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WEEKLY NOTE - Monday 6 May 2019

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Science Show coming to St. Catherine's!

We have a Science Show for our children on Friday 10th May. The Science show will take place in the Junior School in the morning and in the Senior School in the afternoon.

We have a Science Show every year and this year the theme of the show is SOUND.

Each child should bring £1 voluntary donation for this show. School funds will subsidise the cost of the show too!



God bless you all! Bridget Wilders, Principal

Our very first GUEST TEA at St. Catherine's



IS NOW FULLY BOOKED!!!

Thanks to everyone who have taken a table and shown so much support for this

very special event. We will be in touch with you shortly!

End of Year Assessments

Our pupils work so hard all year to complete their school work tasks and learn to the absolute best of their ability and we are so proud of them. Staff and parents also work so hard to support this process!

In term 3 of every school year, we begin to look back and assess just how much learning has been going on so that we can celebrate and plan together for the future.

As a result our pupils will be completing end of year assessments in school over the next three weeks. We ask you as parents to support your children by making sure that they have early nights at home so that they are bright and fresh every day in school in order to do their very best!

If your child is sick or cannot attend

school for any reason please let the teacher know incase they miss out on any assessments.

Thank you as always for your ongoing support!



Parenting NI - Our New Walking Club!



Hopefully the weather will get a little better now in Term 3! After all our Easter chocolate, we will want to get trim and fit.....let's start walking! Our new walking coach organised by Parenting NI will start our walking group at 9.15am on MONDAY 13th MAY at the JUNIOR SCHOOL . SAVE THE DATE.

The first session will be a gentle introduction, a short walk followed by a cuppa afterwards in the Junior School . We welcome parents, grandparents, carers and friends!. If anyone has a younger child in a pram, come along too.



St. Catherine's

Nursery & Primary School, Strabane



Guest Tea

Friday, 7th June

**VENUE: St. Patrick's Hall,
Strabane**

TIME: 7pm-9pm

**FULL LINE-UP OF
ENTERTAINMENT TO
BE CONFIRMED**

#beapartofit

*All proceeds in aid of St. Catherine's
Nursery & Primary School, Strabane*

Event organised by St. Catherine's P.T.F.A.



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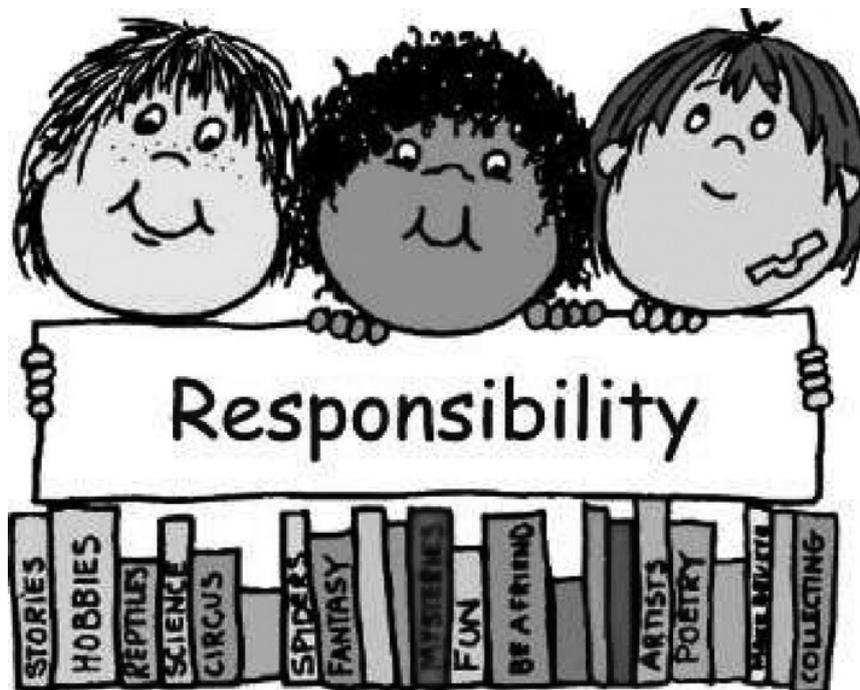
Sorry!!

School Rules and Guides to making school life a happy experience for everyone!

