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Monthly Note: Monday 4th December 2023 Check us out on our website: www.stcatherinesps.co.uk

#### A Trip to see the Millennium Forum Christmas Panto!!

A fe fi fo Pantomime!!!

Every year we have always visited the Millennium Forum to see the Christmas Panto; it has been part of 

A gigantic beanstalk, Caroline the cow, magic beans, a goose that lays golden eggs and the nastiest of giants — it's panto time again at the Forum! Telling the story of peasant boy Jack and his attempts to please his impoverished mother and win the hand of Princess Jill, JACK AND THE BEANSTALK remains one of the best-loved pantomimes of all time. Packed with great song and dance routines, hilarious comedy, dazzling scenes and magical special effects.

Dates are as follows: Years 1-4: Monday 11th December & Years 5-7: Wednesday 13th December

The trip this year should cost much more than the usual £12 but we are keeping the cost to £12 and school will pay for the cost of transport to subsidise the trip. 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. A note has been sent out to each class for Parents to sign to give their consent for their child to go to the panto this year. The £12 fee can be paid in two instalments on the SCHOOL MONEY App. Book your child's place now if you have not already done so...promises to be a lovely Christmas treat!



# <u>Prayer of the Month</u> <u>December: Advent</u>

Jesus, we are waiting with joyful hearts

to remember and celebrate the wonder of your birth.

You came into the world as a helpless baby,

but already you were holding within your tiny, beating heart

a beautiful hope for mankind: a sacred dream

in which we live together in peace, love, and truth.

Throughout this time of waiting, may we do our very best

to turn your sacred dream for us into reality, so that at Christmas,

we can offer you a present for your birthday, fashioned out of peace and perfect love.

Amen

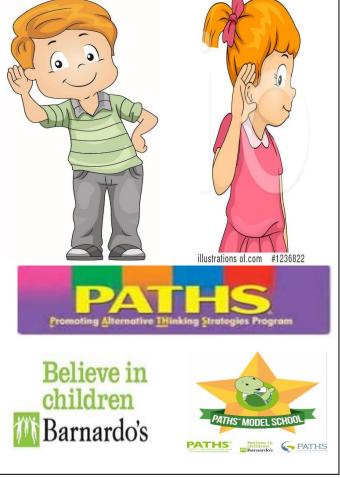
# PATHS Programme in St. Catherine's

(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.



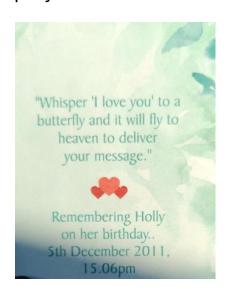




As many of you may be aware our wee HOLLY would have been 12 years old on TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER. To mark this occasion her family have designed a "Remembering Holly Memorial Pin". This will be on sale in our school this week for £5. We have 100 of them available to sell if any member of staff or parent wishes to purchase to support the cause and all proceeds will go to The Children's Cancer Unit Charity. These memorial pins will be available from the school office on each site.

God bless Mrs Gormley and all the family at this time of year especially as their journey continues, please keep them in your heart and in your prayers.





#### **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 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 12 Noon until Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024. 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 <a href="mailto:bwilders592@c2kni.net">bwilders592@c2kni.net</a> 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 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**

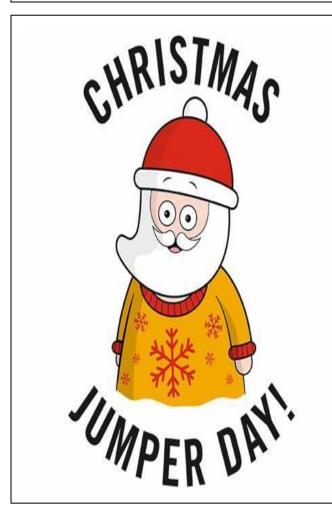
Our Christmas Dinner will take place on

# Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER at 12 Noon and will reopen again for all on TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2024.

