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Monthly Note: Monday 1st March 2021

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BREAKING NEWS

Return to Face to Face Teaching for Nursery, Years 1, 2 and 3 Pupils

Mr Weir (Minister for Education) announced that pupils will return to face to face teaching in school on a phased return basis. Nursery, Year 1, 2 and 3 Pupils will return to school on Monday 8th March. The minister has stated that they will return to school for two full weeks and then should go back to remote learning again week commencing Monday 22nd March until Easter. The minister has stated that he is hopeful that all pupils will return to school as soon as possible after the Easter Break. See Full details in a separate letter from us which will be emailed to you and text linked to you also. We cannot wait to see you all!

Years 4, 5, 6 and 7 pupils will remain at home with Remote Learning until further notice. We sincerely hope that all pupils will make a FULL return to face to face teaching after Easter. If any of the information

From DE changes we will let you know immediately.



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.

If you need support with the online application please email Mrs. Clare Kelly to arrange an appointment at ckelly452@c2kni.net

If your child has a statement of Special Educational Needs you will go to school for 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

Easter Holidays

School will close for the planned Easter Holiday on Thursday 1st April half day at 12 Noon. Children who avail of childcare in school should be collected at 12 Noon on this day. School will reopen as usual on Monday 12th April.

Hopefully we will all be back in school again after the Easter Break.

We await further guidance on all of this from the Department of Education and Mr Weir (Minister for Education)

St. Patrick's Day

School will be closed for the St. Patrick's Day Planned Holiday on Wednesday 17th March. Remote Learning and face to face teaching will NOT take place on this day but will resume again as usual on Thursday 18th March.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!



Prayer of the Month for March

Dear Jesus

Please help us to be kind,
patient and helpful to
each other during Lent.
Help us to follow
directions the first time
we are asked.

Amen



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

PATHS Quote of the Month March

Sometimes you have to
struggle to succeed.
Remember you get stronger
and grow through effort,
making mistakes and
trying hard.



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

Believe in
children
Barnardo's

PATHS
EDUCATION WORLDWIDE

Moy Park Challenge Competition

The
Moy park
Challenge



Are you aged 8-12?

As the new Moy park Project Manager your first job is to create a new and exciting chicken product or meal that will encourage people in Northern Ireland to eat more chicken.

What you need to do:

- Create a colourful and detailed A4 poster advertising your product with a logo and slogan.

Then tell us about your idea and product using:

- A Word document with 200 words max. or
- A video lasting no more than 60 seconds

You could win up to £50 in vouchers and your creation will be shared across our social media channels!
Closing date for entries is Friday 19 March

Find out all you need to know at:

www.yeni.co.uk/moyparkchallenge

Supporting Marie Curie Nurses

Something a little bit different; This week our school will Step Up and Support Marie Curie Nurses this week and all Health Care Workers who are tirelessly working during this pandemic!

This week, as a school, we are raising awareness for Marie Curie (a wonderful charity). Try some of these activities this week to show your support;

- We are asking you as a family to take part in a daily daffodil walk for this week - great for your Mental Health and Wellbeing!
- On Wednesday you can dress down for the day or wear your best attire!
- Create a daffodil poster with Marie Curie written on it.

Please MESSAGE photos of your walks, wearing yellow and daffodil posters to our School Facebook Page and post on Microsoft TEAMS for your friends and teachers to see!

World Book Day Competition

We are asking our little children to write a little bit about their favourite book and to illustrate their piece of writing. You should also check out Microsoft Teams and listen to the World Book Day Rap!

Please send your writing and illustration to your teacher NO LATER than WEDNESDAY 3rd March. A winner will be chosen from each class and this will be posted on TEAMS on Thursday 4th March (World Book Day)

A World Book Day prize will be given to each winner when we can all return to school and the winner will also get 30 house points for their House. Every child who enters will also get 10 House Points for their House.

So let's get writing about and drawing about our favourite books!! Good luck!



Care and support
through terminal illness

Prayer idea attributed to Pope Francis. Try this with your children at home during lent.

Pope Francis' five finger prayer guide.

- 1.** The thumb is the closest finger to you. So start praying for those who are closest to you. They are the persons easiest to remember. To pray for our dear ones is a "sweet obligation."
- 2.** The next finger is the index. Pray for those who teach you, instruct you and heal you. They need the support and wisdom to show direction to others. Always keep them in your prayers.
- 3.** The following finger is the tallest. It reminds us of our leaders, the governors and those who have authority. They need God's guidance.
- 4.** The fourth finger is the ring finger. Even that it may surprise you, it is our weakest finger. It should remind us to pray for the weakest, the sick or those plagued by problems. They need your prayers.
- 5.** And finally we have our smallest finger, the smallest of all. Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. When you are done praying for the other four groups, you will be able to see your own needs but in the proper perspective, and also you will be able to pray for your own needs in a better way.



REMINDER: Staff roles and Email addresses.

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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.

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 March Birthdays

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

Forename	Year	DOB
Chloe McNulty	Year 5	01 March
Frayah Wallace	Year N	01 March
Finnian Diver – Kerr	Year 1	02 March
Charlie Doherty	Year 3	06 March
Harry Fleming	Year 1	06 March
Antonia Moore	Year 3	07 March
James Gormley	Year 7	08 March
Isla McDaid	Year 1	08 March
Aaron Neeson	Year 6	08 March
Isla Goodall	Year 5	10 March
Kayli O'Neill	Year 2	10 March
Hallie Wilders	Year 3	11 March
Josh Caulfield	Year 2	12 March
Dylan Barr	Year 5	14 March
Ryan Gallagher	Year 4	15 March
Mia Doherty	Year 3	18 March
Tony McGettigan	Year 2	18 March
Cain Kenndy	Year N	20 March
Shane Stewart	Year 2	20 March
Olivia Donaghey	Year 6	22 March
Kayden Gormley	Year 5	22 March
Victoria Kostucha	Year N	23 March
Lily McDaid	Year 4	23 March
Matthew Catterson	Year 7	24 March
Adam Caulfield	Year 4	25 March
Amy Deans	Year 3	25 March
Lola-Mae McKane	Year 7	25 March
Ella-Rose McKane	Year 3	27 March
Caoimhin McCafferty	Year 2	28 March
Saerlaith McCrossan	Year N	28 March
Mexes Patton	Year 3	28 March
Arrah Breslin	Year 7	29 March
Zoe Healy	Year 7	29 March
Shea McCrossan	Year 7	30 March





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March 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1. P7 Post Primary Online Applications Portal open at 12 noon.	2.	3.	4. World Book Day	5.	6.
7.	8. Face to Face Teaching for Nursery to Year 3 in school Remote Learning for Years 4 - 7	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.
14. Census Day	15. Face to Face Teaching for Nursery to Year 3 in school Remote Learning for Years 4 - 7	16. P7 Post Primary Online Applications close at 4pm	17. St Patrick's Day School Closed	18.	19. Moy Park Challenge Competition Closing Date.	20.
21.	22. Remote Learning again for all pupils for Nursery – Year 7 until Easter	23.	24.	25.	26.	27.
28. Palm Sunday	29. Holy Week	30.	31.	1 st April Holy Thursday, School closes half day with staggered collection times as per PHA/DE Guidance.		

A handshake today could be a reward tomorrow.

