

# St. Catherine's Primary School

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**Monthly Note: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021**

**Check us out on our website: [www.stcatherinesps.co.uk](http://www.stcatherinesps.co.uk)**

## BREAKING NEWS

### Introducing ....Mathletics (Nursery - Year 7 Pupils) and Classroom Monkey (Years 4-7 Pupils)

To further enhance the Online Learning Provision, from our school, (in addition to MyOn and Accelerated Reading,) we have made available the following resources to you.....

1. Mathletics (Nursery – Year 7 Pupils) : This is where children can go on and try out sample Maths Activities, worksheets and play interactive Maths Games. This is great fun indeed for all pupils. Pupils can also earn points towards Mathletics Certificates....Bronze, Silver and ultimately Gold! Enjoy! We will update you every week during our Whole School Assembly.

2. Classroom Monkey (Years 4-7 Pupils): This is where a teacher (from Northern Ireland) provides active teaching videos and quizzes on maths and English topics for children. The videos are quirky and fun. Enjoy!

Further details on REMOTE LEARNING Provision in St. Catherine's during this lockdown is detailed further in this newsletter!! Read on!



## 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 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021 until 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021. Further information on the process will be available from the EA Website from 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:postprimaryadmissions@eani.org.uk)

## Prayer of the Month February

Angel of God, my guardian  
dear

To whom God's love commits  
me here

Ever this day be at my side

To light and guard,

To rule and guide,

Amen.

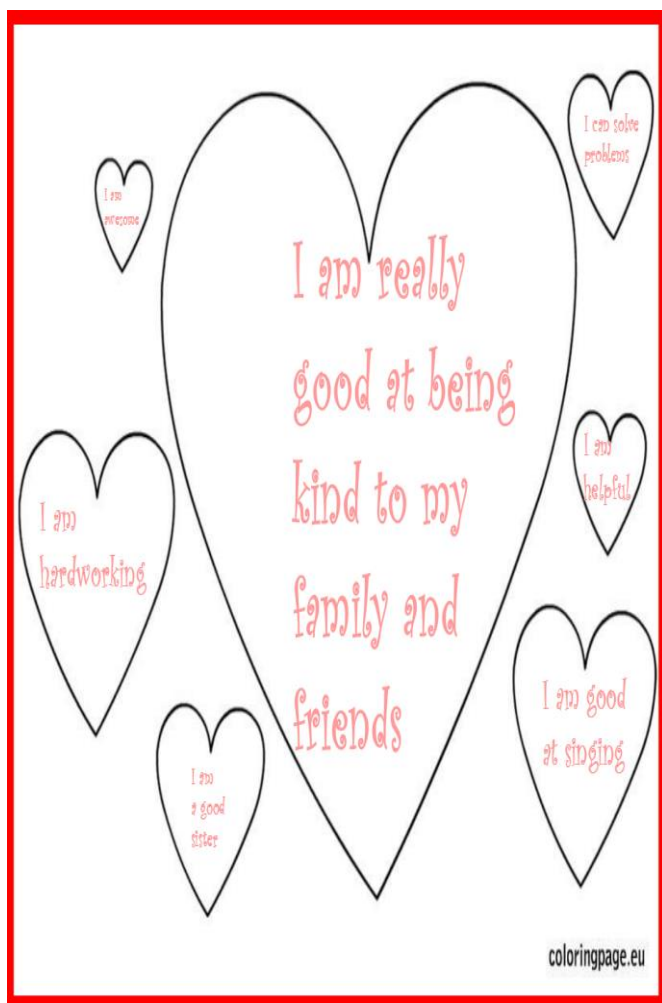
## Mid Term Break

Our February Mid Term Break will take place from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February until Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February INCLUSIVE. There will be no HOME LEARNING during this week for our little pupils, staff or indeed our parents! There will also be no childcare as the school building will be closed and all staff will be having a planned break.

Just enjoy the mid term together and spend time resting up as planned. You have all been working very hard in such challenging times, so take the break and enjoy it.....you deserve it!!



**For Valentine's day  
this year  
we want  
you to show kindness  
and love to yourself  
by designing a heart  
that is full of all your  
lovely qualities,  
talents and positive  
attributes**



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

PATHS Quote of the Month February

Remember to compliment yourself, you are awesome. By being yourself you put something beautiful and unique into the world.

Think of all your lovely qualities and give yourself a compliment today.

**Compliment Yourself!**



**PATHS™**  
The PATHS™ Programme for Schools (UK Version)  
Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies

Believe in  
children  
**Barnardo's**

**PATHS**  
EDUCATION WORLDWIDE



## 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](http://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.



# StopCOVID NI

DOWNLOAD THE APP NOW



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[nidirect.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://nidirect.gov.uk/coronavirus)



The COVID-19  
contact tracing app  
for Northern Ireland



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

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](mailto:cconnolly309@c2kni.net)



### Mathletics App (Nursery- Year 7)

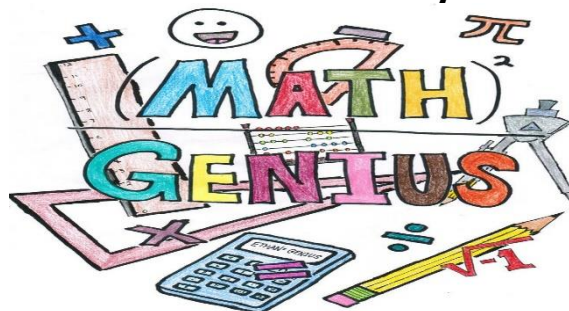
Mathletics provides a safe, encouraging maths learning environment that has the right level of challenge to help our little pupils grow, gain confidence in maths and achieve their best.

