

St. Catherine's Primary School

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WEEKLY NOTE - Monday 29th April 2019

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Site Leadership in St. Catherine's

Site Leadership routines in Junior School

Monday, Wednesday, Friday:

Mrs B. Wilders (Principal)

Tuesday, Thursday:

Miss J. Doherty (Vice Principal)



In the event that the Principal or Vice Principal are not available in the Junior School, Mrs T Mc Granaghan (Senior Leader) or any of the Middle Leadership Team will become available for consultation.

Site Leadership routines in Senior School

Monday, Wednesday, Friday:

Miss J. Doherty (Vice Principal)

Tuesday, Thursday:

Mrs. B. Wilders (Principal)



In the event that the Principal or Vice Principal are not available in the Senior School, Mrs B Daly, Mrs C Deery or Mrs C Connolly (Senior Leaders) or any of the Middle Leadership Team will become available for consultation.

God bless you all! Bridget Wilders, Principal

Our very first GUEST TEA at St. Catherine's

ONLY A FEW TABLES LEFT!!

This year, for the first time ever, our PTFA will be having a Guest Tea in order to raise funds for our wee school.

These funds go towards helping to buy little treats that our children get throughout the year.

Money from school funds is also used, where possible to help subsidise the costs of school trips etc so that parents are not being charged the full costs of things. In the current financial climate this is crucial. Whilst our school carries out a lot of fundraising for charity, sometimes we have to look a little closer to home too!

To this end we will be hosting a GUEST TEA in St. Patrick's Hall on Friday 7th June from 7pm -9pm.

We have never had one before and we are soooooo excited!!

Some of our own children will provide entertainment at the event coupled with other guest acts, for example, Class Act! We will let you know the full line up as soon as it is finalised!

There are a maximum of 20 tables (10 seats at each table) to be taken at the Guest Tea. We are inviting our parents/groups of parents to take a table at this event.

When you take a table, you invite other parents, family members or friends to come along and have tea and treats with you. You will be entertained and then everyone can make a little donation in an envelope towards our very worthy

cause.....our own little children!!

There is no admission cost to this event, money is raised by contributions from each table. Whoever hosts the table will have overall responsibility for organising the crockery for tea, treats to be eaten etc by their guests.

Some guests also contribute to the treats if they wish! Could you host a table for us? If so we would love to hear from you!! If you would like to help your child's school by hosting a table on the night, please complete the attached slip and return to your child's teacher by Wednesday 17th April.

Believe it or not some tables have already been taken so complete your slip asap as there are only 20 tables! The craic will be good! #beapartofit





St. Catherine's

Nursery & Primary School, Strabane



Guest Tea

Friday, 7th June

**VENUE: St. Patrick's Hall,
Strabane**

TIME: 7pm-9pm

**FULL LINE-UP OF
ENTERTAINMENT TO
BE CONFIRMED**

#beapartofit

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

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

**LIMITED
NUMBER
OF TABLES
AVAILABLE**





Parenting NI.....Our New Walking Club!

Hopefully the weather will get a little better now in Term 3!

After all our Easter chocolate, we will want to get trim and fit.....let's start walking! Our new walking coach organised by Parenting NI will start our walking group at **9.15am on MONDAY 13th MAY at the JUNIOR SCHOOL . SAVE THE DATE.**

The first session will be a gentle introduction, a short walk followed by a cuppa afterwards in the Junior School . We welcome parents, grandparents, carers and friends!. If anyone has a younger child in a pram, come along too

End of Year Assessments

Our pupils work so hard all year to complete their school work tasks and learn to the absolute best of their ability and we are so proud of them. Staff and parents also work so hard to support this process!

In term 3 of every school year, we begin to look back and assess just how much learning has been going on so that we can celebrate and plan together for the future.

As a result our pupils will be completing end of year assessments in school over the next three weeks. We ask you as parents to support your children by making sure that they have early nights at home so that they are bright and fresh every day in school in order to do their very best!

If your child is sick or cannot attend

school for any reason please let the teacher know incase they miss out on any assessments.

Thank you as always for your ongoing support!



Families Together



ParentingNI



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Derry City & Strabane
District Council
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an tSrátha Bálain
Derry Cille & Strábane
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Walking Club

Join us every Monday @
9.15am for a short walk
and a cuppa afterwards in
St Catherine's Primary
School (Junior Site)

All welcome
including
babies in prams
etc.

