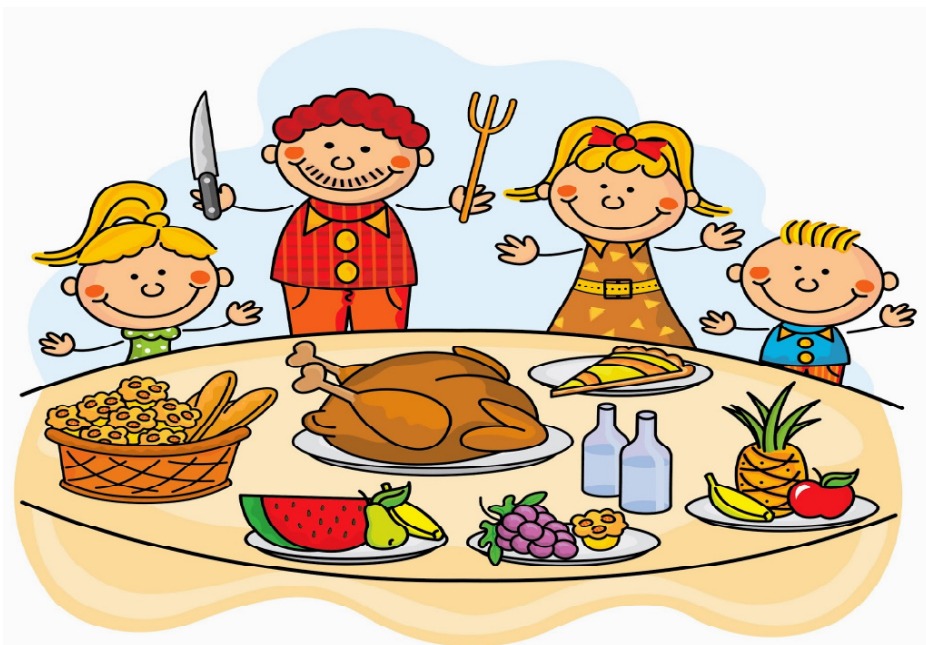
Jumper Day

FRIDAY
14th DECEMBER

Children donate £1 to school funds

Christmas Dinner

This year our Christmas Dinner will take place on Friday 14th December across the two sites of St. Catherine's! Everyone is welcome to have their Christmas Dinner.



Christmas Jumper Day

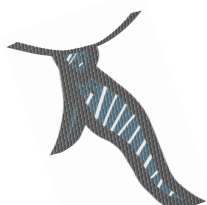
This year we will have a Christmas JUMPER Day on Friday 14th December (Same day as Christmas Dinner).

We ask that children wear their casual clothes and Christmas JUMPERS on this day.

We ask that children make a voluntary donation of £1 towards School Funds.



School Ties



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

Elasticated tie : £4

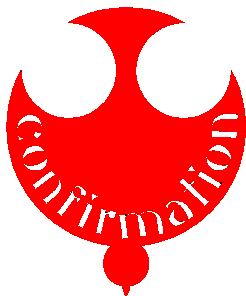
Full tie : £5

Clip on tie: £6

Confirmation Meeting

Confirmation will take place on Saturday 9th March at 11am in the Church of the Immaculate Conception. Fr Boland PP will confirm our children this year.

As part of our preparation for Confirmation, our parents are invited to a special meeting with the Derry Diocesan Team in the **SENIOR SCHOOL ASSEMBLY HALL on Monday 3rd December at 7pm.** We look forward to seeing all our Parents of Year 7 Pupils there!



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

St. Catherine's PTFA Christmas Raffle for PUPILS ... TICKETS ON SALE NOW

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!!

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.*



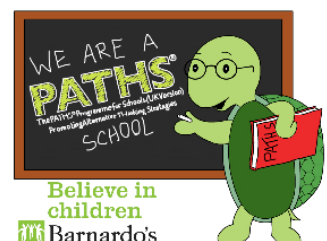
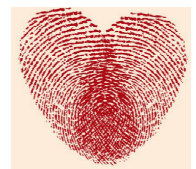
(If you are offering the prayer for a particular person, you can substitute "him" or "her" for "them.")



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"



KEEP UP TO DATE WITH ALL THE LATEST NEWS . . .

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

Try it out! We also put notifications on our **FREE SCHOOL APP**

St Catherine's PS Strabane feel free to download to your phone!

You can now also view photos on our school apptry it out!



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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



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MERCHANDISE

PENCILS
50p

UNICORN
BAG £5

GYM
BAG £6

CLOTH
BAG
£5

HATS £7 (PLAIN)
£7.50 (POM-POM)

T-SHIRTS
£8.50

ALL MONEY FROM SALES GOES BACK INTO SCHOOL FUNDS

ALL ITEMS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE



Tickets for our Nativity Production: Mary's Boy Child

We would like to purchase tickets for the Nativity Production in St. Patrick's Hall. We understand that our child has been allocated three tickets. We would like the following:

Tuesday 11th December :

Tickets (0,1,2 or 3)

Wednesday 12th December :

Tickets (0,1,2 or 3)

We enclose £

for the above tickets.

We understand that we can only purchase THREE tickets in total for my child at the moment but we understand that unclaimed tickets may become available on Wednesday 5th December.

Signed: _____

Parent/Gaurdian of: _____

Class: _____

Teacher: _____



Christmas DVD Pre Order Form



We wish to reserve copies of the Christmas Nativity DVD at a cost of £5 each.

Signed: _____

Parent/Gaurdian of: _____

Class: _____

Teacher: _____