We have three simple school rules in St. Catherine's which everyone should adhere to and they are

- WORK HARD
- ALWAYS DO YOUR BEST
- TREAT EVERYONE AND EVERYTHING WITH RESPECT

#promotingacultureofrespect



We also have a Positive Behaviour Policy in school. This policy explains how we wish to promote clarity and understanding about positive behaviour in our school and how we can best aspire to keeping our school rules to ensure our school is one where there is so much mutual respect and therefore a happy place to be for all!

The policy includes our rules, rewards and consequences.

There are also letters at the back of the policy which may be used from time to time to communicate any concerns or achievements to parents.

This policy will be sent home with your child today.

Please have a read and sign the additional consultation sheet to let us know that you have read and understood it. If you have any comments about the policy please write these on the consultation sheet or if you wish to speak with us, do not hesitate to ask any member of staff, Senior Leader or the Principal.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.



Attention Year 6 Parents

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

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

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

GL Assessment Examinations

Lumen Christi College ,Derry,
Thornhill Girls College, Derry
St. Columb's Boys College, Derry
Loreto Convent Grammar School, Omagh
Christian Brothers Grammar School, Omagh



AQE Assessment Examinations

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

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

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

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

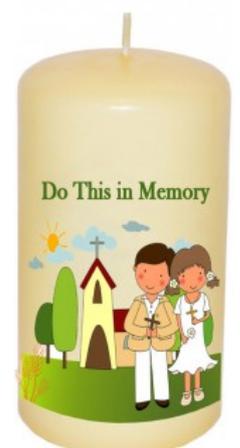
If anyone has any further queries about the process, please do not hesitate to contact the Principal or any Senior Leader.

YEAR 4 DO THIS IN MEMORY MASS

The next Do This in Memory Mass for our Year 4 pupils and their parents will take place on Saturday 11th May at 6.30pm in the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

We look forward to seeing everyone there.....the next Mass will be the actual Holy Communion itself on Saturday 25th May.

Exciting!!



Summer Uniform

Every Year around the beginning of May we switch to our Summer Uniform..... weather permitting of course! Children may wear their Summer Uniform **from Tuesday 7th May onwards** Hopefully the weather will reflect SUMMER!

It should be noted that there may be occasions when our pupils are required to wear their FULL WINTER UNIFORM at certain events etc but teachers will let you know about this in advance!

Our Summer Uniform is as follows.....

Girls:

Blue/ White Summer Dress , white socks (full length or ankle socks) and black shoes. Current school jumper or cardigan can also be worn with their dress.

Boys:

Plain white poloshirt, PLAIN NAVY Shorts or school navy trousers, black/ navy socks, black shoes or PLAIN BLACK Trainers. Current school jumper or cardigan can also be worn.

Summer Uniform

<h3 style="margin: 0;">Girls</h3>  <p style="margin: 10px 0;">Light blue and white checked dress White full length/ ankle socks</p>	<h3 style="margin: 0;">Boys</h3>  <p style="margin: 10px 0;">White polo shirt Navy trouser shorts/ trousers Navy/ black socks</p>
<p>Children can wear their Jumper/ Cardigan all year round</p> <p>All children should wear plain black shoes/ trainers</p>	

It is to be noted that our Summer School Uniform is NOT compulsory and parents need not feel under any pressure to purchase it. If parents do not wish to use the Summer Uniform the current uniform is fine. Many thanks!

It is to be noted also that little Nursery Pupils (poloshirt with logo, sweatshirt with logo and navy jogging bottoms) wear the same Uniform all year round.

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:

