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Monthly Note: Monday 5th December 2022 Check us out on our website: www.stcatherinesps.co.uk

A Trip to see the Millennium Forum Christmas Panto!!

....Oh yes we should!!! Should we go?????

Every year we have always visited the Millennium Forum to see the Christmas Panto; it has been part of our tradition of preparation for Christmas! This year again, we have booked to take all our little PRIMARY SCHOOL Pupils to see the Christmas Panto.

This year's Panto is Cinderella at the Millennium Forum starring Conal Gallen as Buttons. Fun, frolics and laughter abound in this wonderful take on the traditional tale.

With hilarious comedy, breath-taking special effects, a cast of talented performers and all the joy of

Christmas 2022.....

all the pupils of St. Catherine's Primary School **SHALL GO TO THE BALL!**

Dates are as follows:

Years 5-7: Monday 12th December

Years 1-4: Tuesday 15th December

Normally the total cost of the trip is approximately £12.... but this year we have been dedicating any fundraising to the cost of this trip so that every child can go and go for FREE as all money will have been raised through fundraising

We are aware of the challenging times that we are all living in and thought that this would be a lovely

Christmas Idea for each and every child.

SEE OVER THE PAGE FOR FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT THE TRIP



<u>Prayer of the Month</u> <u>December</u>

Dear God

During Advent prepare my heart for the arrival of your son

Jesus.

Amen

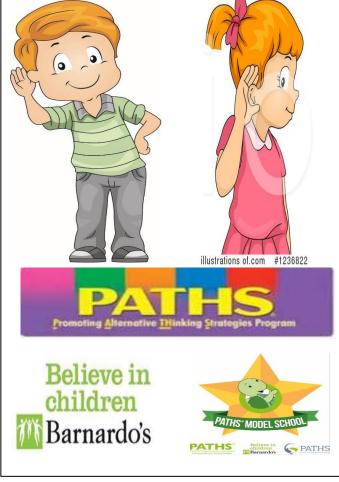


(Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies)

PATHS Quote of the Month December

There is so much you can learn when you listen. You can be a good friend by listening.
Listening is often the only thing needed to help someone.
Be a good listener today to learn new things and to be a good friend.





Attention Year 7 Parents:

Year 7 Post Primary Applications

If you are the parent of a pupil in Year 7, you will be required to make an application for their new Post Primary School using an ONLINE system this year (just like the on that the parents of Nursery and Year 1 Pupils use). The Online Portal will open for applications on Tuesday 1st February 2022 at 12 Noon until Wednesday 23rd February. Further information on the process will be available from the EA Website in due course.

As we get more information in school we will share this with you.

If your child has a statement of Special Educational Needs you will go to school in the usual way to complete a Transfer Review and you do not have to apply online.

If any parent would like to meet with Principal / Year 7 Staff ahead of the Online admissions process please email Principal Mrs B Wilders at bwilders592@c2kni.net and an appointment can be arranged.



Excitement builds for our Trip to the Panto in Derry.

A few little points to note ahead of our upcoming Panto Trips.

- All pupils should wear their FULL WINTER UNIFORM on the trip so that they can be easily recognizable to staff
- 2. All pupils should arrive promptly to school on the day of their panto trip as buses will leave promptly
- 3. Children should bring a coat
- Children should bring a packed lunch with no glass bottles (for health and safety reasons).
 Children may bring a little treat in their lunch bag on this special day.
- Children in Years 1 and 2 should be collected from school at the later time of 2.30pm on the day of their Panto (Wednesday 8th December) to allow for traffic and the performance time of the panto.
- If any delays in travel are experienced; parents will be text messaged to let you know and keep you updated.
- 7. Children do not need spending money



Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

Our Christmas Dinner will take place on

Friday 10th December.

Any child may choose to take Christmas Dinner on this day if they wish.
Christmas Dinner is the same cost as normal school dinner £2.60

It will also be <u>Christmas Jumper Day</u> and we ask all children to wear their Christmas Jumper and casual clothes to school on this day.





Christmas Holidays.

School will close for the Christmas Holidays on THURSDAY 22nd DECEMBER at 12 Noon and will reopen again for all on WEDNESDAY 4th JANUARY 2023.

We take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support, it means so much.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful, happy, healthy and prosperous New Year 2023.



Helping Others for Christmas: DONATE ONE NON PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM

We pride ourselves on being a FAMILY SCHOOL. We try to look out for each other and show that we care for each other when we can.

Charity does also begin at home they say and that is why all our fundraising efforts to date have been to enable the FREE Panto Christmas Trip for all pupils in the school so that no one is disappointed and has a lovely treat for Christmas but we are also conscious that times are very hard for so many.

To this end, it has been suggested that we ask each child to bring in ONE NON PERISHABLE item from home for example; tin of beans, tin of soup, bag of rice, bag of pasta...anything in the cupboard that is SPARE and can be donated. Our staff will use these items collected to make Christmas Food Hampers and donate them to the Foodbank. It must be emphasized that this is purely voluntary and people should feel under no pressure to buy things or donate if they are not able to do so.

This is just a thought to try to help in some way for those in greater need than ourselves. If any child contributing could bring their FOOD ITEM to school NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY 14th DECEMBER and the items will be gathered in the Assembly Hall on each school site where staff and some children will then make the hampers.

