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Monthly Note: Monday 11th January 2021

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BREAKING NEWS

Department of Education Announces REMOTE LEARNING for all Pupils from 11th January until Mid Term

As per letter sent to all parents on Wednesday 6th January, all pupils will engage in REMOTE LEARNING at home from Monday 11th January onwards.

We will send guidance to all parents as to how they can access Home Learning. Nursery pupils/ parents can access their home learning activities via the school website and Years 1-7 pupils/ parents can access their home learning activities via Microsoft Teams. Pupils have their own usernames and passwords. If you have any difficulties at all do not hesitate to email your child's teacher or email Miss J Doherty (Vice Principal/ Home Learning Leader) jdoherty742@c2kni.net

(Teachers email address reminders are in this newsletter)

It is to be noted that this is not ideal for us all, but we must adhere to DE/PHA guidance. All we can do is to try our bestbetter days will come! Try to stay positive!



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 one that the parents of Nursery and Year 1 Pupils use). The Online Portal will open for applications on 1st March 2021 until 16th March 2021. Further information on the process will be available from the EA Website from 2nd February.

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.

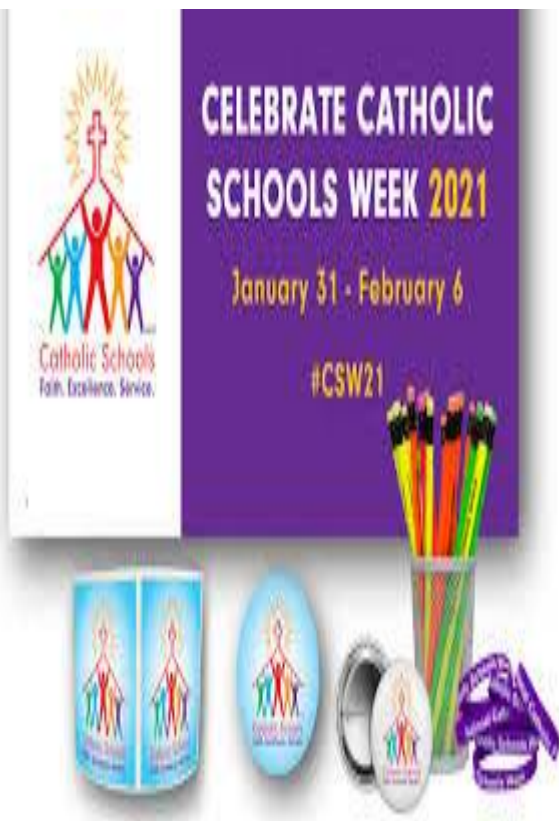


Post Primary Admissions
will take place online this year
The Online Portal will open on
1 March 2021 until 16 March
Regularly updated information and guidance
will be provided to parents by the EA and
schools over the coming months

For help and advice, parents/ guardians can contact our Admissions Helpdesk via
email: postprimaryadmissions@eani.org.uk

Parent Teacher Meetings

Due to the present restrictions we have not been able to host Parent / Teacher Meetings for the whole school in November (as we usually do). We will however review this and make arrangements in Term 2 in line with safety guidance. We have carried out valuable baseline assessments in Term 1 (Years 2-7) before Christmas to baseline our children's attainment post lockdown. We will keep in touch with you about the outcomes of these assessments in due course. It is to be noted that parents may email staff at any time to find out about the progress that your child is making at school and to ask any questions or raise any concerns that you might have. Many thanks in anticipation of your understanding in this matter.



The theme of Catholic Schools Week 2021: Communities of Faith and Resilience

This particular theme will be especially relevant given the pandemic experience that is effecting the entire country. The following will be the daily themes for CSW 2021:

- (1) Monday: Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith.**
- (2) Tuesday: Catholic Schools: Communities of Learning**
- (3) Wednesday: Catholic Schools: Communities of Love**
- (4) Thursday: Catholic Schools: Communities of Resilience**
- (5) Friday: Catholic Schools: Communities of Hope**

This year we think especially of our little pupils, parents, families and wider community as we try to progress through this pandemic. God bless you all.

We will update you regarding activities for Catholic Schools Week!

