

# St. Catherine's Primary School

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Monthly Note: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

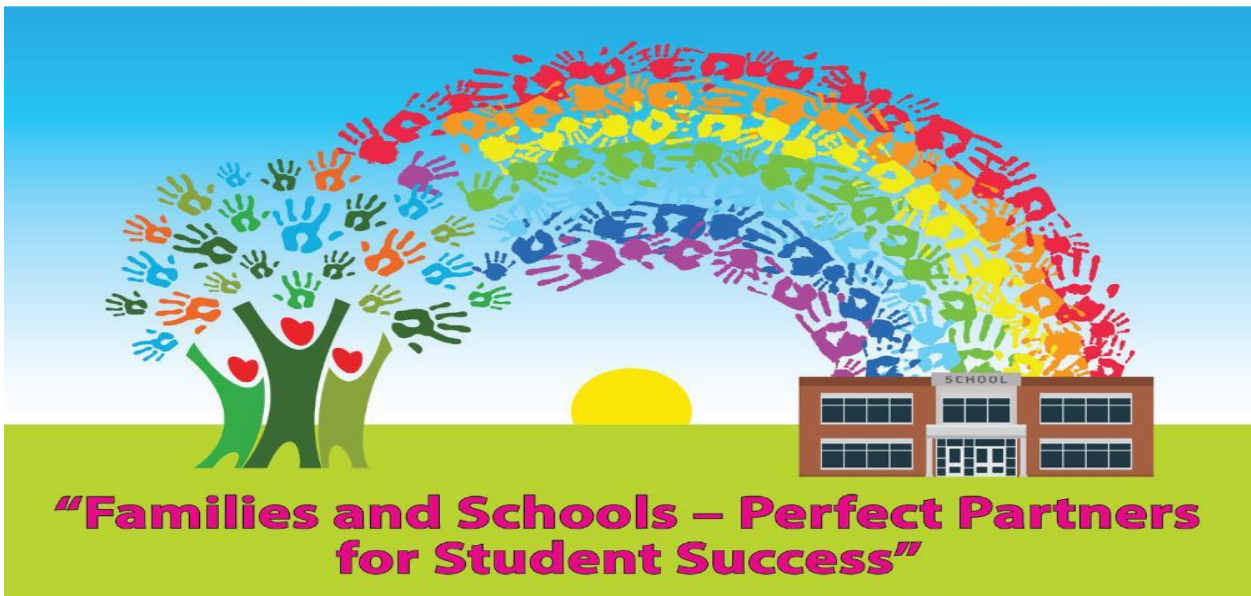
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## BREAKING NEWS

### Return to Face to Face Teaching for all Pupils

We have all finally been reunited as a school family from Nursery to Year 7 and we are truly delighted! Let's enjoy! As always if you have any concerns at all about your child transitioning back into school do not hesitate to email your child's teacher or email Miss Doherty (Vice Principal/ Learning Support Leader)

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### Holy Thursday Staggered Collection Times

(To promote Social Distancing and avoid parental/pupil congestion as per DE/PHA Guidance)

**Nursery Room 1 Collection Time:  
11.30am**

**Nursery Room 2 Collection Time:  
11.35am**

**Year 1 A Collection Time : 11.30am**

**Year 1 B Collection Time: 11.35am**

**Year 2 A Collection Time: 11.45am**

**Year 2 B Collection Time: 11.50am**

**Year 3 A Collection Time: 11.30am**

**Year 3 B Collection Time : 11.35am**

**Year 4 A Collection Time: 11.45am**

**Year 4 B Collection Time: 11.50am**

**Year 5 A Collection Time: 11.50am**

**Year 5 B Collection Time: 11.55am**

**Year 5 C Collection Time: 12 Noon**

**Year 6 A Collection Time: 11.40am**

**Year 6 B Collection Time : 11.45am**

**Year 7 A Collection Time: 11.35am**

**Year 7 B Collection Time: 11.35am**

**Year 7 C Collection Time : 11.35am**

### Easter Holidays

School will close for the planned Easter Holiday on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April half day at staggered times before 12 Noon.