Thanks for your support.





Confirmation Dates

Fr Boland will celebrate Confirmation with our Year 7 Pupils this year. Dates are as follows:

Year 7 A (Mrs Deery's Class) : Saturday 11th March at 11am

Year 7 C (Miss Kerr's Class) : Saturday 11th March at 2pm

Year 7 B (Miss Keyes' Class): Saturday 25th March at 2pm

More details will follow closer to the time.



Fr Boland will celebrate First Holy Communion with our Year 4 Pupils this year. Dates are as follows:

Year 4 A (Ms Carlin's Class) : Saturday 22nd April at 11am

Year 4 B (Mrs Connolly's Class): Saturday 22nd April at 2pm

More details will follow closer to the time.



Encouraging School Attendance!

We are delighted that we have no further challenges to our little children attending face to face teaching and learning in school like we suffered during Covid. To this end, we ask for parents support by encouraging school attendance every day. We understand that from time to time a child may be ill and if this happens please email the teacher or ring the school so that the correct absence code can be recorded for your child to explain the absence. Our school policy aims for at least 90% school attendance for every child. Help us to achieve this. To this end we will be giving out termly BREAKFAST CLUB VOUCHERS for any child who achieves 90% and more attendance. (Previously we gave for 100% but in order to support and encourage our children trying so hard we will give these vouchers now for any child who achieves between 90-100%). Thank you for your continued support!



Starting Nursery or Primary School in September 2023?

Do you have or do you know anyone who has a little child who is ready to start Nursery or Year 1 in September 2023 and would very much like to join our family here at St. Catherine's?

ANNOUNCING THE RETURN OF OUR OPEN AFTERNOONS!

Due to Covid these past two years we were unable to facilitate our Open Afternoons however this year marks their return. This provides an opportunity for the parents and prospective new pupils to see our Nursery and Year 1 classes, hear from the Principal about what our school offers and meet the staff and some pupils! A lovely introduction to the family that is St. Catherine's!

If you are interested in a place for your child to attend NURSERY in September 2023:

Nursery Open Afternoon will take place on TUESDAY 6th DECEMBER in the SENIOR SCHOOL ASSEMBLY HALL (For Principal's Welcome) at 1.30pm

Year 1 Open Afternoon will take place on WEDNESDAY 7th DECEMBER in the JUNIOR SCHOOL ASSEMBLY HALL (For Principal's Welcome) at 1.30pm

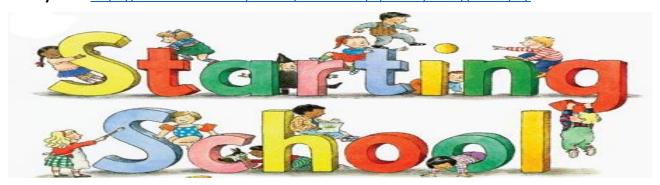
Come along to join us to find out more about what makes our little school so special!

Alternatively of the dates do not suit, if anyone would like to have a PRIVATE tour of the school (either Nursery or Primary) and a talk with the Principal about the arrangements for starting school in September 2023, we can arrange an APPOINTMENT and TOUR for you!! To arrange this your should just drop a little email to Mrs B. Wilders (Principal) at her email address bwilders592@c2kni.net and this can be arranged at a mutually convenient time.

A School Prospectus will also be emailed to all parents of our school currently to let you know more about our little school (so spread the word!!) or alternatively can be posted upon request if you email the Principal at the email address above or ring the school office on 02871 382614.

We have a little Nursery Video and Year 1 Video (from previous years) which is on our website which you can watch to learn a little more about our Nursery and Primary School in the meantime. See links below.

Nursery: https://www.stcatherinesps.co.uk/admissions/open-day-films/nursery-421/ **Primary One:** https://www.stcatherinesps.co.uk/admissions/open-day-films/primary-1/



Just some of the fabulous resource facilities in our School: Our school is a split site campus with many benefits indeed, some of which are listed below;