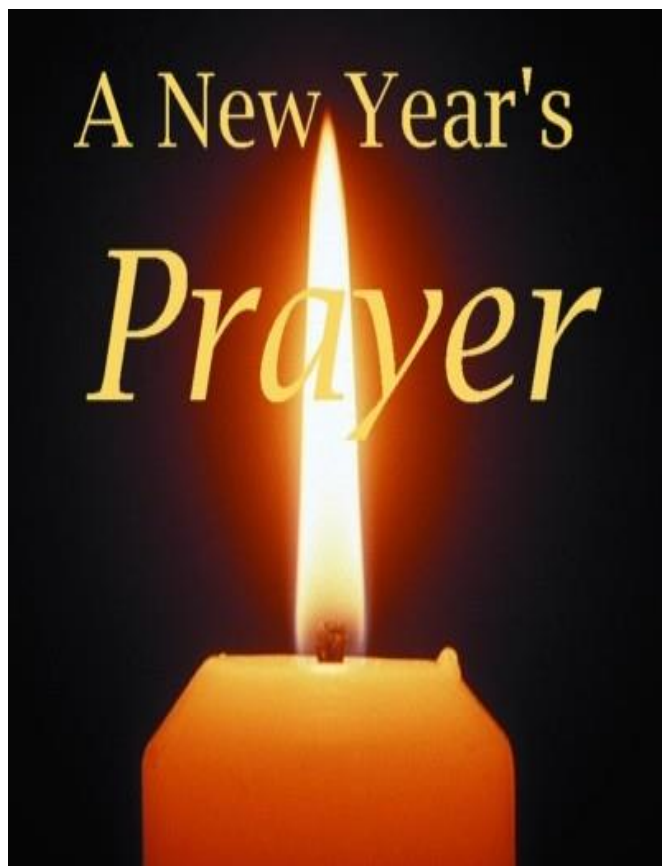
Prayer of the Month January

We remember
For all that has been
We give thanks.

We look forward
For all that will be
We say yes.

All time is God's time.
We let go of the past and
We welcome what is to come.

And all the time we pray in the
name of Jesus, who is the same
yesterday, today and forever. Amen



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

PATHS Quote of the Month January

A good friend knows how to
take turns, to encourage, to give
compliments, to share and to
allow their friends to have other
friends. Be a good friend today
and your friendships will grow.



Free School Meals Applications

If your child is not in receipt of Free School Meals and you are eligible to apply; it's not too late. Just apply online to the Education Authority www.eani.org.uk and make your application or alternatively you can ring 028 82 411411 for more information.

Don't miss out!



Free School Meals Payments during Lockdown

Parents of pupils entitled to Free School Meals will have payments made to their Bank Accounts during this period of lockdown.



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The COVID-19
contact tracing app
for Northern Ireland



Accelerated Reader (Years 3-7) and MyOn Digital Reading Apps (Years 1-7)

As we face another lockdown, we remind pupils and parents that we have two very valuable resources available for you to make use of and enjoy online which will really help your reading skills and understanding.

MyOn is where our little pupils can log in to access actual reading books online.

Accelerated Reader is then where our little pupils can login and complete little quizzes about the books that they have read.

Each child has their own login details. If anyone is unsure of these you can email your child's teacher or Mrs Connolly (Language and Literacy Leader) cconnolly309@c2kni.net



Introducing Mathletics App (Nursery- Year 7)

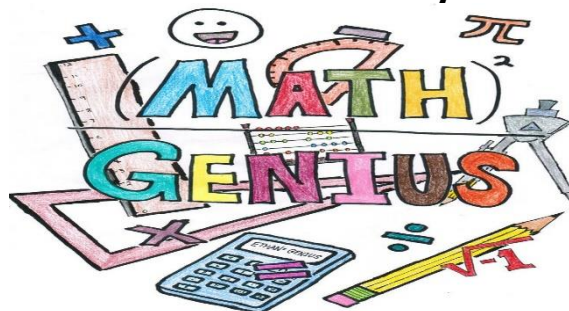
Mathletics provides a safe, encouraging maths learning environment that has the right level of challenge to help our little pupils grow, gain confidence in maths and achieve their best.

Most of all it provides a fun way of completing Maths at home.

We will provide you all with login details to use this app at home during this lockdown period!

We hope you have fun....

If you have any queries at all please email Miss J Doherty
jdoherty742@c2kni.net



Remote Learning Term 2

As you are aware, we are living in very strange times indeed in our community. COVID 19 infections have been on the rise in our locality and as a result we have been directed that all pupils should stay at home and access REMOTE HOME LEARNING provided by your child's class teacher.

