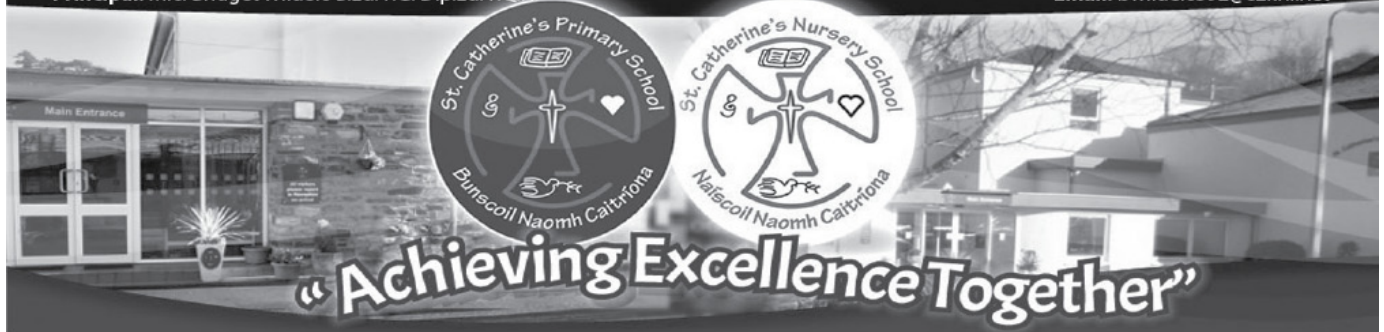


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## WEEKLY NOTE - Monday 4th June 2018

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# Fan the Flame Mass for Year 7 Pupils

Every Year Bishop Mc Keown hosts a Mass in the Celtic Park Grounds in Derry for all the Year 7 Pupils in the Diocese.

This is a very special occasion indeed for our Year 7 children who have been confirmed this year and are now ready to move to Post Primary School in September.

This year this mass will take place in Derry on Thursday 7th June. Children will get the bus from the Senior School at 9.30am and

will return to school after the mass. School will pay for the bus so there is no charge to our children. Children will need to bring a packed lunch on this day (unless they are entitled to Free School Meals where a packed lunch will be provided by the canteen staff)

Children should bring a plain white t shirt into school by Tuesday (at the latest) so that they can decorate it and wear it to the mass on Thursday. Many thanks!

*God bless you all! Bridget Wilders, Principal*

# Further news for Parents of Year 6 Pupils

Any parent who wishes to enter their child for Entrance Assessments to gain access to schools that require entrance exams should register their children between 14th May 2018 and 21st September 2018. Schools cannot register children, parents only can do this. If you have any further queries at all please do not hesitate to contact the Principal.

Holy Cross College are inviting all Year 6 Pupils and Parents to a short information evening in the College on Thursday 7th June at 7.30pm to familiarize you with what Holy Cross College will have to offer your child upon Year 7 Transfer. There will be a short presentation followed by a brief tour of the school.. Please feel free to attend.

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## News for Parents of Year 7 Pupils Transferring to Post Primary

Strabane Academy will host an Induction Morning for Year 7 Pupils who are transferring to the school on Friday 15th June . More details will follow.

Holy Cross College will also host their Induction Day on Friday 8th June. Children should be taken to the college by their parents in their FULL WINTER ST CATHERINES UNIFORM on this day and need to be collected again by parents after.

Any child who has indicated that they wish to transfer to Drumragh Integrated College should attend an Induction Day on Friday 8th June. More details will follow.

Any child who is transferring to St Columb's College should attend an Induction Day on Friday 8th June. Children should arrive for 9.15am and be collected from the college again at 11.45am.

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## Shared Prayer Assembly

Year Group	Day/Date	Time	Place
1	Friday 15th June	10am	Junior School

Parents and families of pupils in Year 1 are warmly invited to this Shared Prayer Assembly. The Year 1 Shared Prayer Assembly is an end of Year Celebration to mark the end of a very special Year in Primary School. Enjoy!

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## UPDATED Sports Days NEWS!!!

Nursery Sports Day has been rescheduled for Tuesday 5th June (tomorrow) 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 Tuesday 5th June (WEATHER PERMITTING).

# **Is your child entitled to Free School Meals / Uniform Grant?**

## **Don't let them miss out!!**

We are sending home today, a NEW application form and guidance notes to every family regarding Free School Meals/ Uniform Grant.

We CANNOT process an application for you, parents have to make the applications themselves for their children if they are entitled to these allowances but if your child is entitled please don't let them miss out.

When you complete the application please sign it and post it immediately to the Education Authority, 1 Hospital Road, Omagh BT79 OAW. We have been informed by the Education Authority.....

1. Unsigned applications will not be processed
2. Applications should be made now as there could be delays
3. If an application is delayed the School Canteens have been instructed NOT to give any FREE dinners until the application is processed.

If anyone needs any help or advice regarding this process please do not hesitate to contact the Principal or the Education Authority (Free School Meals/Uniform Grant Department) 02882411411

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## **Welcome to our NEW Year 1 Students!**

Every year we have a special afternoon set aside when we welcome our NEW Year 1 Pupils who will be joining us in the JUNIOR School in September. We are always so excited at this session.