- 1. A highly qualified and dedicated teaching and non-teaching staff team who work so hard to give the absolute best provision for all children in their care
- 2. Two FIVE STAR Canteens (one on each site) where fresh food is made in each one on a daily basis. They host a breakfast club also which is open from 8.15am until 8.50am each day. We serve HOT FOOD FULL BREAKFASTS on FRIDAYS also!
- 3. Two ICT Suites (one on each site) with a full range of state-of-the-art Hard drive Computers
- 4. Well-resourced classrooms with Ipads and Clever Touch Interactive Whiteboards in every class
- 5. Two SENSORY ROOMS (one on each site) to give an additional facility for children with sensory needs. We also have a NURSERY SENSORY Facility for our littlest learners.
- 6. NURTURE Facility for children who benefit from additional specialist nurture support
- 7. Two LEARNING SUPPORT Rooms (one on each site) so that specialist support can be given to children who need help with Literacy and Numeracy
- 8. NEW EDUCATION AUTHORITY SPECIALIST LEARNING CENTRE Provision (Junior School Site) (the only one in the locality) for children who experience Learning Needs and can avail of specialist support in a very small class setting as opposed to full larger mainstream classes. Children are referred into this class by Educational Psychologist.
- 9. Two LIBRARIES (one on each site) for class use to promote a love of reading
- 10. FIVE OUTDOOR PLAY AREAS (across both sites including Nursery) to promote a love of outdoor play
- 11. Two OUTDOOR CLASSROOMS (one on each site) to promote a love of learning outdoors
- 12. Two OUTDOOR Polytunnels (one on each site) to promote a love of nature and the importance of plant growth and its food importance
- 13. Two SPORTS HALLS (one on each site) marked out for sports games with well stocked PE Stores full of sports equipment.
- 14. After school Family Club for pupils of Year 1 and 2 with older siblings in the school to facilitate one home time at 3pm per family
- 15. A variety of AFTER SCHOOLS CLUBS across each site
- 16. After School Literacy / Numeracy Booster Clubs for Year 6 and 7 Pupils
- 17. Modern Language Provision Chinese Language and Culture (Years 1-7) and Irish Language and Culture (Year 7)
- 18. Extensive Opportunities for Music Development (Brass, Strings, Vocals, Musical Pathways)
- 19. Extensive Opportunities for Drama Development Christmas Nativities (Nursery Year 4), KS2 Musical Productions
- 20. A CATHOLIC MAINTAINED ALL INCLUSIVE SCHOOL that embraces all children/ families and focuses on developing each child as an individual
- 21. A school that values learning in school and out of school....a modern approach to learning!

All of this and more!!





Nursery Sharing from the Start Initiative

We are delighted to share that our Nursery Pupils and Staff will be engaging in a new innovative Learning Programme with Nursery Pupils and Staff in Strabane Controlled Nursery called Sharing from the Start Initiative.

St. Catherine's Nursery and Strabane Primary School Nursery are launching the programme this side of Christmas and wish to inform you of its purpose. To this end, you will find attached a parent information leaflet detailing the different aspects you and your child will experience on this innovative programme.

Consent forms have been sent home with our Nursery Children and should be returned to the class teacher no later than Friday 9th December to enable full participation in the project.

Sharing from the start involves your child, you as a parent/ guardian and the staff of the two schools as we come together and share in this learning and development programme together.

We look forward to this new venture and sharing this programme together with you.

Kind regards

Mrs B Wilders (Principal St Catherine's Primary & Nursery School) and Mrs C Thompson (Principal Strabane Controlled Primary School)



ONLINE DIGITAL Admission Process

Every year the application process for both NURSERY and YEAR ONE Places must be completed online by parents.

The ONLINE system will open at 12 NOON on TUESDAY 10th JANUARY 2023 and will close at 12 Noon on Friday 27th JANUARY 2023.

The ONLINE link is below www.eani.org.uk (Click on admissions)

Although in operation for three years now, we appreciate that this applications process can be still new to some parents and some parents might find this process a little unnerving. Some parents may apply online with ease, however for any that would like a little extra support and guidance, we have arranged for little "Drop in Sessions" in school so that parents can come in and apply for a place for their child with staff there ready to help and guide in the process.

The times that staff will be available to help are in the table below.

Day /Date	Location	Morning Session	Afternoon Session
Tuesday 10 th January	Senior School (Barrack Street Site)	9am-10am	1pm-2pm
Wednesday 11 th January	Senior School (Barrack Street Site)	9am-10am	1pm-2pm
Thursday 12 th January	Senior School (Barrack Street Site)	9am-10am	1pm-2pm
Friday 13 th January	Senior School (Barrack Street Site)	9am-10am	1pm-2pm
Monday 16 th January	Senior School (Barrack Street Site)	9am-10am	1pm-2pm
Tuesday 17 th January	Senior School (Barrack Street Site)	9am-10am	1pm-2pm
Wednesday 18 th January	Senior School (Barrack Street Site)	9am-10am	1pm-2pm

It should be noted that even though Parents make their applications for places ONLINE, they must also UPLOAD a copy of their PROOF OF ADDRESS and their CHILD's BIRTH CERTIFICATE to EA WEBSITE <u>no later than</u> 12 Noon on Tuesday 31st January 2023.



What should I do now?

- Parents need to set up an email account if you do not already have one
- Check out the Education Authority (EA) website regarding Guidance on applications.....
 www.eani.org.uk/digitaladmissions
- ▶ Plan for how to complete the application ...perhaps plan to attend a drop in session in school. You can book today by emailing Mrs C Kelly (Admissions Officer on ckelly452@c2kni.net or ring the school to get booked in on 02871 382614 and asking for Mrs Clare Kelly!)

It should be noted that even though Parents make their applications for places ONLINE, UPLOAD ONLINE the following documents

- ▶ 1. A copy of their PROOF OF ADDRESS,
- 2. CHILD's BIRTH CERTIFICATE
- 3. DSS (Confirmation of Income Support)

No later than 12 NOON on TUESDAY 31st JANUARY 2023.



Celebrating Christmas Nursery – Year 4

All the children in our school are staff are of course thinking about and preparing for Christmas as we enter the season of Advent but our littlest children are also preparing a little Christmas showcase.

Nursery Room 1: Christmas Nativity "A Nursery Delight, celebrating a very special Night!"

