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WEEKLY NOTE - Monday 27 May 2019

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Families Together

Time for Parents

Do you live in the Strabane area?

Struggling with a parenting issue?

Looking for a listening ear or some support?

Available
all year
round

Maria Graham

Families Together
Counsellor

Ring 0808 8010 722 to
make an appointment



Time for Parents is a FREE confidential service which is available to parents/ carers/ grandparents that have a parenting issue and will be based in St. Mary's PS this term. Anyone wishing to make an appointment can ring 0808 8010722.

End of Year School Trips for our Pupils

Every year our children enjoy their End of Year Trip with their classmates and their teacher. The details are given below.

Year Group	Day	Date	Venue
1 & 2	Tuesday	11th June	Lesiureland Redcastle, Molville
3	Tuesday	11th June	Brunswick, Derry
4	Wednesday	5th June	Titanic Centre, Belfast
5	Thursday	20th June	Brunswick, Derry
6	Tuesday	18th June	Brunswick, Derry
7	Wednesday	12th June	Brunswick, Derry

Year 1 and 2 pupils will enjoy all the rides free at Leisureland and a meal as well as the cost of the bus.....a great day out!

Year 3 pupils will enjoy a fab play session in Bananas, a movie in the Cinema and a meal.....fun fun fun!!

Year 4 pupils will enjoy a tour of the Titanic Centre in Belfast and a Titanic Workshop so much fun!! (Due to the distance and the cost of the Titanic Centre, children should bring a packed lunch on this trip to keep the costs down.)

Year 5-7 pupils will enjoy a game of bowls, a movie in the Cinema and a meal..... great craic for our older pupils!!

The cost of the trip for each child is £14. This includes all the activities mentioned above. If you would like to book a place for your child on their class trip please sign the attached booking form and send the fee or a deposit to their class teacher by Tuesday 28th May. (Year 4 Pupils should have their FULL AMOUNT paid by Friday 31st May as their trip is happening on 5th June)

#stcatherinesonthemove

Shared Prayer Assembly Coming Up (Date for your diary)

Year Group	Day/Date	Time	Place
2	Friday 31st May	10am	Junior School

Parents and families of pupils Year 2 are warmly invited to the Shared Prayer Assembly on the date above. This will be a lovely, spiritual, quality event. Enjoy!

Would you like to become a WALK LEADER?

Maybe this is the perfect wee course for you!!

Families Together

Fancy becoming a Walk Leader?

Come along and learn about:

- the health benefits of walking
- how to motivate others
- develop walking for health programmes
- plan and risk assess walking routes
- how to lead safe & enjoyable health walks for all ages & abilities

Places limited. To book a place text
Clare on 07825392136.

Walk Leader training is delivered by WHSCT in support of
the Public Health Agency's Walking for Health Initiative.

A short walk will be undertaken as part of the training, so
please bring appropriate clothing and footwear.

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and Social Care Trust

**Thursday 13
June 2019
9.15am – 3.00pm**

St Mary's Primary School
(Music Room, Junior Site),
Melmount Road, Strabane

**FREE Course
available in
Strabane**



Attention Year 6 Parents

As you may be aware, children no longer sit Eleven Plus Transfer exams in the Primary School anymore.

If you wish your child to attend certain Grammar Schools, it is now the responsibility of the parents to enrol their children for examinations to gain entry to these schools.

Examples of schools who operate using these exams are....

GL Assessment Examinations

Lumen Christi College ,Derry,

Thornhill Girls College, Derry

St. Columb's Boys College, Derry

Loreto Convent Grammar School, Omagh

Christian Brothers Grammar School, Omagh



AQE Assessment Examinations

Strabane Academy Controlled School, Strabane

Parents must register with the preferred Post Primary School for their children to sit the exams, arrange their own tutoring (if you wish) and then take the children to the Post Primary Schools to sit the exams which take place usually in November.

If you wish your child to attend Holy Cross College after Primary School your child does NOT need to sit any examinations at all and therefore you do not need to register your child for any examinations.

AQE Registration opened up on Wednesday 1st May and will close on Friday 6th September 2019.

GL Assessment opens up on 14th May and closes on 21st September 2019.