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 2024.



# 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 Gillespie's Class): Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 11am

Year 7 B (Mrs Daly's Class): Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm

More details will follow closer to the time.



#### **First Holy Communion Dates**

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

Year 4 A (Ms Mather's Class): Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 11am

Year 4 B (Ms Kelly's Class): Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> 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!



# <u>Do this in Memory First Holy Communion Programme</u> <u>2023 2024 for Year 4 Pupils and their Families.</u>

Fr Boland warmly invites you all.....

PARENTS INDUCTION MEETING about Holy Communion Preparation this year on

MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup> November in the JUNIOR SCHOOL Assembly Hall at 7pm.

And then to the following Family Masses......



# DATES AND TIMES OF THE MASSES OF DO THIS IN MEMORY 2023 2024

Enrolment Sunday (Feast of Christ the King) Sunday, 26 November 2023 at 12 Noon

Saturday, 13 January 2024 at 6.30pm

Sunday, 3 March 2024 at 10am

Saturday, 23 March 2024 at 6.30pm

Saturday, 20 Apríl 2024 at 11am (Year 4 A) & 2pm (Year 4 B) Fírst Holy Communion

Sunday, 2 June 2024 Feast of Ascension Procession from Grotto to Church of the Immaculate Conception for 12 Noon Mass in Holy Communion Outfits





# **Confirmation Preparation Masses 2023 2024 for our Year 7 Pupils and their families.**

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 2nd December 2023 6.30pm Mass

#### Moved by the Spirit

Sunday 28th January 2024 10.00am Mass

#### **Called by Name**

Sunday 4th February 2024 12.00 noon Mass

#### **Confirmation Retreat**

Wednesday 6th March 2024 9.30am – 12.00 noon

#### **Confirmation Practice**

Thursday 7th March 2024 7.00pm in Church

#### Confirmation

Saturday 9th March 2024 Year 7 A @11am Year 7 B @2pm)



# Starting Nursery or Primary School in September 2024?

Do you have or do you know anyone who has a little child who is ready to start Nursery or Year 1 in September 2024 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 or YEAR ONE in September 2024:

Nursery Open Afternoon will take place on TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER in the SENIOR SCHOOL ASSEMBLY HALL (For Principal's Welcome) at 1.30pm

Year 1 Open Afternoon will take place on WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> 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 2024, 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 <a href="mailto:bwilders592@c2kni.net">bwilders592@c2kni.net</a> 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: <a href="https://www.stcatherinesps.co.uk/admissions/open-day-films/nursery-421/">https://www.stcatherinesps.co.uk/admissions/open-day-films/nursery-421/</a>
<a href="Primary One: https://www.stcatherinesps.co.uk/admissions/open-day-films/primary-1/">https://www.stcatherinesps.co.uk/admissions/open-day-films/primary-1/</a>



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. Two NEW EDUCATION AUTHORITY SPECIALIST LEARNING CENTRE Provisions, one on each school site (Junior School and Senior School) 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!!







## **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 9<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2024 and will close at 12 Noon on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2024.

The ONLINE link is below <a href="www.eani.org.uk">www.eani.org.uk</a> (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 9 <sup>th</sup> January	Senior School (Barrack Street Site)	9am-10am	1pm-2pm
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	Senior School (Barrack Street Site)	9am-10am	1pm-2pm
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	Senior School (Barrack Street Site)	9am-10am	1pm-2pm
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Senior School (Barrack Street Site)	9am-10am	1pm-2pm
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Senior School (Barrack Street Site)	9am-10am	1pm-2pm
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Senior School (Barrack Street Site)	9am-10am	1pm-2pm
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> 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



#### 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 <a href="mailto:ckelly452@c2kni.net">ckelly452@c2kni.net</a> 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, they must also upload to the EA Website

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



# **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 "The stars shone bright for Christmas!"

Nursery Room 2: Christmas Nativity "The stars shone bright for Christmas!"