Nursery Room 2: Christmas Nativity "A Nursery Delight, celebrating a very special Night!"

Year 1 A: The Christmas Nativity Story

Year 1 B: The Christmas Nativity Story

Year 2 A: The Christmas Nativity Story

Year 2 B: The Christmas Nativity Story

Year 3 A & B: The Christmas Nativity Story

Year 4 A & B: Christmas Assembly: The Meaning Of Christmas

The children and staff have worked so hard and are really excited to share their efforts.

This year we are also going to give a LIVE PERFORMANCE from each class / year group which will take place in the School Assembly Hall. It must be noted that due to limited seating space, we can only have THREE Members of a child's family attend. We hope that you can understand and support us in this.

Please see dates below for LIVE PERFORMANCES for each class.

We will ask each parent visitor to make a voluntary donation to our FUNDRAISING Efforts towards our CHRISTMAS PANTO FUND for if they can when they attend their child's LIVE PERFORMANCE. There will also be a raffle at the event. So dig deep for our little children!!



Nativity Live Performances December 2022

Junior School Years 1-4:

Year 1 A: Monday 12th December at 10am in Junior School Assembly Hall

Year 1 B: Tuesday 13th December at 10am in Junior School Assembly Hall

Year 2 A: Friday 16th December at 10am in Junior School Assembly Hall

Year 2 B: Wednesday 14th December at 10am in Junior School Assembly Hall

Year 3 A: Friday 16th December at 2pm in the Junior School Assembly Hall

Year 3 B: Tuesday 20th December at 2pm in the Junior School Assembly Hall

Year 4 A: Tuesday 13th December at 2pm in the Junior School Assembly Hall

Year 4 B: Wednesday 14th December at 2pm in the Junior School Assembly Hall

Nursery:

NR1: Monday 12th December at 12.30pm in the Senior School Assembly Hall

NR2: Monday 12th December at 10am in the Senior School Assembly Hall



Community Support Notice

If your family or any family that you know needs any emergency help for Christmas

Help can be sought by contacting the Society of St. Vincent De Paul.

The helpline number is 02871 384488.

When the helpline number is rung; please leave the name, address and telephone number in a message seeking help and the type of assistance needed. (For example food vouchers, oil vouchers etc).



School Start Times and Collection Times

Year Group	Drop off / Collection Point	Start Time	Finish Time	
Nursery Room 1	Nursery Room 1 External Door	9am-9.30am	1.30pm- 1.40pm	
Nursery Room 2	Nursery Room 2 External Door	9am-9.30am	1.30pm- 1.40pm	
Year 1A (Mrs Doherty)	Pupil Front door facing school gate	8.50am-9am	2.10pm	
Year 1B (Miss Hutton)	Back Door opposite the Play Trail	8.50am-9am	2.10pm	
Year 2 A (Mrs Mc Glynn)	Back Door opposite the Play Trail	8.50am-9am	2.15pm	
Year 2 B (Ms Y Mc Gowan)	Pupil Front door facing school gate nearest to Mrs Doherty's classroom in Junior School Site	8.50am-9am	2.15pm	
Learning Centre (Mrs Hamilton)	Middle Floor Door near mobile classroom at the back of the Junior School	8.50am-9am	2.10pm (Year 1) 2.15pm (Year 2) 3pm (Year 3 Pupils except	
Year 3 A (Mrs M Mc Brien/ Miss E Mc Kane)	Pedestrian Gate to the right of the Main Gate at the Junior School Site	8.50am-9am	Feel Good Friday) Mon – Thursday 3.00pm (2.30pm On Feel Good Friday)	
Year 3 B (Mrs S Vaughan)	Pedestrian Gate to the right of the Main Gate at the Junior School Site	8.50am-9am	Mon – Thursday 3.00pm (2.30pm On Feel Good Friday)	
Year 4 A (Ms K Carlin)	Pedestrian Gate to the right of the Main Gate at the Junior School Site	8.50am-9am	Mon – Thursday 3.00pm (2.30pm On Feel Good Friday)	
Year 4 B (Mrs Connolly)	Pedestrian Gate to the right of the Main Gate at the Junior School Site	8.50am-9am	Mon – Thursday 3.00pm (2.30pm On Feel Good Friday)	
Year 5 A (Mrs C Gormley)	Enter Gate at the right hand side of the Senior School and line up at Year 5A Meeting Point where teacher will collect the class	8.50am-9am	Mon – Thursday 3.00pm (2.30pm On Feel Good Friday)	
Year 5 B (Miss B Kelly)	Enter Gate at the right hand side of the Senior School and line up at Year 5B	8.50am-9am	Mon – Thursday 3.00pm (2.30pm On Feel Good Friday)	