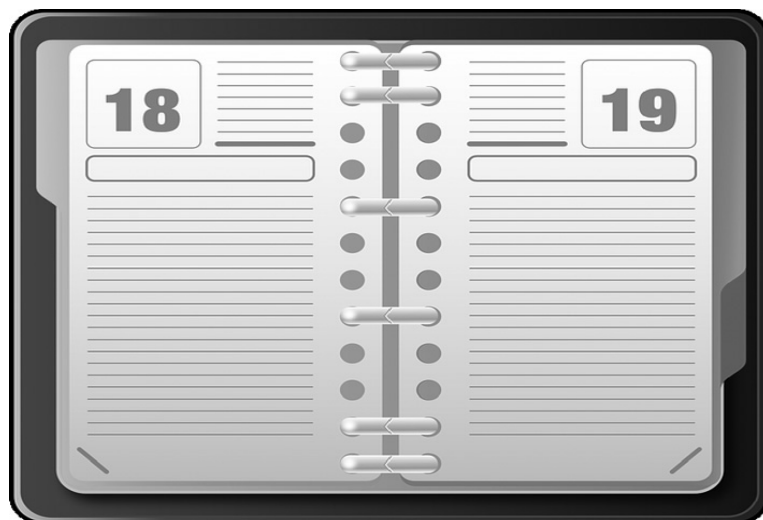
If anyone has any further queries about the process, please do not hesitate to contact the Principal or any Senior Leader.

Sports Days NEWS!!!

Nursery Sports Day is planned for Wednesday 29th May at 10am in the Senior School Site (WEATHER PERMITTING).

Years 1,2,3 and 4 Pupils will have their Sports Day Events at 1.30pm in the Senior School Grounds on Wednesday 29th May (WEATHER PERMITTING).

Years 5,6, and 7 Pupils will have their Sports Day Events at 1.30pm in the Senior School Grounds on Wednesday 5th June (WEATHER PERMITTING).



Upcoming events in June

We have attached an outline of a timetable detailing key events for the Month of June as this is a very busy month for us all!

This will enable you to have a wee idea of some key dates for your diary!

Mobile Phone Policy

In the interests of Child Protection and Safeguarding, we respectfully request that all adults and pupils DO NOT use a mobile phone (for any purpose) while on school premises.

Many thanks for your support in this matter.



The next meeting of our PTFA will take place at 7pm in the Junior School on Tuesday 28th May.

Everyone welcome!

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.

SUMMER DEALS for UNIFORM

Boys Deal:

Deal 1: Jumper, trousers and tie = £25

Deal 2: Jumper, trousers, two shirts and tie= £34

Girls Deal:

Deal 1: Jumper. Skirt, tie = £42

Deal 2: Jumper, skirt, two blouses, tie= £53



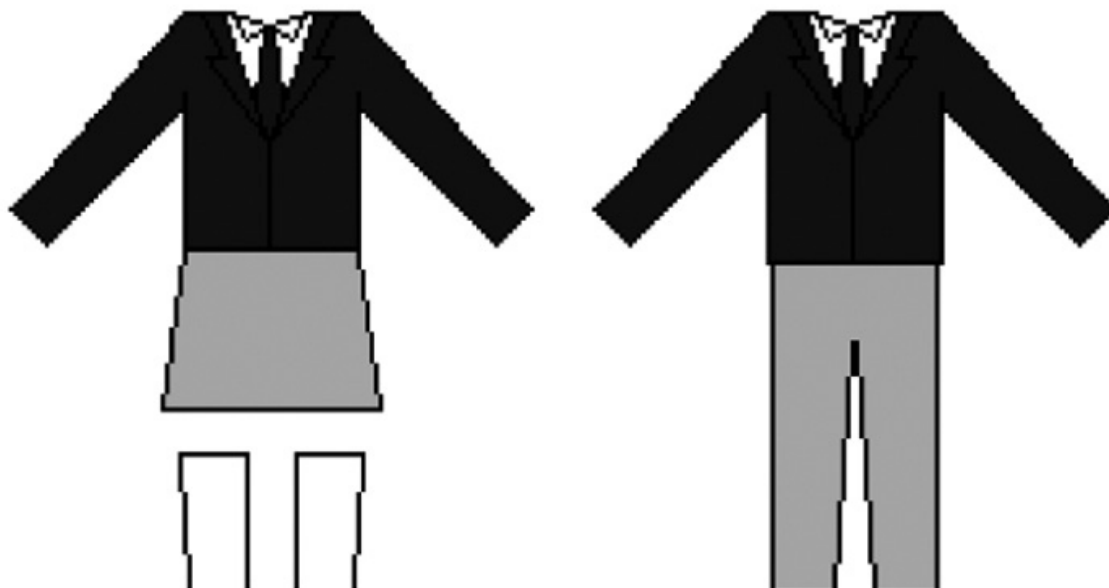
The staff from Select Kidz will be running a Uniform Savings Club again this year in St Catherine's for any parent who would like to join. Parents report to us every year that they like the idea of saving for the uniforms and for getting the chance to fit children with items in the school.