Year 1 A: Ring Out The Bells for Christmas

Year 1 B: Ring Out The Bells for Christmas

Year 2 A: Ring Out The Bells for Christmas

Year 2 B: Ring Out The Bells for Christmas

Year 3 A & B : A Christmas Nativity Concert Celebration

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 2023

#### **Junior School Years 1-4:**

Year 1 A: Friday 15th December at 10am in Junior School Assembly Hall

Year 1 B: Thursday 14th December at 10am in Junior School Assembly Hall

Year 2 A: Tuesday 12th December at 10am in Junior School Assembly Hall

Year 2 B: Monday 19th December at 10am in Junior School Assembly Hall

Year 3 A: Monday 18th December at 2pm in the Junior School Assembly Hall

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

Year 4 A: Monday 18th December at 10am in the Junior School Assembly Hall

Year 4 B: Wednesday 20th December at 10am in the Junior School Assembly Hall

#### **Nursery:**

NR1: Monday 11th December at 10am in the Senior School Assembly Hall

NR2: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 07784037066.

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 (Junior School) (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 & 4 Pupils	
Year 3 A ( Miss M Maguire )	Pedestrian Gate to the right of the Main Gate at the Junior School Site	8.50am-9am	except Feel Good Friday) Mon – Thursday 3.00pm (2.30pm On Feel Good Friday)	
Year 3 B (Mrs S Vaughan/ Mrs L Downey)	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 (Miss E Mathers)	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 (Ms B Kelly)	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 (Ms C Gallagher/ 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 A Kerr/ Mrs S O'Kane )	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 (Miss E Keyes)	Enter Double Gate at front of Senior School site nearest to the Main Front Door 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 C Deery )	Enter Double Gate at front of Senior School site nearest to the Main Front Door 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 Gillespie)	Enter Gate at the right hand side of the Senior School 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 (Mrs B Daly )	Enter Gate at the right hand side of the Senior School 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)
Learning Centre (Senior School)	Enter Gate at the right hand side of the Senior School and line up at Learning Centre 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
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Ms K Carlin	Nursery Room 2	kcarlin208@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	Year 2 A	amcglynn388@c2kni.net
Ms Y Mc Gowan	Year 2 B	ymcgowan609@c2kni.net
Miss M Maguire	Year 3 A	mmaguire497@c2kni.net
Mrs S Vaughan/ Mrs L	Year 3 B	svaughan325@c2kni.net
Downey		ldowney759@c2kni.net
Miss E Mathers	Year 4 A	emathers571@c2kni.net
Ms B Kelly	Year 4 B	bkelly663@c2kni.net
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Miss A Kerr	Year 5 B	akerr341@c2kni.net
Miss E Keyes	Year 6 A	ekeyes746@c2kni.net
Mrs C Deery	Year 6 B	cdeery318@c2kni.net
Mrs C. Gillespie	Year 7 A	cgillespie221@c2kni.net
Mrs B Daly	Year 7 B	bdaly611@c2kni.net
Mrs C Connolly	Learning Centre (Senior School)	cconnolly309@c2kni.net
Mrs. C. Hamilton	Learning Centre (Junior School)	chamilton290@c2kni.net