	Meeting Point where teacher will collect the class		
Year 6 A (Mrs S.O'Kane)	Enter Gate at the right hand side of the Senior School and line up at Year 6A Meeting Point where teacher will collect the class	8.50am-9am	Mon – Thursday 3.00pm (2.30pm On Feel Good Friday)
Year 6 B (Mrs B Daly)	Enter Gate at the right hand side of the Senior School and line up at Year 6B Meeting Point where teacher will collect the class	8.50am-9am	Mon – Thursday 3.00pm (2.30pm On Feel Good Friday)
Year 7 A (Mrs C Deery)	Enter Double Gate at front of Senior School site nearest to the Main Front Door and line up at Year 7A Meeting Point where teacher will collect the class	8.50am-9am	Mon – Thursday 3.00pm (2.30pm On Feel Good Friday)
Year 7 B (Miss E Keyes)	Enter Double Gate at front of Senior School site nearest to the Main Front Door and line up at Year 7B Meeting Point where teacher will collect the class	8.50am-9am	Mon – Thursday 3.00pm (2.30pm On Feel Good Friday)
Year 7 C (Mrs C Gillespie/ Miss A Kerr)	Enter Double Gate at front of Senior School site nearest to the Main Front Door and line up at Year 7C Meeting Point where teacher will collect the class	8.50am-9am	Mon – Thursday 3.00pm (2.30pm On Feel Good Friday)



Staff roles and Email addresses.

Staff Member	Class / Role	Email Address
Mrs Bridget Wilders	Principal	bwilders592@c2kni.net
Miss Jennifer Doherty	Vice Principal	jdoherty742@c2kni.net
Mrs B. Porter	Nursery Room 1	bporter544@c2kni.net
Ms E Mathers	Nursery Room 2	emathers571@c2kni.net
Mrs D. Doherty	Year 1 A	ddoherty115@c2kni.net
Miss C. Hutton	Year 1 B	chutton763@c2kni.net
Mrs A.M. Mc Glynn/ Mrs J Mc	Year 2 A	amcglynn388@c2kni.net
Laughlin		jmclaughlin485@c2kni.net
Ms Y Mc Gowan	Year 2 B	ymcgowan609@c2kni.net
Mrs M Mc Brien/	Year 3 A	emckane477@c2kni.net
Miss E Mc Kane		
Mrs S Vaughan	Year 3 B	svaughan325@c2kni.net
Ms K Carlin	Year 4 A	kcarlin208@c2kni.net
Mrs C. Connolly	Year 4 B	cconnolly309@c2kni.net
Mrs C. Gormley	Year 5 A	cgormley833@c2kni.net
Miss B Kelly	Year 5 B	bkelly663@c2kni.net
Mrs S O'Kane	Year 6 A	sokane510@c2kni.net
Mrs B Daly	Year 6 B	bdaly611@c2kni.net
Mrs C. Deery	Year 7 A	cdeery318@c2kni.net
Miss E. Keyes	Year 7 B	ekeyes746@c2kni.net
Mrs C Gillespie/ Miss A Kerr	Year 7 C	akerr341@c2kni.net
Mrs. C. Hamilton	Learning Centre	chamilton290@c2kni.net





Do this in Memory First Holy Communion Programme 2022 2023 for Year 4 Pupils and their families.

Fr Boland warmly invites you all.....

DATES AND TIMES OF THE MASSES OF DO THIS IN MEMORY 2022 2023

Enrolment Sunday Sunday, 23 October at 10am

Saturday, 26 November 2022 at 6.30pm

Sunday, 8 January 2023 at 12 Noon



Sunday, 29 January 2023 at 10am
Saturday, 25 February 2023 at 6.30pm
Sunday, 2 Apríl 2023 at 12 Noon

Saturday, 22 Apríl at 11am (Year 4 A) & 2pm (Year 4 B) First Holy Communion

Sunday, 21 May 2022 Feast of Ascension Procession from Grotto to Church of the Immaculate Conception for 12 Noon Mass in Holy Communion Outfits





<u>Confirmation Preparation Masses 2022 2023 for our Year 7 Pupils and their families.</u>

Preparing children for the sacrament of Confirmation is a shared responsibility and we feel that it is vitally important that you are invited to become involved from the very beginning. Confirmation marks a time for children when they are preparing to move from one stage of their lives to the next. You as parents will have many fears and concerns about how your children will cope in the coming years with the choices they will have to make. Through your involvement in your child's Confirmation, you are being offered the chance to discuss with them their values, attitudes and beliefs. We want to reassure you of the important role you play in developing your child's faith.

Here are some practical ways to get involved:

- Bring your child to Mass on a Saturday evening/Sunday morning with the rest of your family.
- Help your child to learn the prayers which are being taught in school and discuss the Confirmation work they are doing in class.
- As a family light a candle and say a prayer each day with your child in preparation for Confirmation.
- Read together the story of Pentecost and talk about how the
 Apostles felt before and after receiving the Holy Spirit.
- Talk about your child's Baptism and Holy Communion when and where they took place, who was there etc.
- Attend Masses and any special liturgies which are organised in connection with Confirmation.
- Help your child choose a suitable Confirmation name. If he or she chooses the name of a saint or family member, talk about the person whose name they have taken.