Nursery Pupils:

We have arranged for Home Learning activities to be accessed via our school website in the Parent Home Learning Support Area www.stcatherinesps.co.uk (as our little Nursery Pupils do not yet have c2k usernames or passwords like the primary pupils do!)

Detailed Guidance will be emailed to all parents about this.

Years 1-7 Pupils:

We have arranged for school work to be made available for our children on line using a Microsoft Office APP called.....MICROSOFT TEAMS. This app is available to us all using our school computer system called C2K and therefore provides additional internet safety measures for our parents/ carers/ children going forward.

We will email you the following to help you access this work for your children at home ;

1. How to Download the Microsoft Teams App
2. Microsoft Teams Downloading...A Help Video
3. How to use Microsoft Teams for REMOTE LEARNING in TERM 2

If you follow this guidance carefully, you / your child will be able to access the relevant work that you can complete while in isolation. Please note that you will need your child's C2K Username and Password which have been shared with you already. If anyone has forgotten these just email staff and it can be reissued to you. It must be stressed again that if you have not supplied the school with your active email address, you and your child will miss out on this valuable home learning facility. If you wish to have your mail address placed on our system or have a new email address please send an email to Mrs Clare Kelly (Clerical Officer) ckelly452@c2kni.net detailing your name, your child's name and class teacher.

If you have any queries at all please do not hesitate to email your child's class teacher or Mrs. C. Deery (ICT Leader) cdeery308@c2kni.net

Or Miss J. Doherty (Vice Principal/ Home Learning Leader) jdoherty742@c2kni.net

Or Mrs B. Wilders (Principal) bwilders592@c2kni.net



REMINDER: Staff roles and Email addresses.

Staff Member	Class / Role	Email Address
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Looking after your mental health whilst home-schooling



TRY NOT TO STRESS - You don't have to take on the teacher's role. Focus on activities that will help stimulate the brain but also enable you and your kids to have fun in the process like reading, puzzles and arts and crafts.



ESTABLISH A ROUTINE - Studies show young people work better when they are in a routine. Why not create a simple timetable for the week? Take regular breaks and make time for exercise even from the comfort of your living room.



EAT A BALANCED DIET - This is essential for healthy brain function so try to include a variety of healthy foods in your family's diet. Get the kids involved by making a new recipe or baking some healthy treats!



GET CREATIVE - This is a great opportunity for you and your little ones to get creative. Create a poster about your favourite book, write a poem or use those extra loo roll tubes to make an art masterpiece!!



TAKE TIME FOR YOU! - Take time to look after yourself. Lead by example by eating healthily, taking part in physical exercise and relax by doing something that makes you happy.

AWARE
OVERCOMING DEPRESSION,
CHANGING LIVES.

Starting Nursery or Primary School in September 2021?

Do you have or do you know anyone who has a little child who is ready to start Nursery or Year 1 in September 2021 and would very much like to join our family here at St. Catherine's?

Normally we would have Open Afternoons in November/ December but due to the present COVID 19 Restrictions we have to make slight adjustments.