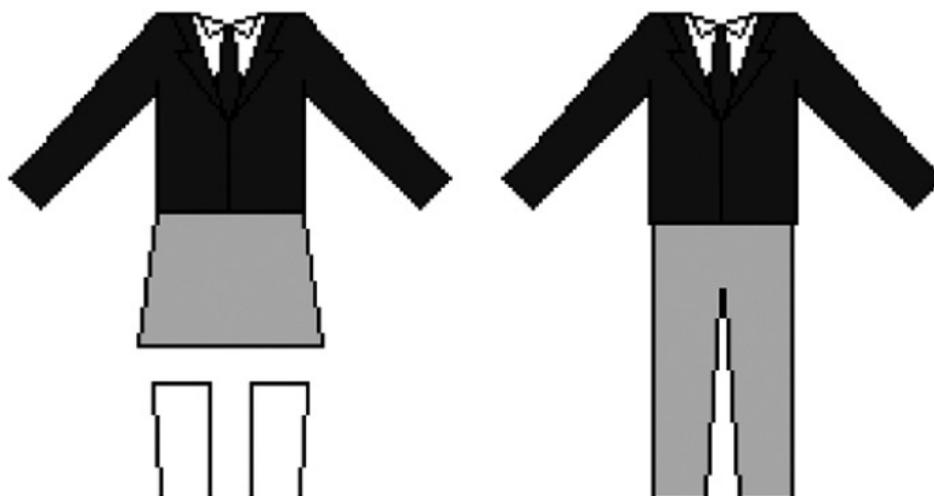
Wednesday 8th May 9.30am-10.30am in the Assembly Hall in the JUNIOR SCHOOL

Wednesday 22nd May 9.30am-10.30am in the Assembly Hall in the JUNIOR SCHOOL

Wednesday 5th June 9.30am-10.30am in the Assembly Hall in the JUNIOR SCHOOL

Wednesday 19th June 9.30am-10.30am in the Assembly Hall in the JUNIOR SCHOOL

Wednesday 26th June 9.30am-10.30am in the Assembly Hall in the JUNIOR SCHOOL





The next meeting of our PTFA will take place at 7pm in the Junior School on Thursday 16th May.

Everyone welcome!



Further School Closures

Due to European Elections school will also be closed on Thursday 23rd May as it is used as a polling station. (This is an unplanned closure) .School will also be closed on Monday 27th May as this is a Staff Training Day. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

School will be open as usual on Friday 24th May. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.



Safety Accessing School: PARENTS PLEASE NOTE!

For health and safety reasons, bollards have been placed outside the "Thatch" house at the Junior School site. This is to try to ensure greater safety for children and adults walking past this area on their way in to school. This will mean that cars should NOT park in this area from now on. We appreciate your support and understanding in this matter.

Families Together



Walking Club

Join us every Monday @ 9.15am for a short walk and a cuppa afterwards in St Catherine's Primary School (Junior Site)

All welcome including babies in prams etc.
Weekly walk starts Monday 13th May 2019

Supported by a qualified walk leader from Derry City and Strabane District Council's Everybody Active 2020 Programme. All walking abilities welcome



Prayer of the Month for May

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

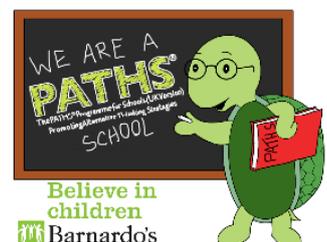
*Holy Mary,
Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.*



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

PATHS Quote of the Month - May

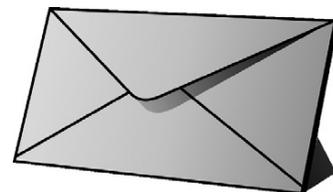
Good manners are GOOD for you! They almost always come with a smile and sometimes even a hug. They are like boomerangs, when you send them out with good intentions, they nearly always come back the same way. Send out your good manners today!



Applications for places in Nursery and Year 1

If you applied for a place for your child in either Nursery or Year 1 for September 2019, letters will be POSTED out on Thursday 9th May which you should receive by Friday 10th May.

If you do not receive a letter please contact the school or Education Authority (02882 411411).



Blood Transfusion Service

The next Blood Donation session(s) will be held in the Presbyterian Church Hall, Derry Road, Strabane on Thursday 9th May 1.30pm-4pm & 5.15pm-8pm and Friday 10th May 4.30pm-8pm



Gentle REMINDER: Healthy Eating School

Due to little children with allergies who are at high risk of anaphylactic attack, we cannot have any child bringing in chocolate, nuts or kiwi.....even on Fridays, our treat day!

Children can bring ONE treat on a Friday for either break or in a packed lunch but we ask for your support in ensuring that the treat is NOT any one of the above. Thank you.

COMMUNITY NOTICE

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



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

 South Eastern Health
and Social Care Trust

 Public Health
Agency

 **SureStart**