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WEEKLY NOTE - Monday 5th March 2018
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Lenten Donations



There are donation jars in every classroom in school.

Children can contribute to them every Friday if they want to.

If they happen to have spare coins to donate on any day of the week, we will be only too glad to gather them up for all our five special causes this year.

Thank you!

FIRST AID

First Aid Accredited Training

Many thanks to everyone who expressed interest in attending FREE First Aid Accredited Training in April. You will get a letter to remind you of the training time and venue closer to the time. Enjoy!

God bless you all! Bridget Wilders, Principal

Happy St. Patrick's Day from all at St. Catherine's!



School will close on Monday 19th March to mark the St. Patrick's Day Holiday. School will reopen again as usual on Tuesday 20th March.



PTFA

Parent, Teacher, Friends Association

Working together for our children



Come along and join in our PTFA Meetings . . . . craic is good . . . . be a part of helping your child's school!

Next meeting is Thursday 15th March at 7pm in the Junior School.

Mental Health and Well Being for our Children…dealing with emotions, resolving conflict, undretsanding each other,children dealing with others bullying behaviours, children making sense of the world……..a whole school approach….do you think these are important issues for our children ?…..then please read below…

We, at St Catherine's take these issues very seriously indeed and to this end, we embraced a teaching programme called PATHS in January 2015. We have since had every member of staff trained in the PATHS Programme and PATHS is delivered in every class from Nursery to Year 7. This programme helps to build resilience in children by helping them to understand their own emotions and the emotions of others a little better and helps children to empathise with each other better so that when they do fall out or differ with each other that this can be followed up and discussed sensibly and with understanding. In a lot of cases using their control signals from PATHS they can actually avoid upsetting behaviours at all!! This programme enables children to develop the essential skills they need for life.

We want to share this teaching with our parents so that you too can understand the type of work being completed in school and can use this proven strategy in homelife as well! Our PATHS Coach would like to give you an opportunity to learn tips that will help you to help your children become confident learners who are able to manage their feelings and solve problems and basically have the skills they need to equip them for life's challenges!

In order to upskill our parents, we warmly invite you to a PATHS Parent Session on Tuesday 13th March at 9.30am in the Senior School Canteen. Any parent who signs up to attend the session can avail of a FREE BREAKFAST WITH THEIR CHILD that very morning! Children will return to class after breakfast and parents can stay on for the PATHS Information Session. Due to the hospitality …we do need numbers…please complete the attached registration sheet with your name and the name of the child you wish to have for breakfast with you so we can plan and have enough food!! Support us and become a PATHS PARENT!! If you have already completed the form last week there is no need to complete again.Thanks!

We would love to see you all there to avail of this opportunity and gain a valuable insight into our fabulous PATHS Programme.We have received PATHS MODEL SCHOOL Status……and we are very proud of everything that our pupils and staff have worked so hard together on!



FREE BREAKFAST!!

PATHS® MODEL SCHOOL

Strabane Speech Feis postponed to this weekend from Thursday 8th March until Monday 12th March

We strongly promote and encourage Speech Feis as a means of developing confidence in our children so that they feel more comfortable speaking in front of an audience from such a young age.

This has helped children build very valuable skills so that in later life they can even transfer their skills to public speaking, interview situations, job roles etc. Strabane Speech Feis is on from Thursday 8th March until Monday 12th March.

If you enrolled your child for this wonderful opportunity in January 2018, then they will have been given a Feis Entry Card by their teacher in school detailing the competition date, venue and time.

If you have not received this card yet then please ask your child's teacher. Children should be taken to the competition by their parents but if you are unable to do this during the school day then please consult your child;s teacher.



Your child will have been prepared for the Speech Feis by our teachers in school. It is to be noted that regardless of the adjudication at Feis, every child who participated in Feis shall receive a certificate for this from our school ….so that everyone will feel valued for trying so hard!

We also wish to thank Ms Finola Kerr this year (Kerr School of Speech and Drama) for assisting our pupils and staff in the preparation for Feis.

Below is an outline of the Feis Competitions and when they will be on.