(See ←←)

School will reopen as usual on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April. (Please note there is a new canteen menu after Easter. See below in the note.



## Health and Safety Notice:

### Outdoor Play Area Near Year 1 B and Year 2 A Classrooms

There is an outdoor playtrail near the entrance to Year 1 B and Year 2 A classrooms. This is for use by pupils during outdoor play in school when supervised by school staff; for safety reasons. We respectfully request that parents/ carers who are collecting pupils in the afternoon do not permit children to use this equipment as there are no staff available at this time to supervise. Thanks for your understanding.



## Uniform Recycling

We recycle items of our school uniform all year round especially school jumpers and kilts but we welcome all donations. Due to Covid 19 we know that people have been wary of donating but if anyone has any pieces of uniform that you feel are now too small for your child and would benefit another child then please feel free to donate. You can ring the school to arrange a drop off to our recycling banks. Many thanks for all your generosity to date.



## After School Clubs

In a letter received from Mr Weir (Minister for Education) on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021, he advises that there are to be no after school clubs or breakfast clubs just yet in school.

If this advice changes, we will let you know.



## Holy Communion Postponed

Bishop Mc Keown has notified us that Holy Communion for Year 4 Pupils has been postponed until September 2021 when these pupils will just have begun Year 5 due to the ongoing restrictions as a result of the COVID 19 Pandemic. This was the same as last year. When new dates have been agreed we will let you know asap. We are sorry for any inconvenience that this may cause.





# Prayer of the Month for April

Oh my God,  
I thank You for loving me, I am sorry for all my sins; for not loving others and not loving You.  
Help me to live like Jesus and not sin again.  
Amen



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

## PATHS Quote of the Month March

Everyone has an invisible bucket that can be filled up with kind words and actions. You can be a bucket filler when you are kind and thoughtful to others, it also fills up your bucket, as doing good deeds and giving compliments makes you feel good too. Be a bucket filler today by sharing your kindness with others.



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

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children  
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**PATHS**  
EDUCATION WORLDWIDE

## May Week Holiday

**REMINDER:** Due to the early start in August this year, we have a May Week Holiday this year only.

School will be closed from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May inclusive.  
School will open again as usual on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May.

School will also be closed on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May for the planned Bank Holiday.



## Year 7 Confirmation Masses Planned for June 2021

Fr. Boland planned the dates below with us for the Year 7 Confirmation this year.

Year 7A (Miss McGranaghan's Class): Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May @11am

Year 7B (Mrs. Deery's Class): Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May @2pm

Year 7C (Miss Keye's Class): Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June @11am

However the latest notice from Bishop Mc Keown this week (due to the ongoing Covid 19 restrictions) is that this will be reviewed by him in May so these may be subject to change. We will let you know about any upcoming change as soon as we know. So sorry for any inconvenience and uncertainty that this has caused.



# Year 7 Transition Workshops

We have organized workshops for our Year 7 Pupils to consider their concerns ahead of Transitioning from Primary to Post Primary School in September. These workshops will be facilitated by REIM SOLUTIONS.

There will first be a Parent / Pupil Transition Workshop (Via ZOOM) on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April @7pm. We will send you the link for this meeting via email and we look forward to welcoming all Year 7 Pupils and their parents.

Then we will host a workshop for each Year 7 Class in school during the rest of the week where a facilitator will come into school to work with our children on this very important programme. A letter will be sent to you before the workshops so that you can give your permission for your child to take part in the programme.

Year 7 A (School Workshop) : Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April

Year 7 B (School Workshop) : Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April

Year 7 C (School Workshop) : Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April

## New Secondary School





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

Staff Member	Class / Role	Email Address
Mrs Bridget Wilders	Principal	<a href="mailto:bwilders592@c2kni.net">bwilders592@c2kni.net</a>
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## Summer Uniform

Every year, children may wear their Summer Uniform when the weather gets a little warmer. Therefore children may wear their Summer Uniform (only if they choose to) from **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May after the May Break.**

**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.

It is to be noted that our 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.

