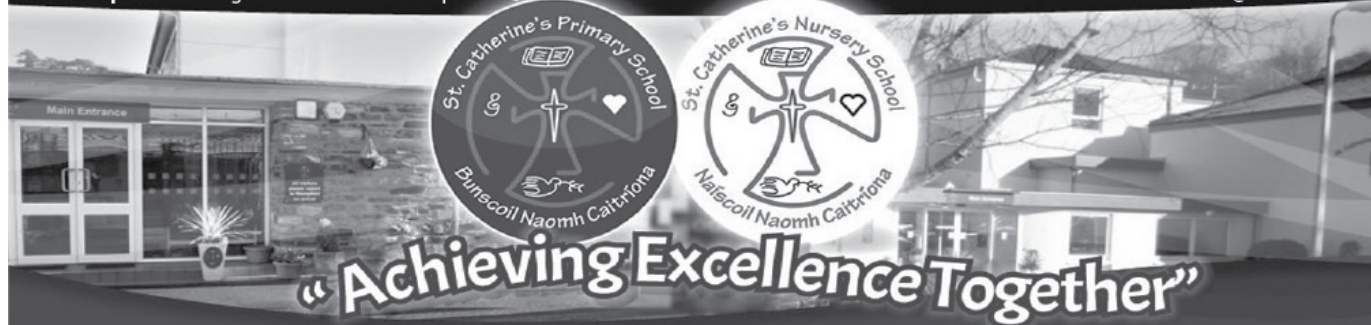


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Update of Parent Mobile Phone Numbers



Some of you may have got new mobile phones for Christmas or indeed for some reason you may have a different number since the start of the year. If so have you let the school secretary know so that it can be changed at school? This is very important incase we have to contact you for any reason regarding your child. This is also important so that you can receive school text messages.

If you have changed your number and not updated the school.... Please do so!

God bless you all! Bridget Wilders, Principal

Introducing our Fabulous Getting Ready to Learn Programme for Nursery Pupils and Parents

This programme has 4 main components

- Education Works: Parents are provided with information about the Nursery Curriculum with a focus on the importance of Play Based Learning and Speech and Language.
- Happy, Healthy Kids: Parents are encouraged with staff to focus on Healthy Eating and the promotion of the importance of Physical Development...thereby enabling safe/ healthy physical play at home and in school
- Ages and Stages: Parents are provided with more information about the stages of development of their child and how best to enhance their learning including the promotion of social skills such as turntaking, cooperating and negotiating.
- Big Bedtime Read: This component has a focus on storytelling, nursery rhymes and including these in the very important bedtime routine for their child.



Our programme will consist of 6 sessions and will run as follows:

- 2 Education Works Workshops
- 2 Big Bedtime Read Workshops and
- 1 Happy Healthy Kids Workshop.
- 1 Ages and Stages Workshop

You will be provided with a fantastic range of resources to compliment the workshops.

These workshops will be informal and interactive with your child.

Please come along and find out more at Session 1 on:

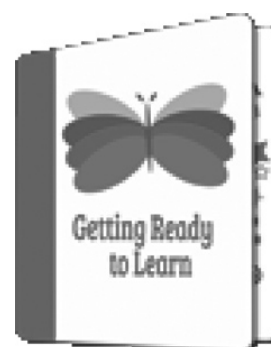
Wednesday 16th January 2019 At: 1.00pm

Venue: Nursery School

Kind Regards,
Miss Doherty/ Mrs Porter/ Mrs McCorkell(Ms Carlin)

Please complete and return to class teacher by Friday 12th January 2019.

Getting Ready to Learn Programme



I am able/ unable to attend the Getting Ready to Learn Programme

(delete as appropriate)

Signed: _____

Parent/Gaurdian of: _____

Class: _____

Teacher: _____



Strabane Feis

It's that time of year again.....we are a school that places so much emphasis on providing a variety of opportunities for our children's learning. We promote a love of learning in the classroom and beyond for all subjects, sport music and drama too! Feis promotes confidence and aptitude in Speech and Language, Drama and Music in particular. It is quite a skill to get up in front of an audience to say a poem, make a speech, sing a song or play an instrument! Regardless of what level each child can perform at, we acknowledge the effort that any child makes in order to take part in the Feis..... this is overcoming fear at such a young age and promoting a skill that will serve our children well in the future! We encourage all our children from Nursery – Year 7 to take part in the Feis events and teachers will encourage and promote this in school also!

There is a Speech Feis and a Music Feis.

Speech Feis will take place from Thursday 21st February to Monday 25th February.

Music Feis will take place from Thursday 28th February to Monday 4th March.

Cost of Individual Entry to the Feis will be £2. The closing Date for entries to the Feis will be Wednesday 16th January.

Sometimes we notice that children do not enter the Feis by the closing date and then when they hear all the children rehearsing for Feis in school, they want to enter then but its too late! We advise that children strongly consider entering by the closing date as they will be guaranteed to enjoy it and join in the fun of it with their class in the lead up to the event itself!

