

St. Catherine's Nursery School

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Monthly Note: Monday 8th April 2024

Check us out on our website: www.stcatherinesps.co.uk

Please Keep us updated!

Have you moved house to a new address?

Have you changed your mobile phone number?

Have you changed your email address?

Then please tell us!

We may have incorrect contact details for you and therefore may not be able to contact you with important information about your child. We will also be sending out End of Year Reports in June which will require us to have the correct address for you on the computer system. We appreciate you keeping us updated! Thank you!

If you have changed any information at all please contact the school office by phone and update any member of the clerical team or failing that email Mrs Clare Kelly (Personnel Officer) on ckelly452@c2kni.net



KEEP IN TOUCH

Prayer of the Month April
Act of Sorrow

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 April

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



Have you filled



a bucket today?





Waste Free Lunch

Can you help us to reduce our waste by taking part in our “Waste Free Wednesdays”? Every Wednesday earn house points by bringing a Waste free lunch to school.

You could use a **lunchbox with compartments, small reusable plastic containers and reusable drinks bottles.**

The benefits to a plastic-free lunchbox is a reduction in the amount of waste sent to the landfill. Plastic takes up to 1,000 years to decompose.

Together we can make a difference to our environment.



Health and Safety Appeal

JUNIOR SCHOOL SITE: There is a raised area at the front of the Junior School Site, outside the offices. This area was previously covered in overgrown shrubs. These have been removed. It has been brought to our attention that some young children are exploring this rather steep area of land which can be a health and safety risk due to the large number of stones present and the edged stone perimeter. We try, where possible to prevent accidents. We respectfully request that all parents/ carers/ childminders DO NOT PERMIT children to explore this area to prevent falls and other accidents.

SENIOR SCHOOL SITE: There is a raised area with stones and a wall at the front of the site. It has also been brought to our attention that some very young Nursery children are exploring this area at home time collection. Again we request that all parents/ carers/ childminders DO NOT PERMIT children to explore this area to prevent falls and more serious accidents for our youngest learners!

We thank you for your support in this matter.



Encouraging School Attendance!

We are delighted that we have no further challenges to our little children attending face to face teaching and learning in school like we suffered during Covid. To this end, we ask for parents support by encouraging school attendance every day when school is open and available. We understand that from time to time a child may be ill and if this happens please email the teacher or ring the school so that the correct absence code can be recorded for your child to explain the absence. This is vitally important.

Our school policy aims for at least 90% school attendance for every child. Help us to achieve this. To this end we will be giving out termly **BREAKFAST CLUB VOUCHERS** for any child who achieves 90% and more attendance. (Previously we gave for 100% but in order to support and encourage our children trying so hard we will give these vouchers now for any child who achieves between 90-100%). Thank you for your



Please see below Dogs in School Policy Statement.

This has been agreed to relieve concerns from pupils and parents regarding dogs on our school grounds. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Guidance on bringing dogs into schools

With reference to potential risks to children involving dogs in the school grounds, the Board of Governors have taken the decision that dogs are no longer permitted on the school premises or grounds.

It is known that most dog owners are responsible and take care to control their dogs. It is also known that dogs are great family pets and many parents and children get great enjoyment having their dogs around.

However, the behaviour of dogs when in close proximity to other dogs and small children can be unpredictable. The nature of a school at busy times is such that over-excitement is much more likely to occur than generally would be the case. No one can be absolutely certain how their dog will behave in an environment as dynamic as a school playground and the presence of dogs in this environment is potentially dangerous.

Dog fouling is also an issue that presents a problem in school as it is clearly unsafe to have children playing on the grass areas where dog faeces are present.

The Education Authority Western Region have taken the advice of the local dog wardens around this issue and are confident that this is the best course of action to reduce the risks that dogs present.

We appreciate that dogs have different personalities and characteristics but we have to have a policy which is fair and consistent for everyone.

Exceptions

- The school is not anti-dogs and there may be occasions when the school wishes to bring dogs or other animals onto the premises to help with a topic the children are studying. The dogs/animals however will be from a recognised organisation that can show evidence that the dogs/animals has been tested in regard to its training and behaviour around children.
- Guide dogs, hearing dogs and therapy dogs will be permitted on the premises when an appropriate risk assessment has been carried out

This school policy will come into effect from 1 February 2024



Do this in Memory First Holy Communion Programme 2023 2024 for Year 4 Pupils and their Families.

Fr Boland warmly invites you all.....

PARENTS INDUCTION MEETING about Holy Communion Preparation this year on

MONDAY 13th November in the JUNIOR SCHOOL Assembly Hall at 7pm.

And then to the following Family Masses.....