Weekly walk
starts Monday
13th May 2019

Supported by a qualified walk leader from Derry City and
Strabane District Council's Everybody Active 2020 Programme.
All walking abilities welcome



Summer Uniform

Every Year around the beginning of May we switch to our Summer Uniform..... weather permitting of course! Children may wear their Summer Uniform **from Tuesday 7th May onwards** Hopefully the weather will reflect SUMMER!

It should be noted that there may be occasions when our pupils are required to wear their FULL WINTER UNIFORM at certain events etc but teachers will let you know about this in advance!

Our Summer Uniform is as follows.....

Girls:

Blue/ White Summer Dress , white socks (full length or ankle socks) and black shoes. Current school jumper or cardigan can also be worn with their dress.

Boys:

Plain white poloshirt, PLAIN NAVY Shorts or school navy trousers, black/ navy socks, black shoes or PLAIN BLACK Trainers. Current school jumper or cardigan can also be worn.

Summer Uniform

Girls



Light blue and white checked dress
White full length/ ankle socks



Children can wear their Jumper/ Cardigan all year round

Boys



White polo shirt
Navy trouser shorts/ trousers
Navy/ black socks

All children should wear plain black shoes/ trainers

It is to be noted that our Summer School Uniform is NOT compulsory and parents need not feel under any pressure to purchase it. If parents do not wish to use the Summer Uniform the current uniform is fine. Many thanks!

It is to be noted also that little Nursery Pupils (poloshirt with logo, sweatshirt with logo and navy jogging bottoms) wear the same Uniform all year round.

MORE Uniform NEWS!!

As you know, our Uniform Supplier is SELECT KIDZ who are based in Derry.

They have asked us to let parents know that they have now moved premises to their new shop at 105 Spencer Road, Derry BT47 6AE.

The staff from Select Kidz will be running a Uniform Savings Club again this year in St Catherine's for any parent who would like to join. Parents report to us every year that they like the idea of saving for the uniforms and for getting the chance to fit children with items in the school.

To this end, Staff from SELECT KIDZ will visit our school on the following dates to run the Uniform Savings Club:

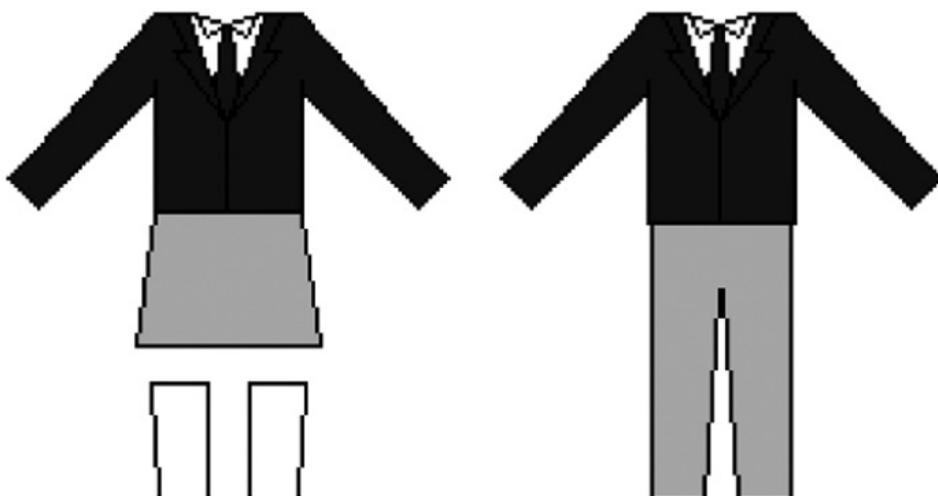
Wednesday 8th May 9.30am-10.30am in the Assembly Hall in the JUNIOR SCHOOL

Wednesday 22nd May 9.30am-10.30am in the Assembly Hall in the JUNIOR SCHOOL

Wednesday 5th June 9.30am-10.30am in the Assembly Hall in the JUNIOR SCHOOL

Wednesday 19th June 9.30am-10.30am in the Assembly Hall in the JUNIOR SCHOOL

Wednesday 26th June 9.30am-10.30am in the Assembly Hall in the JUNIOR SCHOOL



PRAYER OF THE MONTH - APRIL

Prayer idea attributed to Pope Francis. Try this with your children at home during lent