All children who enter the Feis will get a certificate of participation from school..... regardless of the adjudicator's decision in St. Patrick's Hall!!



The poems and songs for the Feis will be sent out shortly.

Speech Feis Events

Event	Year Groups who can enter
Verse Speaking Girls	Nursery- Year 7
Verse Speaking Boys	Nursery – Year 7
2 Minute Speech	Year 6 & 7 Pupils only
Creative Verse	Years 5.6 and 7 Pupils only

It is to be noted that various class teachers may also enter an entire class for the Choral Poem Competitions.

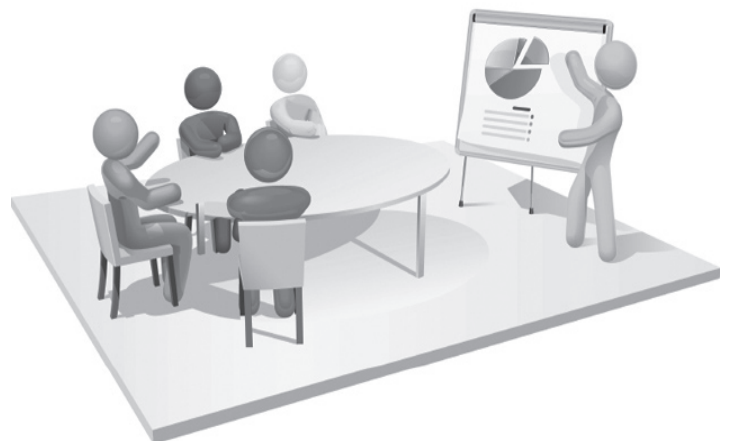
Music Feis Events

Event	Year Groups who can enter
Girls' Song	Nursery- Year 7
Boys' Song	Nursery – Year 7
Sacred Solo	Years 5.6 and 7 Pupils only
Musical Theatre	Years 4-7 Pupils only

It is to be noted that our choirs in school may also enter competitions in the Feis under the direction of the Choir Directors.

School Development Plan

You will be sent home a summary of Year 1 of our new three year School Development Plan. We consulted parents on our service last year and we have made a plan to address concerns and also to address other necessary school priorities to improve the quality of our provision for our little children. Please sign the response form when you get a copy of the plan. Thank you!



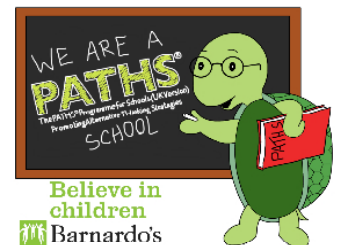
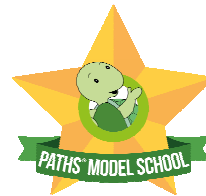


PATHS Programme in St. Catherine's

(Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies)

PATHS Quote of the Month - January

***Friendship is one of life's greatest gifts. If you
think someone could use a friend.
Be one!***



Prayer of the Month - January

NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

***We remember For all that has been
We give thanks.***

***We look forward For all that will be
We say yes.***

***All time is God's time.
We let go of the past and We welcome what is to come.***

***And all the time we pray in the name of Jesus, who is the same yesterday,
today and forever. Amen***



ONLINE DIGITAL ADMISSION PROCESS

For any parent who could not attend the Open Afternoons but have a child due to start Nursery or Year 1 in September 2019, we are offering "Drop IN" Sessions this year as the applications have to be online. If you would like to book a session they run from 7-1-19 until 18-1-19. If you wish to book a session please give Mrs Clare Kelly (Clerical Officer) Senior School a wee ring on 02871 382614 OPTION 1 and she will be happy to book you in!!

Some sessions have been booked already.

You DO NOT have to attend these sessions but if you do the staff in school will help you make your application online there and then and you can be confident that all has been done and breathe a sigh of relief! Please note that you will need to have the following with you.....

1. YOUR PERSONAL EMAIL username and know your password
2. Your child's birth certificate
3. Your proof of address
4. DSS Income Support Form (Only if this applies to you!)



Feis 2019

(If you have completed this already you do not need to complete it again!)

I have ticked below the event(s) that I would like my child to be entered for in Feis. I understand that it costs £1.50 to enter an event.

Speech Feis Event	Tick ✓ Yes	Child's Name	Year /Class
Verse Speaking (Girls) Nursery -Year 7			
Verse Speaking (Boys) Nursery -Year 7			
2 minute speech (Year 6 and 7 Pupils Only)			
Creative Verse (Years 5,6,7 Pupils only)			

Music Feis Event	Tick ✓ Yes	Child's Name	Year /Class
Song (Girls) Nursery -Year 7			
Song (Boys) Nursery -Year 7			
Sacred Solo (Years 5,6,7 Pupils only)			
Musical Theatre (Years 4-7 Pupils only)			

Signed: _____
Parent/Gaurdian