#### **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.



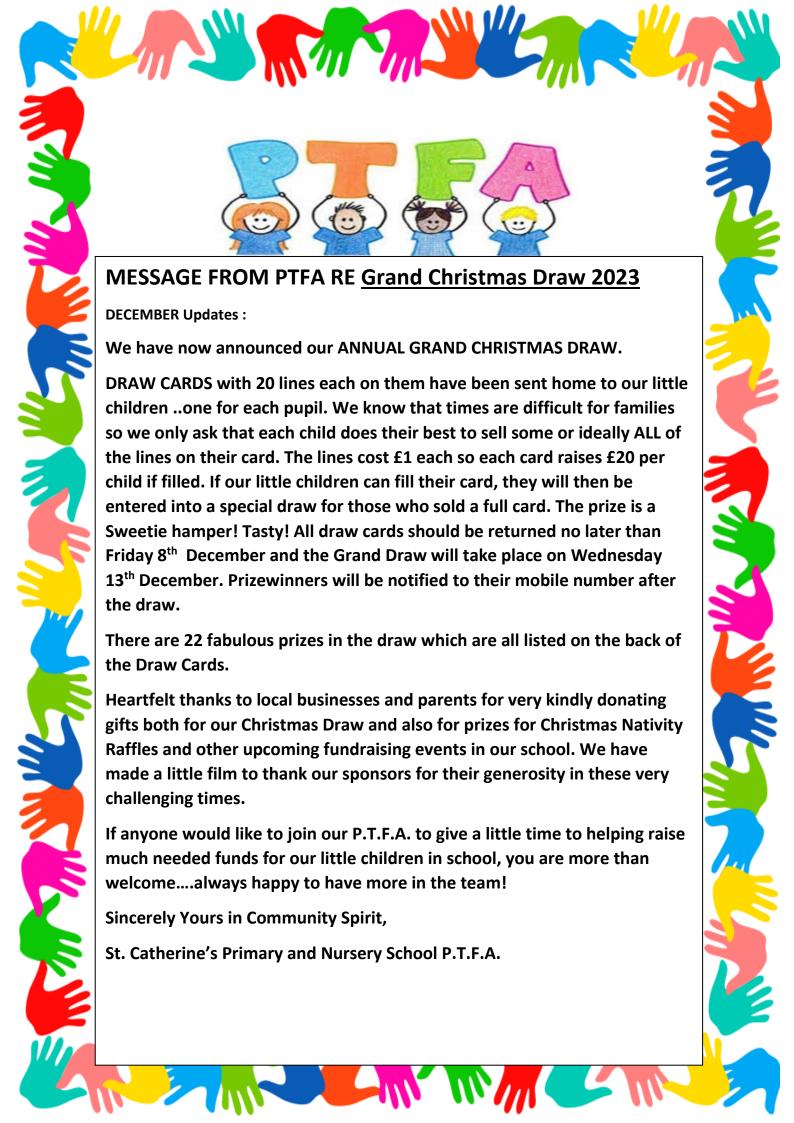
#### **Staff Parking**

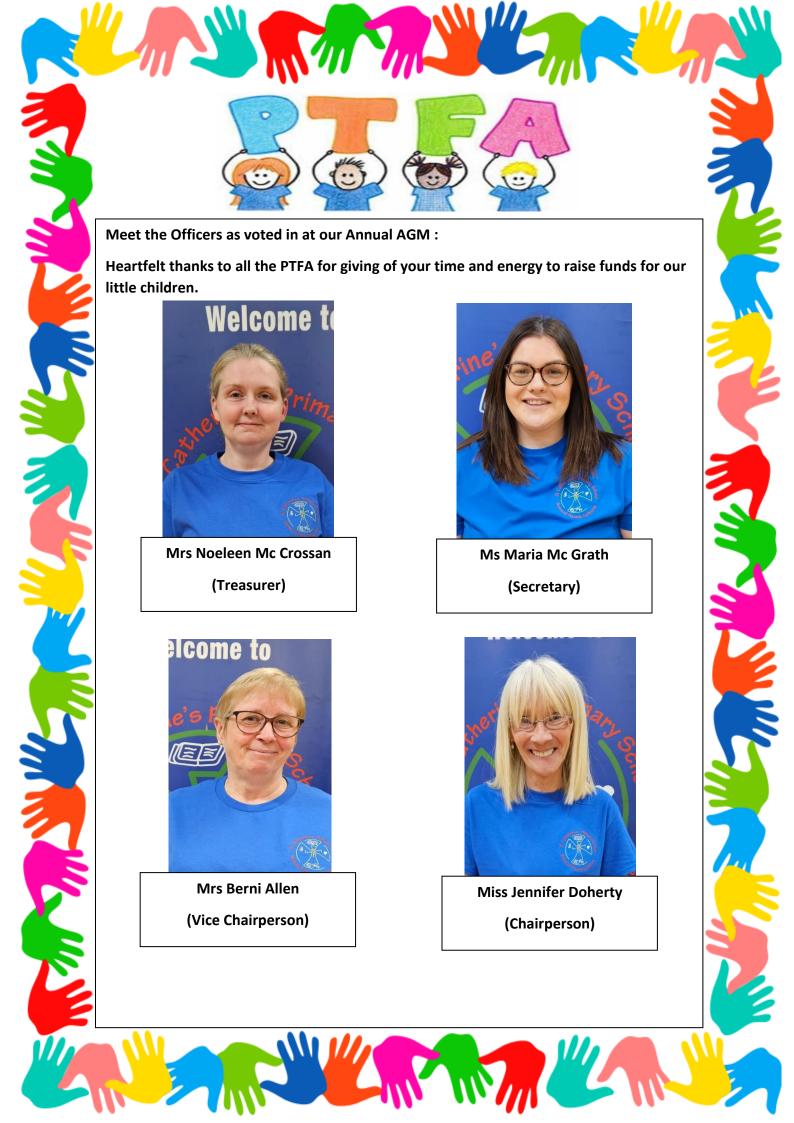
There is a Car Park on each site for STAFF. Staff arrive at school from 8.20am approx. every morning right up to 9am. To this end, we respectfully request that the entrances to the STAFF Car Parks on each site are always kept clear so that staff can gain access to each site and get ready to start the 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 2023

# 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 2023



Sunday	AA o m ol on c					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26. 12 noon: Year 4 Do This in Memory Enrollment Mass in Church of the Immaculate Conception.					1. Nursery Schools for Hope: Session 4 with Parents JS Assembly Hall. 10am NR1, / 10.30am NR2 Santa Daily Mile (Whole School) Year 7 Smokebusters Programme 1.15pm Netball Match, Sion Mills – Year 7 Team	2. Confirmation Preparation Mass Enkindling the Spirit: Year 7 @ 6.30pm Church of the Immaculate Conception
3.	4. Debutots: 11.20 – 12.00 NR2 12.45 – 1.25 NR1 Swimming P5B Week 5 Year 6 Your Life programme	5. Morning Athletics Club P6 & P7: 8.15am-8,45am Year 6 Your Life programme 11am Year 7B St Pat's Hall 1.30pm Open Afternoon for Nursery in Senior Site Nursery pupils go home at 12.30pm	6. 