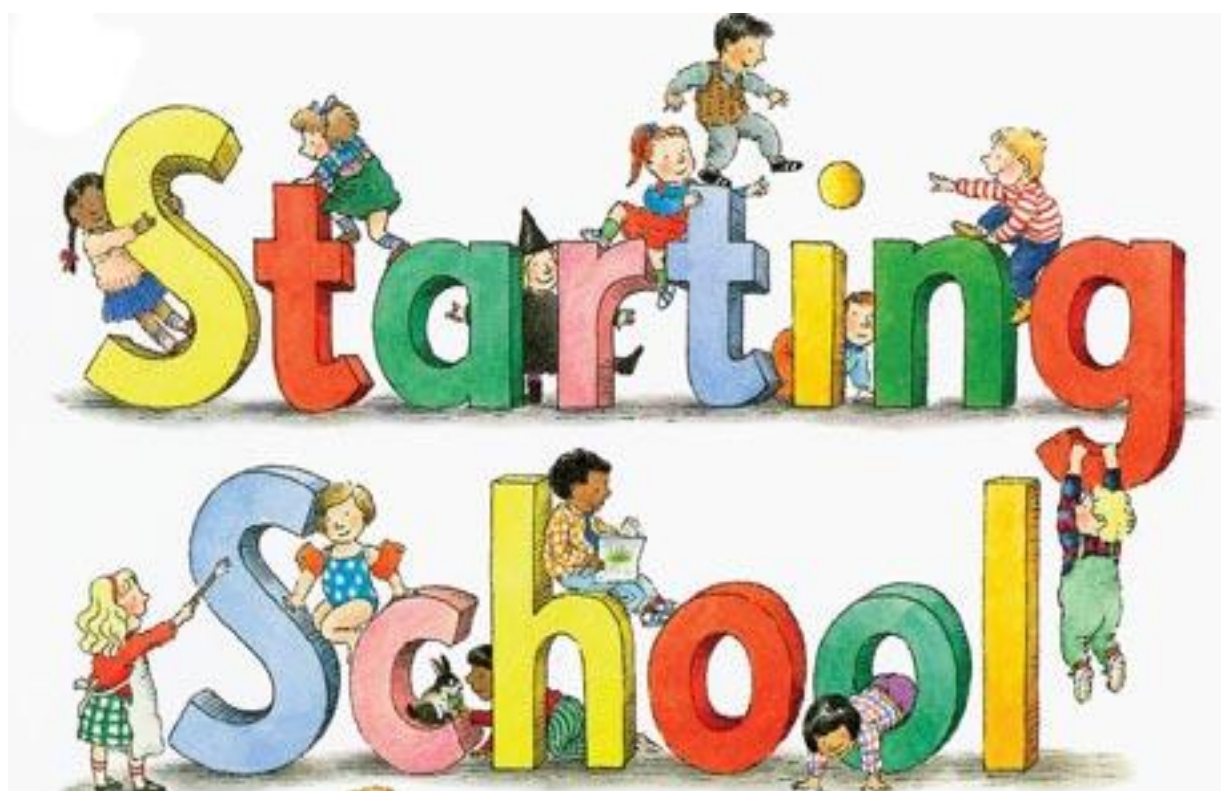
If anyone would like to have a tour of the school (either Nursery or Primary) and a talk with the Principal about the arrangements for starting school in September 2021, we will arrange a SOCIALLY DISTANCED APPOINTMENT and TOUR for you!! To arrange this you should just drop a little email to Mrs B. Wilders (Principal) at her email address bwilders592@c2kni.net and this can be arranged asap. 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 which is on our website which you can watch to learn a little more about our Nursery and Primary School. See links below.

Nursery: <https://www.stcatherinesps.co.uk/welcome-new-pupils/nursery/>

Primary One: <https://www.stcatherinesps.co.uk/welcome-new-pupils/year-1/>

See our next page for Guidance on how to apply for a place in our little 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 Thursday 7th JANUARY 2021 and will close at 12 Noon on Friday 29th JANUARY 2021.

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

We appreciate that this is 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 however you must email Mrs Clare Kelly (Admissions Officer) to make an appointment

Day /Date	Location	Morning Session (Must be prebooked)	Afternoon Session (Must be prebooked)
Monday 11th January	Senior School (Barrack Street Site)	9am-10am	1pm-2pm
Tuesday 12th January	Senior School (Barrack Street Site)	9am-10am	1pm-2pm
Wednesday 13th January	Senior School (Barrack Street Site)	9am-10am	1pm-2pm
Thursday 14th January	Senior School (Barrack Street Site)	9am-10am	1pm-2pm
Friday 15th January	Senior School (Barrack Street Site)	9am-10am	1pm-2pm
Monday 18th January	Senior School (Barrack Street Site)	9am-10am	1pm-2pm
Tuesday 19th January	Senior School (Barrack Street Site)	9am-10am	1pm-2pm
Wednesday 20th 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 bring a paper copy of their PROOF OF ADDRESS and their CHILD's BIRTH CERTIFICATE to their first preference school by 12 Noon on Friday 5th FEBRUARY at the latest.

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 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!)

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

to their first preference school by 5th FEBRUARY 2021 before 12 Noon at the latest.

How to find our Website, School App and Social Media Platforms

Our WEBSITE will be our main area for you to connect regarding FUTURE HOME SCHOOL LEARNING WHILST IN ISOLATION.

Our website address is www.stcatherinesps.co.uk



We also put notifications on our free school app

[St Catherine's PS, Strabane](#) feel free to download to your phone!