Confirmation Liturgy Team





Enkindling the Spirit

Saturday 10 December 2022 6.30pm Mass

Moved by the Spirit

Sunday 15 January 2022 10.00am Mass

Called by Name

Sunday 5 February 2022 12.00 noon Mass

Confirmation Retreat

Wednesday 1 March 2022 9.30am – 12.00 noon

Confirmation Practice

Thursday 9 March 2022 (For Year 7 A and C Families) 7.00pm in Church

Thursday 23 March 2022 (For Year 7 B Families) 7.00pm in Church

Confirmation

Saturday 11 March 2022 (For Year 7 A @11am and Year 7 C @2pm)

> Saturday 25 March 2022 (For Year 7 B @11am)



Debutots Update

We are simply delighted to share that we are introducing a new and exciting programme within our school called "Debutots". This programme is designed to offer interactive storytelling and dramatic play sessions with our children. The classes will help develop children's language skills and also promote confidence and ability. Please see attached information letter from Debutots.

We have been offering this programme to all our little learners in Nursery, Year 1 and in our Learning Centre.

Lessons will be carried out by facilitators in the classrooms with our staff during the school day and began just after the Hallowe'en Break.

Mondays: Nursery Room 1 and Nursery Room 2 Pupils

Fridays : Year 1A Pupils, Year 1 B Pupils and Learning Centre Pupils

The programme will continue until Easter. Parents can sign up for updates from DEBUTOTS.



School Money App

We are currently exploring the possibility of making an app available to parents to pay school dinners, school trip costs, milk money etc online through the use of the School Money App. This would mean that you would not have to send money in to school with your child, payments could be made securely online.

We hope to be able to launch this facility in the new year. We will be sending you a short survey online shortly to see how many parents feel that this would be a very useful facility which they would like to avail of. We encourage as many parents as possible to respond to this survey.



Site Leadership Rota

Junior School: Monday, Wednesday, Friday - Mrs Wilders

Tuesday, Thursday - Miss J Doherty

Senior School: Monday, Wednesday, Friday - Miss J Doherty

Tuesday, Thursday - Mrs Wilders

In the event that the Principal or Vice Principal are not available Senior Leaders or any of the Middle Leadership Team will become available for consultation.



Staff Parking

There is a Car Park on each site for STAFF. Staff arrive at school from 8.20am approx. every morning right up to 9am. To this end, we respectfully request that the entrances to the STAFF Car Parks on each site are always kept clear so that staff can gain access to each site and get ready to start the day with our wee children!!

Parents/carers/ child minders/ taxi drivers etc may NOT enter the school car park for Health and Safety Reasons unless this has been prearranged with school management for a specific reason.







Surestart Message of the Month December 2022

Play your part right from the start... I need you to talk and play everyday





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

Promoting Internet Safety Awareness with Your Child

Although we appreciate that the Internet is a wonderful technological invention and a source of great knowledge for us all, we also appreciate that for our young people, internet and the world of social media can be a more dangerous place unless children are very aware of what is appropriate behaviour and what is safe for them. To support our parents we have included a Safety Help Poster for parents so that you, with us, can educate our little children better regarding safety on the internet and social media. Thank you for your continued support.



We are a Healthy Eating School in St. Catherine's.

Below are the list of foods that are acceptable / not acceptable for Healthy Eating Purposes. If you have any concerns please consult your child's teacher.

Foods we consider	Foods that are not		
acceptable:	acceptable:		
Fruit (except kiwi)	Nuts or any other products with a nut		
	content / trace		
Fruit pots	Crisps		
Rice pots	Sweets		
Custard pots (not chocolate flavour)	Chocolate Bars		
Jelly pots	Chocolate yoghurts		
Vegetables (eg. carrot sticks / celery sticks)	Chocolate Muller Corners		
Sandwiches (no chocolate spreads or no	Chocolate biscuits		
peanut butter)			
Scones	Chocolate chip cookies		
Wheaten bread	All cereal bars		
Pitta bread	Square Bars		
Tortilla Bread	Lunchables		
Pancakes	Iced Buns		
Croissants (no chocolate brioche)	Pepperami		
Plain buns	Fruit Winders		
Ryvita / crispbreads			
Yoghurts			
Plain biscuits: Rich Tea, Digestives, Plain			
Crackers and Belvita Plain Biscuits			
Cheese / Dairylea Triangles / Cheese			
Slices / Baby Bel / Cheese Strings			
Breadsticks / Pretzels			
Rice Cakes			
Snack a Jacks			

Foods that are not acceptable:	Reason Why:
Nuts or any other products with a nut content / trace	We have children with a nut allergy
Crisps	High fat and salt content
Sweets	High sugar content
Chocolate Bars, chocolate yoghurts, chocolate Muller Corners, chocolate biscuits and chocolate chip cookies	High sugar content and many brands of chocolate contain traces of nuts
All cereal bars and Square Bars	High in sugar and fat content
Lunchables	High sugar content
Iced Buns	High sugar content
Pepperami	High fat content
Fruit Winders	High sugar content