This gives our little Year 1's the chance to come up to the JUNIOR School and have a wee look around, play, meet the staff and have fun ahead of joining us in September. It also gives our parents the chance to hear a little more about the arrangements for Year 1. This year we will host our Year 1 Induction Day on Monday 18th June at 1.30pm in the JUNIOR SCHOOL.

Parents will meet in the assembly hall and Year 1 will have the chance to play in the classrooms. Our Nursery Pupils will be brought up by Nursery Staff to the JUNIOR School so parents can meet them there.

As a result of this Pupils currently in Year 1 and Year 2 should be collected from school at 12.45pm on this day so that staff can prepare for the new Year 1 Pupils.

# End of Year School Trips

The full amount for school trips for Pupils from Year 1-7 is due by this Wednesday 6th June.

Please send payment to your child's teacher by this date. If you have any concerns, please also speak to your child's teacher.

Children will not need a lunch on this day as all costs are included in the price.

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Year Group	Day	Date	Venue
1 & 2	Tuesday	12th June	Lesiureland Redcastle, Molville
3 & 4	Tuesday	12th June	Brunswick, Derry
5	Wednesday	13th June	Brunswick, Derry
7	Thursday	14th June	Brunswick, Derry
6	Friday	15th June	Brunswick, Derry

# MORE Uniform NEWS!!

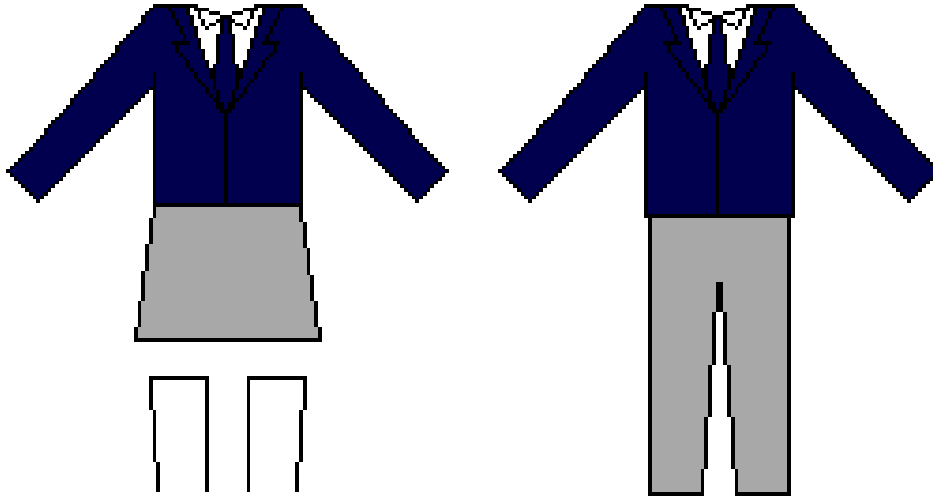
As you know, our Uniform Supplier is SELECT KIDZ who are based in Derry.

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 2nd May 9.30am-10.30am in the Assembly Hall in the JUNIOR SCHOOL
- Wednesday 16th May 9.30am-10.30am in the Assembly Hall in the JUNIOR SCHOOL
- Wednesday 30th May 9.30am-10.30am in the Assembly Hall in the JUNIOR SCHOOL
- Wednesday 13th June 9.30am-10.30am in the Assembly Hall in the JUNIOR SCHOOL
- Wednesday 27th June 9.30am-10.30am in the Assembly Hall in the JUNIOR SCHOOL

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## Uniform DEALS May/June!!

### Boys

1 X Trousers  
2 X Shirts  
1 X Jumper

**£35**

### Girls

1 X Kilt  
2 X Blouses  
1 X Jumper

**£55**

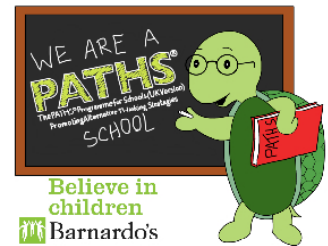
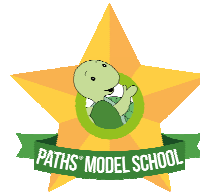
*Come to meet Select Kidz Staff at any of the Savings Club Sessions for further information.*



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

## **PATHS Quote of the Month - June**

***Remember your manners today! Try your hardest to be polite and well-behaved! Use words like, please, thank you, excuse me and I'm sorry, when you should.***



## **Prayer of the Month June**

***Dear Lord  
If I am wrong, right me,  
If I am Lost, Guide me.  
If I start to give up, keep me going.  
Lead me in light and love.  
Amen***



## Year 7 Fan the Flame Mass

I allow/ do not allow my Year 7 Child to attend the Annual Fan the Flame Mass in Celtic Park in Derry on Thursday 7th June. I understand that my child will get the bus from school and will be returned to school again and will remain in the company of staff whilst on the trip. I understand that my child will wear a white t shirt ( that I have sent in to school) which will have been decorated for the Mass. I will send a packed lunch with my child (unless my child is entitled to Free School Meals, in which case the school canteen will supply a lunch).

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Gaurdian of: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_