11.15am Year 6A Smokebusters Programme 1.30pm Open Afternoon for Year 1 in Junior Site. P1 pupils go home at 12.30pm Slimming World 5.30 –7.30pm 7pm Lights of Life Mass in Church of the Immaculate Conception	7. Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Dinner	8. Choir - SUPERVALU 11:15AM Nursery Schools for Hope: Session 5: Connecting Passion & Purpose (pupils only)  PTFA Christmas Draw Cards to be returned to school.	9.
10.	11. Debutots: NR2 11.20 – 12.00 NR1 12.45 – 1.25 Christmas Panto Trip (JS) Swimming P5B Week 6 10am NR1 Nativity Performance Yr 7 HCC for Carol Service 11.15am – 12.15pm	12. STEPHEN BRADLEY PIANO RECITAL 11AM SENIOR SITE P4-7 E-Safety Workshops: P6 & P7 Morning Athletics Club P6 & P7: 8.15am-8,45am 10am P2A Nativity Performance Nursery Christmas Trip to cinema - Wish	13. 10am NR2 Nativity Performance Christmas Panto Trip (SS) Slimming World 5.30 – 7.30pm PTFA Junior School at 6.30pm Christmas Draw.	14. 10am P1B Nativity Performance Choir: MULVEY HOUSE	15. Choir - SUPERVALU 11:15AM Debutots: Year 1 & LSC Nursery Schools for Hope: Session 6 Pupils only 10am P1A Nativity Performance	16.
17.	18. ASDA CHOIR AT 10:30AM Swimming P5B Week 7 10am P4A Nativity Performance 2pm P3A Nativity Performance	19. Morning Athletics Club P6 & P7: 8.15am-8.45am 10am P2B Nativity Performance	20. 10am P4B Nativity Performance 2pm P3B Nativity Performance Slimming World 5.30 – 7.30pm	21.	22. Christmas Holidays – School closes at 12 noon.	23.
24. Christmas Holidays	25.	26.	27.	28.	29.	30.