Pope Francis' five finger prayer guide

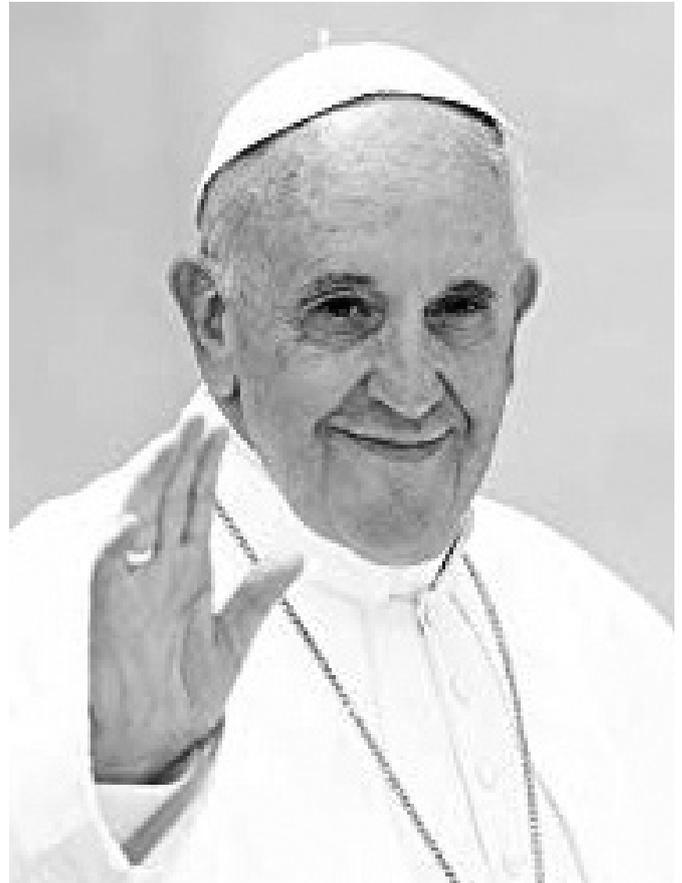
1. The thumb is the closest finger to you. So start praying for those who are closest to you. They are the persons easiest to remember. To pray for our dear ones is a "sweet obligation."

2. The next finger is the index. Pray for those who teach you, instruct you and heal you. They need the support and wisdom to show direction to others. Always keep them in your prayers.

3. The following finger is the tallest. It reminds us of our leaders, the governors and those who have authority. They need God's guidance.

4. The fourth finger is the ring finger. Even that it may surprise you, it is our weakest finger. It should remind us to pray for the weakest, the sick or those plagued by problems. They need your prayers.

5. And finally we have our smallest finger,



the smallest of all. Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. When you are done praying for the other four groups, you will be able to see your own needs but in the proper perspective, and also you will be able to pray for your own needs in a better way.

Safety Accessing School: PARENTS PLEASE NOTE!

For health and safety reasons, bollards have been placed outside the "Thatch" house at the Junior School site. This is to try to ensure greater safety for children and adults walking past this area on their way in to school. This will mean that cars should NOT park in this area from now on. We appreciate your support and understanding in this matter.



Health and Safety Notification

We welcome parents and families on our school sites and just love to see our visitors in our school however we do respectfully ask parents/carers though, that when bringing younger children on to our sites or when collecting their own children, they do keep a very close eye on them so that they do not hurt themselves on any school equipment either inside or outside the building for example playtrail (Junior Site), handrails, steps, walled area / railings at the front of the senior school site, running on stairs/ in corridors etc. Accidents can happen so very easily.

Thank you for your understanding and ongoing support.