St. Catherine's Nursery & Primary School December 2022



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1. Swimming P5B Week 5 Schools For Hope Parent Session NR1 at 12.30pm	2. Schools For Hope Parent Session NR2 at 12.30pm Christmas KS2 Choir Supervalu @ 10.15am	3.
4.	5.	6. Nursery Open Afternoon @ 1.30pm	7. Year 1 Open Afternoon @ 1.30pm Slimming World 5.30 – 7.30pm	8. Swimming P5B Week 6 Christmas KS2 Choir Strabane caring Services @ 11.30am	9. Christmas KS2 Choir Supervalu @ 10.15am Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day.	10. Year 7 Confirmation Preparation Mass 1 Enkindling the Spirit @ 6.30pm in Church of the Immaculate Conception.
11.	12. Senior School Pantomime Trip, Derry Year 5-Year7 @10.30am Nursery Room 2 Nativity Performance @ 10.00am SS Nursery Room 1 Nativity Performance @ 12.30pm SS Year 1A Nativity Performance @ 10.00am JS	13. Year 1B Nativity Performance @ 10.00am JS Year 4 Nativity Performance @ 2.00pm JS for Year 4A Parents	14. Year 2B Nativity Performance @ 10.00am JS Year 4 Nativity Performance @ 2.00pm JS for Year 4B Parents PTFA Christmas Draw @ 6.30pm	15. Junior School Pantomime Trip, Derry Year 1–Year 4@10.30am Swimming P5B Week 7 A Special Visitor to SS today! Guess who?	16. Christmas KS2 Choir Supervalu @ 10.15am Year 2A Nativity Performance @ 10.00am JS Year 3 Nativity Performance @ 2.00pm JS for Year 3A Parents	17.
18.	19. A Special Visitor to JS today! Guess who?	20. Year 3 Nativity Performance @ 10.00am JS for Year 3B Parents	21. Slimming World 5.30 – 7.30pm	22. Christmas Holidays @ 12 noon	23.	24.
25. Christmas Ho	26.	27.	28. Slimming World 5.30 – 7.30pm	29.	30.	31.

Show a little kindness today, tomorrow could be too late.



School Dinner Menu – September 2022 onwards (Please note that soup/ sandwiches are also available daily upon request if pupils do not wish to avail of the hot food choices)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	ea Ed
	Spaghetti Bolognaise	Breast of Chicken Curry with	Roast Loin of Pork	Chicken Goujons	Fish Fingers	
K 1	or	Boiled Rice & Naan Bread	or	or	or	
Aug	Margherita Pizza	or	Salmon Tails	Chicken Stir Fry	Burger in a Bap	
Sept		BBQ Chicken Panini			Tossed Salad	
Oct	Crusty bread		Traditional Stuffing/Gravy	Sweetcorn & Red Pepper	Baked Beans	Breads
Nov	Sweetcorn Salsa/Potato Salad	Tossed Salad & Coleslaw	Carrot & Parsnip and Broccoli	Homemade Chilli Diced	Chipped Potato/Baked Potato	Milk, Wate
	Herb Dice Potatoes	Garden Peas	Oven Dry Roast & Mashed	Potatoes		A Choice of Fr
Dec			Potato			Fruit & Yogh
lan	Raspberry Ripple Ice Cream &	Chocolate & Pear Sponge with	Popcorn Cookies with Pear	Frozen Smoothies & Fresh	Fresh Fruit Selection, Ice-	Available Do
	Watermelon Chunks	Custard	Slices & Black Grapes	Fruit	cream or Frozen Mousse	
	Oven Baked Sausages	Chicken Tikka with Boiled Rice	Roast Breast of Chicken	Breaded Fish Fillets	Steak Burger & Bap	
Κ2	or	& Naan Bread, Garden Peas	or	or	or	
ept	Homemade Chilli Chicken	or	Salmon Tails	Lasagne & Crusty bread	French Bread Pizza	
ct		Chicken & Cheese Panini				
Oct	Savoury Noodles		Traditional Stuffing/Gravy	Sweetcorn & Peas/ Asian Slaw	Chipped/Baked Potato	If you require
Nov	Baked Beans/Tossed Salad	Herb Dice	Savoy cabbage/Diced Carrots	Mashed Potato	Tossed Salad	additional
Dec	Mashed Potatoes	Garden Peas	Oven Roast Dry & Mashed		Coleslaw	information o
an		Baked Potato	Potato			Allergens or
an		Tossed Salad	Chocolate Brownie with	Pineapple Chunks	Flakemeal Biscuit & Fruit	Special Diets,
	Arctic Roll with Sliced Peaches	Apple Sponge & Custard	Raspberry Milkshake	Frozen Yoghurt	Chunks	please contac
	Breast of Chicken Curry &	Fish Fingers	Roast Gammon	Breaded Chicken Goujons	Steak Burger with Bap	the School to
К 3	Rice, Naan Bread	or	or	or	or	
Sept	Garden Peas	Irish Stew & Wheaten Bread	Salmon Tails	Spicy Chicken in a Warm	Chicken & Vegetable Pasta Bake	complete a
Oct	Or Doof Burrow & Cress Botatoon	Bakad Baans/Supatasan	Traditional Stuffing Course	Tortilla Wrap	Tossed Salad/Coleslaw	Special Diets
ov	Beef Burger & Gravy Potatoes Salad Selection	Baked Beans/Sweetcorn Mashed Potato	Traditional Stuffing, Gravy Baton Carrots/Broccoli	Pasta Salad	Chips	Application Fo
ec	Salad Selection	Tossed Salad	Oven Dry Roast & Mashed	Sweetcorn,	Baked Potato	
n		rosseu salau	Potatoes	Homemade Chilli Wedges	bakeu Potato	
lan	Frozen Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit	Sponge filled with Yoghurt &	Rice Pudding & Melody of Fruit	Vanilla Ice Cream, Pears, &	Flakemeal Biscuits & Fresh	
	Selection	Fruit	Rice Fudding & Welday of Frait	Chocolate Sauce	Fruit Chunks	Potatoes/Gro
	Spaghetti Bolognaise with	BUFFET:	Roast Beef	Breast of Chicken Curry with	Breaded Chicken Bites	Pasta
Κ4	Crusty Bread	Selection of Sandwiches	or	Boiled Rice & Naan Bread	or	Available Do
	or or	(Chicken/Cheese/Tuna)	Salmon Tails	or	Chicken and Cheese Panini	Available Do
Sept	Tuna or Chicken & Sweetcorn	Fish Bite	Traditional Stuffing/Gravy	Beef Burger & Gravy	Chickeri and Cheese i anni	
Oct	Wrap	Pizza Fingers	Cauliflower Cheese	beer banger at erary	Baked Beans	
VoV		Cocktail Sausages	Fresh Diced Carrots	Garden Peas	Chipped/Baked Potato	
Dec	Tossed Salad	Carrot Sticks	Oven Dry Roast & Mashed	Mashed Potato	Tossed Salad/Coleslaw	
n			Potato			
eb	Honey Dew Melon Wedges	Fruit Muffin & Milkshake	Chocolate Brownie and Banana	Fruit Crumble & Custard	Jelly, Ice Cream & Fresh Fruit	
	and Ginger Cookie		chunk	_		