Day/Date	Time	Competition No	Year Group	Activity
Thursday 8-3-18	9.30am	33a	Year 3	Boys Poem Cats and Dogs
Thursday 8-3-18	10.05am	33b	Year 3	Boys Poem Cats and Dogs
Thursday 8-3-18	11am	34a	Year 4	Boys Poem The Watching Crocodile
Thursday 8-3-18	11.35am	34b	Year 4	Boys Poem The Watching Crocodile
Thursday 8-3-18	1.15pm	25a	Year 4	Girls Poem The Secret
Thursday 8-3-18	1.55pm	25b	Year 4	Girls Poem The Secret
Thursday 8-3-18	2.30pm	25c	Year 4	Girls Poem The Secret
Thursday 8-3-18	3.10pm	35a	Year 5	Boys Poem Ocean Travel
Thursday 8-3-18	3.45pm	35b	Year 5	Boys Poem Ocean Travel
Thursday 8-3-18	4.35pm	1	Senior Verse	From a Railway Carriage
Friday 9-3-18	9.30am	26a	Year 5	Girls Poem Night Ride
Friday 9-3-18	10.10am	26b	Year 5	Girls Poem Night Ride
Friday 9-3-18	11.05am	28a	Year 7	Girls Poem The Sound Collector
Friday 9-3-18	11.45am	28b	Year 7	Girls Poem The Sound Collector
Friday 9-3-18	1.30pm	37	Year 7	Boys Poem The Lion
Friday 9-3-18	2.10pm	36	Year 6	Boys Poem Granny's Boot
Friday 9-3-18	2.45pm	27a	Year 6	Girls Poem Cobweb Morning
Friday 9-3-18	3.45pm	27b	Year 6	Girls Poem Cobweb Morning
Friday 9-3-18	4,30pm	27c	Year 6	Girls Poem Cobweb Morning
Saturday 10-3-18	9.15am	24a	Year 3	Girls Poem The Wrong Start
Saturday 10-3-18	9.55am	24b	Year 3	Girls Poem The Wrong Start

Saturday 10-3-18	10.40am	24c	Year 3	Girls Poem The Wrong Start
Saturday 10-3-18	11.30am	30a	Nursery	Boys Poem Squeezes
Saturday 10-3-18	12 Noon	30b	Nursery	Boys Poem Squeezes
Saturday 10-3-18	12.30pm	21a	Nursery	Girls Poem Squeezes
Saturday 10-3-18	2.00pm	21b	Nursery	Girls Poem Squeezes
Saturday 10-3-18	2.35pm	21c	Nursery	Girls Poem Squeezes
Saturday 10-3-18	3.10pm	31a	Year 1	Boys Poem A chubby Little Snowman
Saturday 10-3-18	4.00pm	31b	Year 1	Boys Poem A chubby Little Snowman
Saturday 10-3-18	4.35pm	31c	Year 1	Boys Poem A chubby Little Snowman
Sunday 11-3-18	9.30am	23a	Year 2	Girls Poem The Furry House
Sunday 11-3-18	10.10am	23b	Year 2	Girls Poem The Furry House
Sunday 11-3-18	10.50am	23c	Year 2	Girls Poem The Furry House
Sunday 11-3-18	11.45am	23d	Year 2	Girls Poem The Furry House
Sunday 11-3-18	12.25pm	32a	Year 2	Boys Poem Pancake Day
Sunday 11-3-18	2.00pm	32b	Year 2	Boys Poem Pancake Day
Sunday 11-3-18	2.35pm	22a	Year 1	Girls Poem When Susie's Eating Custard
Sunday 11-3-18	3.20pm	22b	Year 1	Girls Poem When Susie's Eating Custard
Sunday 11-3-18	4.00pm	22c	Year 1	Girls Poem When Susie's Eating Custard
Sunday 11-3-18	5.00pm	Cup Competitions		John Mc Ginley Cup Sr Carmel Fanning Cup

Monday 12-3-18	10am	20e	Year 4	CHORAL VERSE
Monday 12-3-18	10.10am	20h	Year 7	CHORAL VERSE
Monday 12-3-18	10.20am	20f	Year 5	CHORAL VERSE
Monday 12-3-18	10.35am	20g	Year 6	CHORAL VERSE
Monday 12-3-18	11.15am	40a	Year 5	Creative Verse
Monday 12-3-18	11.50am	40b	Year 6	Creative Verse
Monday 12-3-18	1.30pm	40c	Year 7	Creative Verse
Monday 12-3-18	2.15pm	26c	Year 5	Girls Poem Night Ride
Monday 12-3-18	2.55pm	39		2 Minute Speech



TOTAL DRAMA ALL★STARS

PATHS Programme in St. Catherine's

(Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies)

PATHS Quote of the Month - March

Sometimes saying "I'm sorry" seems to be too hard to do. Maybe you can apologise indifferent ways – shake hands; share something or give a compliment.