## Summer Uniform

### Girls



Light blue and white checked  
dress

White full length/ ankle socks



Children can wear their  
Jumper/ Cardigan all  
year round

### Boys



White polo shirt  
Navy trouser shorts/ trousers  
Navy/ black socks

All children should wear plain black shoes/ trainers



# Message from EWO Service

If parents are struggling trying to make the transition from Remote Learning at Home back into Face to Face Learning at school, EWO service encourage parents to make contact directly with the school or alternatively contact the EWO Officer on the contact number/ email below.



## Parent Care Call

Education Welfare  
Service  
Strabane Office

In the coming weeks, all pupils will move from home-schooling and back into their respective schools.

The majority of pupils will return to school with little or no issues, however there will be some who will find the transition from home-schooling more challenging.

For some parents/guardians this could be an anxious time and some may encounter difficulties getting their child back to school, perhaps due to health, emotional, social or academic worries.

To support parents through the transition period, the Education Welfare Service in Strabane is offering a Parent Care Call service.

This is aimed at helping those parents/guardians identified by their child's school, as struggling with the process and in need of additional support.

Parents.....



Are you worried about your child returning to school?

Do you feel you would like some additional help?

Would you like to have a listening ear?

Would you like someone to talk to?

## *Parent Care Call...*

- Schools should identify parents/guardians who are having concerns/difficulties.
- Schools should support the parent/guardian in the first instance.
- Schools should consider contacting the Education Welfare Service if appropriate.
- Schools should provide the Education Welfare Service with contact details for parents/guardians and a brief overview of the issues.
- An Education Welfare Officer will contact the parent/guardian directly by phone, listen to their concerns and support accordingly.
- The Education Welfare Officer will notify the school of the outcome and advise of any next steps.

Contact:

Trevor Smyth EWO 07826866485  
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# 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 April Birthdays .....*

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

Name	Year	DOB
Niamh Lafferty	Year 6	01 April
Aodhan McGranaghan	Year 6	01 April
Caiden Sweeney	Year 5	03 April
Jack Caldwell	Year 7	05 April
Saoirse Logan	Year 5	06 April
Lewis Dolan	Year 4	07 April
James Gallagher	Year N	08 April
Cassie McLaughlin	Year 3	10 April
Cara Vaughan	Year 3	10 April
Riley Porter	Year 6	11 April
Arijus Urbsys	Year 1	11 April
Danny Downey	Year 1	14 April
Matthew Tighe	Year 7	14 April
Ruby Mullen	Year N	15 April
Ronan Neeson	Year 5	16 April
Thomas Berrigan	Year 5	18 April
Morayo Odeyemi	Year 5	18 April
Adam Boyle	Year 4	19 April
Layla Rose O'Donnell	Year 4	19 April
Tyler McAdams	Year 5	20 April
Ethan Quigley	Year 6	20 April
Dakota Wilders	Year 4	20 April
Kyra Karen Barkley	Year 7	21 April
Jessica Conwell-Peoples	Year N	22 April
Ava Kelly	Year 4	22 April
Ciaran McGlynn-Sweeney	Year 1	22 April
Aoibhe Elliott	Year 7	24 April
Lorcan Love	Year 6	24 April
Millie Doherty	Year N	25 April
Kaiden Jones	Year 6	25 April
Alfie Kelly	Year N	26 April
Daniel Healy	Year 6	27 April
Rhea Burns	Year 2	28 April
Leah McCarron	Year N	28 April
Connor McDevitt	Year 6	28 April