St Catherin	e's Nursery	- Lu	nch Menu
Tuesday	Wednesday		Thursday

Roast Loin of Pork

Potato

Raspberry Milkshake

Fresh Diced Carrots

Oven Dry Roast & Mashed

Potato

Chocolate Brownie and Banana

chunk

Breast of Chicken Curry with

Boiled Rice & Naan Bread

Tossed Salad & Coleslaw

Garden Peas

Chocolate & Pear Sponge with

Apple Sponge & Custard

Sponge filled with Yoghurt &

Fruit

BUFFET:

Selection of Sandwiches

(Chicken/Cheese/Tuna)

Fish Bite

Pizza Fingers

Cocktail Sausages

Carrot Sticks

Fruit Muffin & Milkshake



Milk. Water A Choice of Fresh **Available Daily**

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16th Jan Watermelon Chunks Custard Slices & Black Grapes Fruit Fresh Fruit Selection, Icecream or Frozen Mousse Oven Baked Sausages Chicken Tikka with Boiled Rice Roast Breast of Chicken **Breaded Fish Fillets** & Naan Bread, Garden Peas French Bread Pizza WEEK 2 Traditional Stuffing/Gravy Sweetcorn & Peas/ Asian Slaw 5th Sept Savoy cabbage/Diced Carrots Baked Beans/Tossed Salad Herb Dice Mashed Potato Chipped/Baked Potato 3rd Oct Mashed Potatoes Garden Peas Oven Roast Dry & Mashed **Tossed Salad** 31st Oct Baked Potato Coleslaw Potato 28th Nov Tossed Salad Chocolate Brownie with Pineapple Chunks 26th Dec

If you require any additional information on Allergens or Special Diets, please contact the School to complete a Special Diets

Chunks **Breaded Chicken Goujons** Steak Burger with Bap Fish Fingers Roast Gammon **Beef Burger & Gravy Potatoes** Baked Beans/Sweetcorn Traditional Stuffing, Gravy Pasta Salad Tossed Salad/Coleslaw Salad Selection/peas Mashed Potato Baton Carrots/Broccoli Chips Sweetcorn, Tossed Salad Oven Dry Roast & Mashed Homemade Chilli Wedges Baked Potato Potatoes

> Potatoes/Gravy/ Pasta Available Daily

Application Form

Rice Pudding & Melody of Fruit Vanilla Ice Cream, Pears, & Flakemeal Biscuits & Fresh Chocolate Sauce Fruit Chunks

Frozen Yoghurt

Breaded Chicken Bites Roast Beef Beef Burger & Gravy Traditional Stuffing/Gravy **Baked Beans** Cauliflower Cheese Garden Peas Chipped/Baked Potato

Mashed Potato

Fruit Crumble & Custard

Jelly, Ice Cream & Fresh Fruit

Tossed Salad/Coleslaw

Flakemeal Biscuit & Fruit

Menu choices subject to deliveries

Monday

Margherita Pizza

Crusty bread

Sweetcorn Salsa/Potato Salad

Herb Dice Potatoes

Raspberry Ripple Ice Cream &

Arctic Roll with Sliced Peaches

Frozen Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit

Selection

Spaghetti Bolognaise with

Crusty Bread

Tossed Salad

Honey Dew Melon Wedges

and Ginger Cookie

WEEK 1

29th Aug

26th Sept

24th Oct

21st Nov

19th Dec

23rd Jan

WEEK 3

12th Sept

10th Oct

7th Nov

5th Dec

2nd Jan

30th Jan

WEEK 4

19th Sept

17th Oct

14th Nov

12th Dec

9th Jan

6th Feb