PATHS
Promoting Alternative THinking Strategies Program

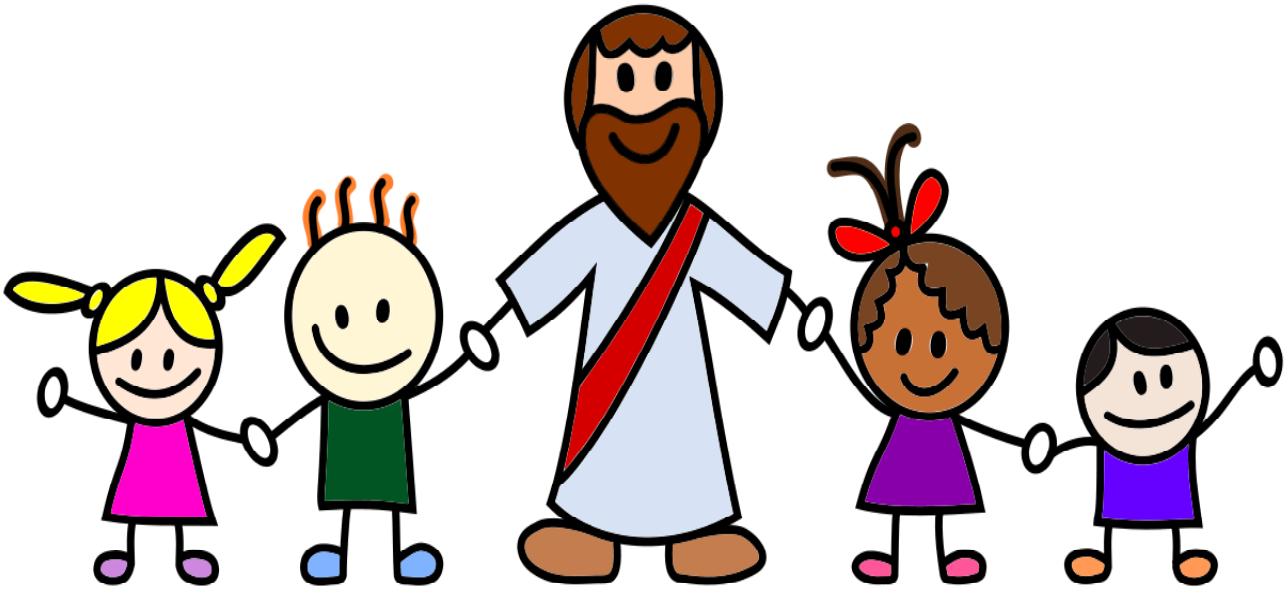
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WE ARE A PATHS® SCHOOL

Believe in children
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Prayer of the Month March

Each day I will ask Jesus to help me say,
'Please', 'Thank You' and 'I'm Sorry' more often,
at home, in school and in my community.



Come along to the Official Opening of the New Grove Stay and Play in St. Catherine's Junior School.

Sure Start

Invites you to the 'Official Opening' of our NEW Grove Stay & Play

Ft Jo Jingles

Tuesday March 20th 2018
10.00am – 11.30am
St. Catherine's PS Newtownkennedy Street



There will be photographers on the day and an opportunity to meet Staff, Parents and their little one(s).

Becoming a PATHS PARENT

#supportingmychild'spersonaldevelopment

I can/ cannot attend the PATHS Information session on Tuesday 13th March at 9.30am.

I would like to book for a FREE Breakfast for myself and my child (to the value of £1 per BREAKFAST).

Signed: _____

Parent/Gaurdian of: _____

Class: _____

Teacher: _____