

# St. Catherine's Primary School

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## WEEKLY NOTE - Monday 28th January 2019

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## LAST WEEK.....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!)

**LIMITED YEAR ONE PLACES  
AVAILABLE!!!**

*God bless you all! Bridget Wilders, Principal*

# Celebrating Catholic Schools Week 2019

The theme for Catholic Schools Week this year is

Sunday, 27th January marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week 2019. This is the 11th Year of Catholic Schools Week and, while we gather each year to celebrate our Catholic Schools, this year we gather in a special way to celebrate their wonderful contribution to the mission of the church, both in our local faith communities and throughout the wider communities. This year's theme is

Catholic Schools : Celebrating the Work of our Local Catholic Schools

We are reminded of the of the importance of

1. Living Tradition
2. Welcoming Diversity
3. Intergenerational Links
4. Serving our Community
5. Supporting Faith

Children will complete activities based on this important theme this week

Talk to your children at home about the importance of our of school and the very special family atmosphere we have in our wee school, which makes it so special.

Our annual special Grandparents assembly will take place in the Junior School on Wednesday 30th January at 10am and 2pm in the Senior school on the same day.

Our Grandparents Assembly is always so important and special to us all. We give thanks for our Grandparents who are here with us and also for our Grandparents who are in heaven.



**P T F A**

Parent, Teacher,  
Friends Association

**Working together  
for our children**

**There will be a P.T.F.A.  
Meeting this Thursday 31st  
January at 7pm in the Junior  
School. Everyone welcome.  
Come along and help our wee  
school! We need you**





# Superhero Week - 4th-8th February 2019



Help us join primary schools across Northern Ireland and get our school's Superheroes to assemble for Autism NI's Superhero Week running from 4-8th February 2019, to help raise awareness of Autism in school and at home and earn points for your House!

To take part each pupil will be given five Superhero Tasks to do at home. Then, on day five, our school will hold a Superhero Dress-Up Day with each pupil coming to school dressed as their favourite Superhero! They will bring in £1.00 to donate to Autism NI.

They will earn ..... points for their TEAM Houses for each completed task!!



## SUPERHERO TASKS

**Task 1** Be as **STRONG** as **SUPERMAN**  
•help carry the shopping Signed:.....



**Task 2** BE as **SMART** as **IRONMAN**  
•Do your homework Signed:.....

**Task 3** Be as **KIND** as **WONDERWOMAN**  
•Share your toys Signed:.....



**Task 4** Be as **GENEROUS** as **BLACK PANTHER**  
•Give a compliment Signed:.....

**Task 5** BE **AMAZING** like **SUPERMAN**  
•Tidy your room Signed:.....



Your Super Parent/Carer will sign to say you have completed your Superhero tasks.



## **School Mid Term Break Closure**

School will be closed for the Mid Term Break from Monday 18th February until Friday 22nd February. School will reopen again as usual on Monday 25th February. Have a lovely break and quality family time!

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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!



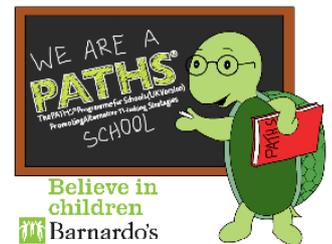
# **PATHS Programme in St. Catherine's**

(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*



# Confirmation Preparation for Year 7 Pupils and their parents

Our children this year will be confirmed by Fr Boland P.P.

In preparation for this very special sacrament our children and parents are warmly invited to attend three masses dedicated especially to focusing on Confirmation Themes.

The dates and times for these masses, preparation and Confirmation itself are :

Venue	Mass Theme	Day/Date	Time
Church of the Immaculate Conception	Moved by the Spirit	Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	10am
Church of the Immaculate Conception	Called by Name	Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	12 Noon
Church of the Immaculate Conception	Practice for Confirmation for Pupils and their Sponsors <u>(This is NOT a preparation Mass)</u>	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	7pm
Church of the Immaculate Conception	Confirmation Day	Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	11am

# Take



# the



# Plunge!



**Starting Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2019 @8.45pm**

**Improve Swimming Lessons at Riversdale  
Leisure Centre, Strabane for 8 Weeks - FREE**

**To register contact Wendy 028 71884986**

## Adult swimming lessons near you.