Upcoming Events: School closed for Christmas Holidays at 12 Noon on 22-12-23 and will reopen to pupils on TUESDAY  $9^{TH}$  JANUARY 2024.



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)



# EAT SMART WITH THE LUNCH BUNCH

ea catering WEEK 1

> Week commencing AUG 28, SEPT 25, OCT 23, NOV 20, DEC 18, JAN 22

### MONDAY

#### MAIN COURSES

Spaghetti Bolognaise

Or

Chicken Bites

#### SIDES

Baton Carrot/Salad

**Mashed Potatoes** 

#### DESSERT

**Banana Yoghurt Pot** 

#### **TUESDAY**

#### MAIN COURSES

Classic Margherita Pizza

Or

Fish Goujon in Soft Shell Taco & Zingy Tomato Salsa

SIDES

Baked Beans/Salad/Coleslaw

Chipped Potatoes/ Baked Potato

#### DESSERT

Strawberry Mousse & Fruit

## WEDNESDAY

#### MAIN COURSES

Lunch Bunch Chicken Curry & Naan Bread

Or

Chicken Panini

#### SIDES

Garden Peas/Sweetcorn

Steamed Rice/Oven Baked Wedges

#### DESSERT

Chocolate Sponge & Custard

# THURSDAY

#### MAIN COURSES

Roast of the Day

Or

Chicken Casserole

#### SIDES

Carrots & Parsnip/Savoy
Cabbage

Mashed Potatoes/Oven Roast Potato

#### DESSERT

Strawberry Jelly, Ice Cream & Fruit

#### FRIDAY

#### MAIN COURSES

**Hot Dog** 

Or

Crispy Cod Fishcakes

#### SIDES

Tomato Ketchup/Coleslaw/Salad

Chipped Potatoes/Baked Potato

#### DESSERT

Fresh Fruit Pot & Biscuit





# EAT SMART WITH THE LUNCH BUNCH

ea catering WEEK 2

> WEEK COMMENCING: SEP 04, OCT 02, OCT 30, NOV 27, JAN 01, JAN 29

### MONDAY

#### MAIN COURSES

Sausage Roll

Or

Sweet and Sour Chicken

#### SIDES

Spaghetti Hoops & Garden Peas

> Chipped Potatoes/Rice

#### DESSERT

Ice Cream, Chocolate Sauce and Sliced Pears

#### **TUESDAY**

#### MAIN COURSES

Pasta Bolognaise with Garlic Bread

Or

**BBQ Chicken Pizza** 

#### SIDES

Sweetcorn/Salad

Oven Roasted Potato Wedges

#### DESSERT

Zesty Orange Sponge & Custard

### WEDNESDAY

#### MAIN COURSES

Lunch Bunch Chicken Curry & Naan Bread

Or

Salad filled Pitta with Pulled Pork and Colesiaw

#### SIDES

**Garden Peas** 

Rice

#### DESSERT

Fresh Fruit Salad and Yoghurt

#### MAIN COURSES

**THURSDAY** 

Roast of the Day with Stuffing & Gravy

Or

Poached Salmon

#### SIDES

Cauliflower or Broccoli and Carrots

Mashed Potatoes/Oven Roasted Potato

#### DESSERT

Blueberry Muffin

#### FRIDAY

#### MAIN COURSES

Beef Burger in a Bap with Tomato Ketchup

Or

Peppered Chicken & Rice

#### SIDES

Sweetcorn/Salad