DATES AND TIMES OF THE MASSES OF DO THIS IN MEMORY 2023 2024

Enrolment Sunday (Feast of Christ the King)

Sunday, 26 November 2023 at 12 Noon

Saturday, 13 January 2024 at 6.30pm

Sunday, 3 March 2024 at 10am

Saturday, 23 March 2024 at 6.30pm

*Saturday, 20 April 2024 at 11am (Year 4 A) & 2pm (Year 4 B)
First Holy Communion*

Sunday, 2 June 2024

Feast of Ascension

*Procession from Grotto to Church of the Immaculate Conception for 12 Noon Mass in Holy
Communion Outfits*



Community Support Notice

If your family or any family that you know needs any emergency help for Christmas

Help can be sought by contacting the Society of St. Vincent De Paul.

The helpline number is 07784037066.

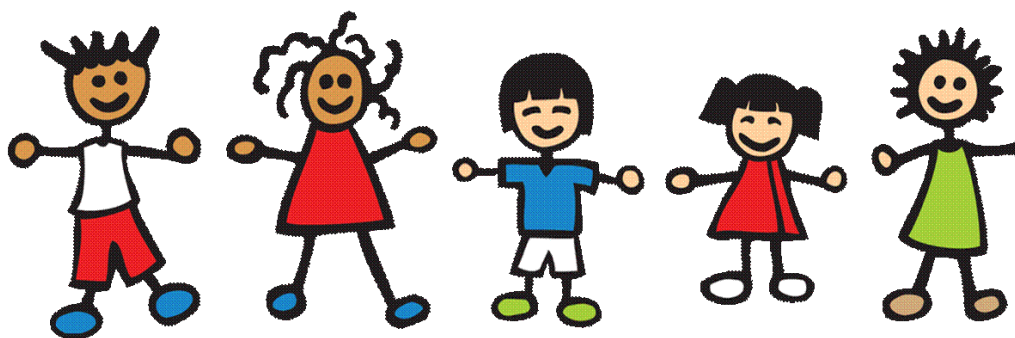
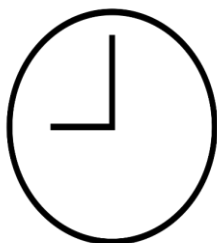
When the helpline number is rung; please leave the name, address and telephone number in a message seeking help and the type of assistance needed. (For example food vouchers, oil vouchers etc).



School Start Times and Collection Times

Year Group	Drop off / Collection Point	Start Time	Finish Time
Nursery Room 1	Nursery Room 1 External Door	9am-9.30am	1.30pm- 1.40pm
Nursery Room 2	Nursery Room 2 External Door	9am-9.30am	1.30pm- 1.40pm
Year 1A (Mrs Doherty)	Pupil Front door facing school gate	8.50am-9am	2.10pm
Year 1B (Miss Hutton)	Back Door opposite the Play Trail	8.50am-9am	2.10pm
Year 2 A (Mrs Mc Glynn)	Back Door opposite the Play Trail	8.50am-9am	2.15pm
Year 2 B (Ms Y Mc Gowan)	Pupil Front door facing school gate nearest to Mrs Doherty's classroom in Junior School Site	8.50am-9am	2.15pm
Learning Centre (Junior School) (Mrs Hamilton)	Middle Floor Door near mobile classroom at the back of the Junior School	8.50am-9am	2.10pm (Year 1) 2.15pm (Year 2) 3pm (Year 3 & 4 Pupils except Feel Good Friday)
Year 3 A (Miss M Maguire)	Pedestrian Gate to the right of the Main Gate at the Junior School Site	8.50am-9am	Mon – Thursday 3.00pm (2.30pm On Feel Good Friday)
Year 3 B (Mrs S Vaughan/ Mrs L Downey)	Pedestrian Gate to the right of the Main Gate at the Junior School Site	8.50am-9am	Mon – Thursday 3.00pm (2.30pm On Feel Good Friday)
Year 4 A (Miss E Mathers)	Pedestrian Gate to the right of the Main Gate at the Junior School Site	8.50am-9am	Mon – Thursday 3.00pm (2.30pm On Feel Good Friday)
Year 4 B (Ms B Kelly)	Pedestrian Gate to the right of the Main Gate at the Junior School Site	8.50am-9am	Mon – Thursday 3.00pm (2.30pm On Feel Good Friday)
Year 5 A (Ms C Gallagher/ Mrs C Gormley)	Enter Gate at the right hand side of the Senior School and line up at Year 5A Meeting Point where teacher will collect the class	8.50am-9am	Mon – Thursday 3.00pm (2.30pm On Feel Good Friday)
Year 5 B (Miss A Kerr/ Mrs S O'Kane)	Enter Gate at the right hand side of the Senior School and line up at Year 5B	8.50am-9am	Mon – Thursday 3.00pm (2.30pm On Feel Good Friday)