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

We have provided 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](mailto:jdoherty742@c2kni.net)



# Remote Learning Update Term 2

## 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](http://www.stcatherinesps.co.uk) (as our little Nursery Pupils do not yet have c2k usernames or passwords like the primary pupils do!)

Detailed Guidance has been emailed to all parents about this. Staff expect to receive work emailed to them from parents on behalf of their little children. Staff will correct this work and feedback to parents. In order to send the work back parents can just scan the work or take a photo of it and email it to their class teacher

Mrs Porter ([bporter544@c2kni.net](mailto:bporter544@c2kni.net)) Mrs Mc Corkell ([tmccorkell825@c2kni.net](mailto:tmccorkell825@c2kni.net))

In addition to this Nursery Pupils have been given usernames and passwords for MATHLETICS. They can also use this app to practise all early maths skills! Exciting.



## 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 have emailed 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](mailto:ckelly452@c2kni.net) detailing your name, your child's name and class teacher.

We expect that EVERY CHILD should log into Microsoft TEAMS every day. Staff can see if every child is logging into TEAMS and for how long they were logged in!! We are so keen that each and every child has access to TEAMS and can see all the updates, school work for the week, avail of interactive games, videos, live sessions, whole school assemblies etc

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](mailto:cdeery308@c2kni.net)

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

Or Mrs B. Wilders (Principal) [bwilders592@c2kni.net](mailto:bwilders592@c2kni.net)

## **REMINDER: Staff roles and Email addresses.**

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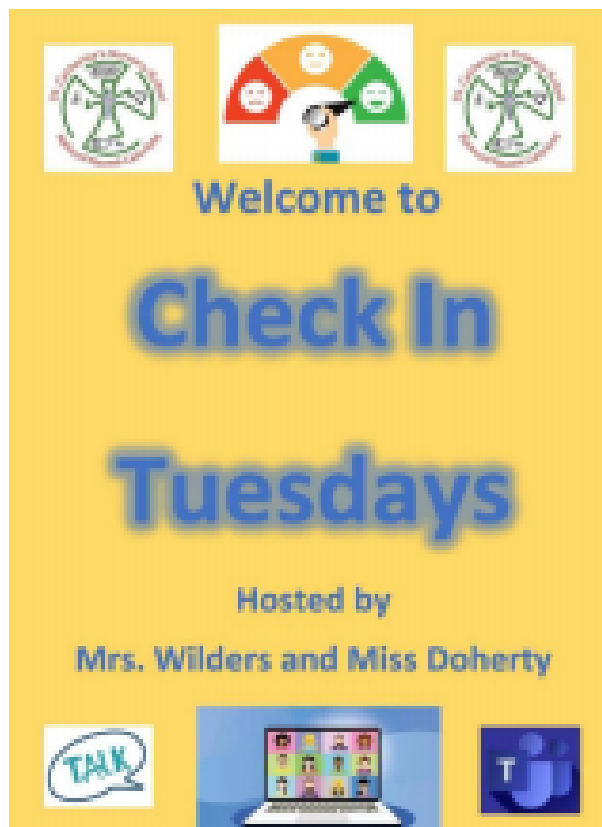


# Check In Tuesdays

Hi Everyone!!!

Exciting News!!!

Why not join us so we can see how everyone is getting on!!!



Time	Class
9.30am – 9.45am	P7A Mrs McGranaghan 🧑🏫
9.55am – 10.10am	P7B Mrs Deery 🧑🏫
10.20am – 10.35am	P7C Miss Keyes 🧑🏫
10.45am – 11.00am	P6A Mr McGuigan 🧑🏫
11.10am – 11.25am	P6B Mrs Daly 🧑🏫
11.35am – 11.50am	P5A Mrs Gormley 🧑🏫
12.00pm – 12.15pm	P5B Mrs Connolly 🧑🏫
Lunch	Lunch
1.00pm – 1.15pm	P5C Miss Whoriskey 🧑🏫
1.25pm – 1.40pm	P4A Miss Kelly 🧑🏫
1.50pm – 2.05pm	P4B Mrs Vaughan 🧑🏫
2.30pm – 2.45pm	P3A Ms McGowan 🧑🏫
2.55pm – 3.10pm	P3B Mrs McLaughlin 🧑🏫
3.20pm – 3.35pm	P2A Mrs McGlynn 🧑🏫
3.45pm – 4.00pm	P2B Mrs Carlin 🧑🏫
4.10pm – 4.25pm	P1A Mrs Doherty 🧑🏫
4.35pm – 4.50pm	P1B Miss Hutton 🧑🏫

Join us LIVE on TEAMS.

See you on Tuesday!!!





# 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.

# 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](http://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 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

## February 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1. Feast of St Brigid	2. Check In Tuesdays Candlemas Day	3.	4.	5. Whole School Weekly Update Assembly	6.
National Storytelling Week →						
7.	8.	9. Check In Tuesdays  Safer Internet Day	10.	11.	12. Whole School Weekly Update Assembly Chinese New Year Year of the OX Virtual Celebration 11am-12 Noon	13.
14.  Mid Term Break	15.	16.	17.	18.	19.	20.
		Pancake Tuesday	Ash Wednesday			
21.	22.	23. Check In Tuesdays	24.	25.	26. Whole School Weekly Update Assembly	27.
28.						

Happiness is being among friends.