HEALTH & SAFETY
MATTERS



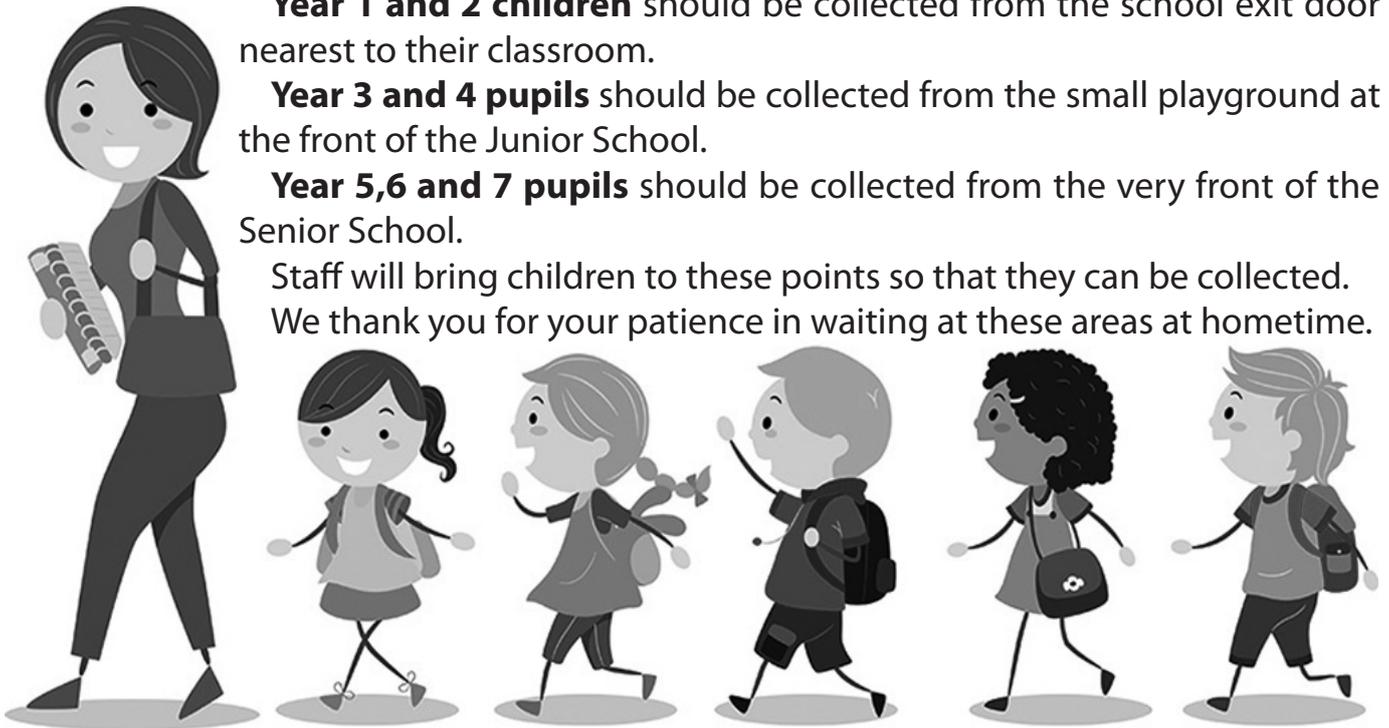
Collection from school at hometime

Year 1 and 2 children should be collected from the school exit door nearest to their classroom.

Year 3 and 4 pupils should be collected from the small playground at the front of the Junior School.

Year 5,6 and 7 pupils should be collected from the very front of the Senior School.

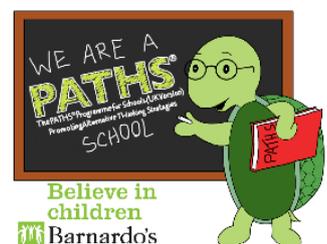
Staff will bring children to these points so that they can be collected. We thank you for your patience in waiting at these areas at hometime.



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

PATHS Quote of the Month - April

*Think before you speak
Are you using kind words?
How would I feel if someone said this to me?
Kind words can bring a smile
Be the reason that someone smiles today*



Further School Closures

Due to Elections school will be closed on Thursday 2nd May as it is used as a polling station. (This is an unplanned closure).

School will also be closed on Monday 6th May due to the Bank Holiday.

School will be open as usual on Friday 3rd May. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.



Stations of the Cross Ceremony

Many thanks to all who came to our Stations of the Cross Ceremony before Easter and for the reverence and respect that was shown at it.



COMMUNITY NOTICE

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to talkers... talking is as important as
walking



Sing a rhyme anytime
Start your child learning
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St. Catherine's First Guest Tea

I would like to host a table at St. Catherine's First ever Guest Tea.

Signed: _____

Parent/Gaurdian of: _____

Class: _____

Teacher: _____