	Meeting Point where teacher will collect the class		
Year 6 A (Miss E Keyes)	Enter Double Gate at front of Senior School site nearest to the Main Front Door and line up at Year 6A Meeting Point where teacher will collect the class	8.50am-9am	Mon – Thursday 3.00pm (2.30pm On Feel Good Friday)
Year 6 B (Mrs C Deery)	Enter Double Gate at front of Senior School site nearest to the Main Front Door and line up at Year 6B Meeting Point where teacher will collect the class	8.50am-9am	Mon – Thursday 3.00pm (2.30pm On Feel Good Friday)
Year 7 A (Mrs C Gillespie)	Enter Gate at the right hand side of the Senior School and line up at Year 7A Meeting Point where teacher will collect the class	8.50am-9am	Mon – Thursday 3.00pm (2.30pm On Feel Good Friday)
Year 7 B (Mrs B Daly)	Enter Gate at the right hand side of the Senior School and line up at Year 7B Meeting Point where teacher will collect the class	8.50am-9am	Mon – Thursday 3.00pm (2.30pm On Feel Good Friday)
Learning Centre (Senior School)	Enter Gate at the right hand side of the Senior School and line up at Learning Centre Meeting Point where teacher will collect the class	8.50am-9am	Mon – Thursday 3.00pm (2.30pm On Feel Good Friday)



Staff roles and Email addresses.

Staff receive quite a volume of emails. They endeavour to respond within the working day as soon as possible however their class teaching all day every day takes ultimate priority. We thank you for your patience and understanding. If you have an urgent concern please telephone the school clerical staff who will be happy to help.

Staff Member	Class / Role	Email Address
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Ms K Carlin	Nursery Room 2	kcarlin208@c2kni.net
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Miss C. Hutton	Year 1 B	chutton763@c2kni.net
Mrs A.M. Mc Glynn	Year 2 A	amcglynn388@c2kni.net
Ms Y Mc Gowan	Year 2 B	ymcgowan609@c2kni.net
Miss M Maguire	Year 3 A	mmaguire497@c2kni.net
Mrs S Vaughan/ Mrs L Downey	Year 3 B	svaughan325@c2kni.net ldowney759@c2kni.net
Miss E Mathers	Year 4 A	emathers571@c2kni.net
Ms B Kelly / Mrs C Lecky	Year 4 B	clecky594@c2kni.net
Ms C Gallagher	Year 5 A	cgallagher328@c2kni.net
Miss A Kerr	Year 5 B	akerr341@c2kni.net
Miss E Keyes	Year 6 A	ekeyes746@c2kni.net
Mrs C Deery	Year 6 B	cdeery318@c2kni.net
Mrs C. Gillespie	Year 7 A	cgillespie221@c2kni.net
Mrs B Daly	Year 7 B	bdaly611@c2kni.net
Mrs C Connolly	Learning Centre (Senior School)	cconnolly309@c2kni.net
Mrs. C. Hamilton	Learning Centre (Junior School)	chamilton290@c2kni.net



Site Leadership Rota

Junior School : Monday, Wednesday, Friday – Mrs Wilders

Tuesday, Thursday – Miss J Doherty

Senior School: Monday, Wednesday, Friday – Miss J Doherty

Tuesday, Thursday – Mrs Wilders

In the event that the Principal or Vice Principal are not available Senior Leaders or any of the Middle Leadership Team will become available for consultation.



Staff Parking

There is a Car Park on each site for STAFF. Staff arrive at school from 8.20am approx. every morning right up to 9am. To this end, we respectfully request that the entrances to the STAFF Car Parks on each site are always kept clear so that staff can gain access to each site and get ready to start the day with our wee children!!

Parents/carers/ child minders/ taxi drivers etc may NOT enter the school car park for Health and Safety Reasons unless this has been prearranged with school management for a specific reason.





MESSAGE FROM PTFA

March Updates :

If anyone would like to join our P.T.F.A. to give a little time to helping raise much needed funds for our little children in school, you are more than welcome....always happy to have more in the team!

Next Meeting :

WEDNESDAY 24th April at 6.30pm in Junior School

**Sincerely Yours in Community Spirit,
St. Catherine's Primary and Nursery School
P.T.F.A.**



Meet the Officers as voted in at our Annual AGM :

Heartfelt thanks to all the PTFA for giving of your time and energy to raise funds for our little children.



Mrs Noeleen Mc Crossan
(Treasurer)



Ms Maria Mc Grath
(Secretary)



Mrs Berni Allen
(Vice Chairperson)



Miss Jennifer Doherty
(Chairperson)

Surestart Message of the Month

April 2024

Talk and Sing wherever we go
...that will help my brain to grow



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

We are a Healthy Eating School in St. Catherine's.

Below are the list of foods that are acceptable / not acceptable for Healthy Eating Purposes.

If you have any concerns please consult your child's teacher.