Chipped Potatoes/Rice

#### DESSERT

Flakemeal Biscuit & Fruit



# EAT SMART WITH THE LUNCH BUNCH

ea catering WEEK 3

> WEEK COMMENCING: SEP 11, OCT 9, NOV 6, DEC 4, JAN 8, FEB 5

#### **MONDAY**

#### MAIN COURSES

Golden Crumbed Fish Fingers

Or

Mighty Mac 'n' Cheese with Garlic Bread Slice

#### SIDES

Baked Beans/Coleslaw

Chipped Potatoes/Mashed Potatoes

#### DESSERT

Artic Roll with Peaches & Pears

#### **TUESDAY**

#### MAIN COURSES

Italian Beef with Crusty Roll

Or

Pepperoni/Margherita Pizza

#### SIDES

Garden Peas/Salad

Homemade Diced Potatoes

#### DESSERT

Fresh Fruit Pot

# WEDNESDAY

## MAIN COURSES

Lunch Bunch Chicken Curry & Naan Bread

Or

Steak Burger in a Bap & Cheese

#### SIDES

Steamed Rice/Salad

#### DESSERT

Lemon Drizzle Cake & Custard

#### MAIN COURSES

**THURSDAY** 

Roast of the Day

Or

Savoury Mince

#### SIDES

Carrot &
Parsnip/Cauliflower
Cheese

Mashed Potatoes/Oven Roast Potato

#### DESSERT

Melon Wedge

#### **FRIDAY**

#### MAIN COURSES

Tasty Pork Sausages with Tomato Ketchup/Gravy

Or

Salt N Chilli Chicken Wrap with Garlic

Mayo SIDES

Mini Corn on the Cob/Spaghetti Hoops

Chipped Potatoes/Mashed Potatoes

#### DESSERT

**Decorated Fairy Cake** 



# THE LUNCH BUNGA

ea catering WEEK 4

WEEK COMMENCING: SEP 18, OCT 16, NOV 13, DEC 11, JAN 15, FEB 12

#### MONDAY

#### MAIN COURSES

Beef Bolognaise with Garlic Bread

Or

Cod Fishcakes with Tartare Sauce

#### SIDES

**Garden Peas** 

Oven Baked Potato Wedges

#### DESSERT

Melon, Mandarin & Pineapple Pots with Yoghurt Dip

#### **TUESDAY**

#### MAIN COURSES

Ham & Cheese Pizza or Pepperoni with Garlic Dip

Or

Tex Mex Beef & Veg Enchilada

#### SIDES

Sweetcorn and Red Pepper/Coleslaw

Chipped Potatoes/Baked Potato

#### DESSERT

Jelly & Mandarin Oranges

### WEDNESDAY

#### MAIN COURSES

Lunch Bunch Chicken Curry & Naan Bread

Or

BBQ Chicken Wrap with Crunchy Salad

#### SIDES

Green Beans

Steamed Rice

#### DESSERT

Cornflake Tart & Custard

#### MAIN COURSES

THURSDAY

Roast of the Day

Or

Stuffed Chicken

#### SIDES

Broccoli/Turnip

Mashed Potatoes/Oven Roast Potato

#### DESSERT

Ice Cream, Pears & Chocolate Sauce

### **FRIDAY**

#### MAIN COURSES

Oven Baked Chicken Goujons

Or

Sweet Chilli Chicken Panini

#### SIDES

Salad/Baked Beans

Chipped Potatoes/Mashed Potatoes

#### DESSERT

Homemade Ginger Biscuit and Fruit