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

Wednesday 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 for May

*Hail Mary,
full of grace,
the Lord is with Thee;
blessed art Thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit
of Thy womb, Jesus.*

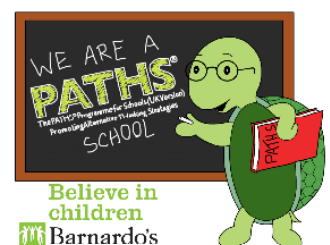
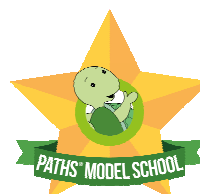
*Holy Mary,
Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.*



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

PATHS Quote of the Month - May

Good manners are GOOD for you! They almost always come with a smile and sometimes even a hug. They are like boomerangs, when you send them out with good intentions, they nearly always come back the same way. Send out your good manners today!



COMMUNITY NOTICE

Words by **one** make talking
fun...copy my actions, sounds and words



Sing a rhyme anytime
Start your child learning
for a lifetime!



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and Social Care Trust



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Upcoming Events Term 3 (2018-2019)

Date	Day	Time	Event	Location
24-5-19	Friday	9.30am	Musical Pathways Showcase NR2	Senior School Assembly Hall
25-5-19	Saturday	11am	Year 4 First Holy Communion	Church of the Immaculate Conception
27-5-19	Monday	All Day	Training Day for Staff School Closed	Junior School
28-5-19	Tuesday	All day	Photographer for First Holy Communion Pupils Junior School	Both sites
29-5-19	Wednesday	10am & 1.30pm	NURSERY SPORTS DAY JUNIOR SCHOOL Sports Day (Weather permitting)	Senior School
3-6-19	Monday	From now until 30-6-18	NO HOMEWORK WHOLE SCHOOL TREAT	Both Sites
5-6-19	Wednesday	1.30pm	SENIOR SCHOOL Sports Day (Weather permitting)	Senior School
5-6-19	Wednesday	ALL Day	Year 4 Trip to Titanic Belfast	Belfast
5-6-19	Wednesday	9.30am-11am	Five To Thrive Programme for Nursery Parents (Session 1)	Senior School Canteen
6-6-19	Thursday	11am	Year 7 Fan the Flame Mass	Celtic Park Derry
7-6-19	Friday	7pm	PTFA Guest Tea	St. Patrick's Hall
10-6-19	Monday	All Day	Year 7 Visit to Holy Cross	Holy Cross College



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		Monday			College	Senior School
10-6-19		Monday			Nursery Trip to Playstations	Senior School
11-6-19		Tuesday		All Day	Year 1 and 2 Trip to Redcastle	Redcastle, Molville, Co Donegal
11-6-19		Tuesday		All Day	Year 3 Trip to Brunswick, Derry	Brunswick, Derry
12-6-19		Wednesday		All Day	Year 7 Trip to Brunswick, Derry	Brunswick, Derry
12-6-19		Wednesday		9.30am- 11am	Five To Thrive Programme for Nursery Parents (Session 2)	Senior School Canteen
12-6-19		Wednesday		1.30pm	Nursery (NR1) Graduation	Senior School
13-6-19		Thursday		1.30pm	Nursery (NR2) Graduation	Senior School
14-6-19		Friday		1.30pm	Musical Pathways Celebration for Year 1 and 2	Junior School
18-6-19		Tuesday		All day	Year 6 Trip to Brunswick, Derry	Brunswick, Derry
19-6-19		Wednesday		9.30am- 11am	Five To Thrive Programme for Nursery Parents (Session 3)	Senior School Canteen
19-6-19		Wednesday		am	Year 6 Visit to Strabane Academy	Strabane Academy
20-6-19		Thursday		All Day	Year 5 Trip to Brunswick, Derry	Brunswick, Derry
24-6-19		Monday		1.30pm	Year 7 Last Bell, Leaver's Mass Ceremony	Church of the Immaculate Conception
25-6-19		Tuesday		1.30pm	Senior School Prizegiving	Senior School
26-6-19		Wednesday		1.30pm	Junior School Prizegiving	Junior School



End of Year Trips

I would like to book a place for my child on the End of Year Trip this Year and I enclose the payment below.

Full payment £14

Deposit £5

Signed: _____

Parent/Gaurdian of: _____

Class: _____

Teacher: _____