# St. Catherine's Nursery & Primary School

## April 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1. Holy Thursday Easter Holidays Half Day with staggered collections times.	2. Good Friday	3.
4. Easter Sunday	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.
<b>Easter Holidays</b>						
11.	12. School reopens for all pupils.	13.	14.	15.	16.	17.
18.	19.	20.	21.	22.	23.	24.
25.	26.	27. P7 REIM Solutions: Transition Workshop 1 (Parents & Children) via ZOOM @ 7pm	28.	29. P7 REIM Solutions: Transition Workshop 2  In school:  P7A: 9:15am – 11:15am	30. P7 REIM Solutions: Transition Workshop 2 In school: P7B 9:15am – 11:15am  P7C: 11:30am – 12:30pm 1.15pm – 1.45pm	

A worry shared is a worry halved.



# Summer Menu 12th April Onwards

**school  
food**

*try something new today*

[www.schoolfoodni.com](http://www.schoolfoodni.com)

**Fresh bread, cheese & crackers, seasonal salads, fresh fruit, chilled yoghurt, water & milk available daily**

**If you require any additional information on allergens or special diet please contact the school in the first instance**



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week One</b>	Packed Lunch	Packed lunch	Packed lunch	Packed lunch	Packed lunch
26-Apr-21 31-May-21 28-Jun-21	Oven roasted sausages Baked Beans/peas Mashed Potato  Frozen yoghurt	Home-made chicken goujons sweetcorn Herb diced Potatoes  Flakemeal Biscuit	Roast turkey crown roast/mashed potatoes cauliflower stuffing/roast gravy  Home made cookie	Breaded oven baked fish steamed mixed vegetables Mashed Potato  Home-made fruit muffin	100% NI beef burger in a sesame roll sweetcorn Chipped potatoes  Ice cream tub
<b>Week Two</b>	Packed Lunch	Packed lunch	Packed lunch	Packed lunch	Packed lunch
10-May-21 07-Jun-21	Breaded oven baked fish Oven roasted dice potato potatoes/mixed vegetables  Homemade shortbread	Homemade pasta bologanise Crusty roll sweetcorn/salad  Fruit Jelly	Roast NI chicken roast/mashed potatoes Carrots stuffing/roast gravy  Artic Roll	Savoury mince Mashed potatoes steamed mixed vegetables & beans  Flakemeal biscuit	NI pork sausage served in a soft finger roll topped with saute onions Chipped potatoes  Ice cream tub
<b>Week Three</b>	Packed lunch	Packed lunch	Packed lunch	Packed lunch	Packed lunch
12-Apr-21 17-May-21 14-Jun-21	Savoury pizza with fresh toppings Baby baked potatoes green beans  Frozen yoghurt	Golden Fish fingers or Salmon fish cakes Baby baked potatoes broccoli & beans  Home-made fruit muffin	Roast loin of NI pork roast/mashed potatoes peas stuffing/roast gravy  Decorated sponge & custard	Succulent home-made chicken goujons/garlic dip Oven roasted herb dice potatoes & peas  Fruit Jelly	100% NI beef burger in a sesame roll sweetcorn Chipped potatoes  Ice cream & Fruit
<b>Week Four</b>	Packed lunch	Packed lunch	Packed lunch	Packed lunch	Packed lunch
19-Apr-21 24-May-21 21-Jun-21	Golden Fish fingers or Oven roasted dice potato green beans baked beans  Flakemeal biscuit	Hearty home-made chicken curry & rice made with fresh N.I. produce garlic cubes Fresh fruit pot	Roast Gammon roast/mashed potatoes Carrots stuffing/roast gravy  Artic Roll	chicken bites tossed salad. Creamy mash Carrots  Homemade shortbread	NI pork sausage served in a soft finger roll topped with saute onions Chipped potatoes  Ice cream tub

**Packed Lunch:**

1. Freshly cut sandwiches/baguette/flour tortilla
2. Whole milk or spring water
3. Salad tub or vegetable sticks
4. Vanilla rice pot/jelly pot/whole fresh fruit/homemade biscuit or chose from desserts above

(packed lunch includes one item from each group)

*try something new today*