Please like/follow us on the following technologies we would like more followers!!

Facebook page called: [StCatherines PrimarySchool](#)

We share loads of links to resources and Learning Areas on here VERY REGULARLY. We also share pupils work here!



We have a Twitter Account called : [@StCatherinesPS](#)



We have an Instagram Account also : [St Catherine's Primary School](#)



Celebrating our January Birthdays

Happy birthday to you...Happy Birthday to you...Happy Birthday, Happy Birthday....Happy Birthday to you!

Halli Kellett-Carlin	Year 5	02 January
Edward Long	Year 1	02 January
Tiernan Smith	Year 7	04 January
Dara Moore	Year 1	08 January
Isaac Hammond	Year 2	09 January
Jamie Boyle	Year 6	12 January
Jayden Farrell	Year 4	16 January
Alina Deliasanova	Year 2	17 January
Clodagh Finan	Year 3	18 January
Ava Logue	Year 6	18 January
Mia Monaghan	Year 7	19 January
Mia Patton	Year 4	19 January
Cayden Doherty	Year 3	21 January
Ryley Gallagher	Year 5	21 January
Sara Love	Year 3	21 January
Kyra Whyte	Year 3	21 January
Fionn Fitzpatrick	Year 3	24 January
Ellie Diver	Year 5	26 January
Jayden Colhoun	Year N	27 January
Michael Connolly	Year 7	27 January
Darci Donnell	Year N	27 January
Conan Stewart	Year N	27 January
Aodhan Logue	Year 3	28 January
Fionn McGinty	Year 1	28 January
Brooke Earley	Year 6	31 January



Celebrating our February Birthdays

Happy birthday to you...Happy Birthday to you...Happy Birthday, Happy Birthday....Happy Birthday to you!

Lexie Clift	Year 7	02 February
Anya McFeeters	Year 1	02 February
Ella Whitham	Year 1	02 February
Patrick McLaughlin	Year 6	03 February
Kelsey Breslin	Year 4	05 February
Faith Crowley	Year 6	05 February
Sam Glenn	Year 3	05 February
Grace Sweeney	Year 2	05 February
Jayden Duggan	Year 5	06 February
Kristen McGinley	Year 7	06 February
Callum Burns	Year 5	07 February
Beth Conway	Year 4	07 February
Grace Conway	Year 4	07 February
Mila Foley-Gallagher	Year 1	07 February
Lucy Gallagher	Year N	07 February
James O'Connell	Year 1	08 February
Rhea McAdams	Year 1	09 February
Niamh Arbuckle	Year 2	10 February
Chloe Burns	Year 7	10 February
Connlai Gallagher	Year 6	10 February
Aodhan McLaughlin	Year 7	10 February
Nuala Arbuckle	Year 4	13 February
Connacht McCrory	Year 4	14 February
Alex McGonigle	Year 3	14 February
Brandon Moore	Year 5	14 February
Adam Friel	Year 7	15 February
Ayda Early	Year 3	16 February
Tanya McColgan	Year 7	16 February
Keegan Whyte	Year 5	17 February
Grace Carlin	Year 6	18 February
Grace Gallagher	Year 3	19 February
Milania Maguire	Year N	19 February
Martin O'Neill	Year 4	19 February
Makaida Friel	Year 2	20 February
Katie Craig	Year 4	21 February
Dwayne Callaghan	Year 6	23 February
Donna Stewart	Year 3	23 February
John James Campbell	Year 1	24 February
Kayce-Jai Duggan	Year 2	24 February
Paul McCrossan	Year 4	25 February
Emeli Montgomery	Year 4	25 February
Sienna Smith	Year 5	25 February
Grace McCosker	Year N	26 February
James Quinn	Year 4	26 February
Joe McElroy	Year 7	27 February
Maisie Brown	Year 5	28 February
Harlow Coulter	Year 6	28 February
Charlie Gilloway	Year 3	28 February





St. Catherine's Nursery & Primary School

January 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Christmas Holidays				1.	2.
3. Christmas Holidays	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.
				Online Admissions for Nursery & Year 1 opens at 12 noon		
10.	11. Home Learning Begins	12.	13.	14.	15.	16.
17.	18.	19.	20.	21.	22.	23.
24.	25.	26.	27.	28.	29. Online Admissions for Nursery & Year 1 closes at 12 noon	30.
31.						

A smile will light up the day.