<i>Foods we consider acceptable:</i>	<i>Foods that are not acceptable:</i>
Fruit (except kiwi)	Nuts or any other products with a nut content / trace
Fruit pots	Crisps
Rice pots	Sweets
Custard pots (not chocolate flavour)	Chocolate Bars
Jelly pots	Chocolate yoghurts
Vegetables (eg. carrot sticks / celery sticks)	Chocolate Muller Corners
Sandwiches (no chocolate spreads or no peanut butter)	Chocolate biscuits
Scones	Chocolate chip cookies
Wheaten bread	All cereal bars
Pitta bread	Square Bars
Tortilla Bread	Lunchables
Pancakes	Iced Buns
Croissants (no chocolate brioche)	Pepperami
Plain buns	Fruit Winders
Ryvita / crispbreads	
Yoghurts	
Plain biscuits: Rich Tea, Digestives, Plain Crackers and Belvita Plain Biscuits	
Cheese / Dairy Lea Triangles / Cheese Slices / Baby Bel / Cheese Strings	
Breadsticks / Pretzels	
Rice Cakes	
Snack a Jacks	

<i>Foods that are not acceptable:</i>	<i>Reason Why:</i>
Nuts or any other products with a nut content / trace	We have children with a nut allergy
Crisps	High fat and salt content
Sweets	High sugar content
Chocolate Bars, chocolate yoghurts, chocolate Muller Corners, chocolate biscuits and chocolate chip cookies	High sugar content and many brands of chocolate contain traces of nuts
All cereal bars and Square Bars	High in sugar and fat content
Lunchables	High sugar content
Iced Buns	High sugar content
Pepperami	High fat content
Fruit Winders	High sugar content

Healthy
Habits



St. Catherine's Nursery & Primary School

April 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31st March Easter Sunday	1. Easter Holidays	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
7.	8. School reopens Year 3A Junior Football Skills Session 2 JS 3pm-4pm Year 5 Soccer SS 3-4pm	9. KS2 Beginners Golf SS for Pupils who enrolled in Group [2]	10. Draw and Talk Therapy Senior Site	11. Draw & Talk Therapy JS (am)/ SS (pm) Yr 2B RugbyTots 2.15-3.15pm Yr 5 Netball SS 3pm-4pm	12. Nursery Schools for Hope Session 9: Changing Hope	13.
14.	15. Nursery – Year 4 Curriculum Newsletters to be sent out to Parents. End of Year Assessments begin for Years 1 and 2 pupils Year 3A Junior Football Skills Session 2 JS 3pm-4pm	16. Fire Drill [3] SS @ 10am KS2 Beginners Golf SS for Pupils who enrolled in Group [2]	17. Fire Drill [3] JS @10am Draw and Talk Therapy Senior Site	18. Draw & Talk Therapy JS (am)/ SS (pm) Yr 1A RugbyTots 2.15-3.15pm	19. Nursery Schools for Hope Session 10: Graduation with Parents 10am NR1 11am NR2	20. First Holy Communion Church of the Immaculate Conception. 11am P4A 2pm P4B
21. National Tea Day	22. End of Year Assessments ongoing for Years 1 and 2 pupils Year 3A Junior Football Skills Session 2 JS 3pm-4pm	23. Yr 7A DEED programme P6A Altruism Workshop 9.30-10.30 P6B Altruism Workshop 11 – --	24. Draw and Talk Therapy Senior Site	25. EA notification to Parents re Nursery & P1 Places.. Draw & Talk Therapy JS (am)/ SS (pm) Yr 1A RugbyTots 2.15-3.15pm	26.	27.
28.	29. Year 3B Junior Football Skills Session 2 JS 3pm-4pm	30. KS2 Beginners Golf SS for Pupils who enrolled in Group [2]	May 1 st Draw and Talk Therapy Senior Site	May 2 nd Draw & Talk Therapy JS (am)/ SS (pm) Yr 1A RugbyTots 2.15-3.15pm	May 3 rd	.

A worry shared is a worry halved.



School Dinner Menu – 8th April 2024 onwards (Please note that soup/ sandwiches are also available daily upon request if pupils do not wish to avail of the hot food choices)

EAT SMART WITH THE LUNCH BUNCH



WEEKS SERVED	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
19 February 18 March 15 April 13 May 10 June 2 September 30 September	Beef Bolognaise Sweetcorn / Broccoli Pasta Spirals / Mashed Potato Chocolate & Orange Cookie	Homemade Margherita Pizza Mushy or Garden Peas / Baked Beans Chipped Potato / Baked Potato Raspberry Jelly & Two Fruits	Breaded Fish & Lemon Mayo Diced Carrots & Green Beans Mashed Potato Fruit Sponge & Custard	Roast of the Day, Stuffing & Gravy - Or - Salmon & Creamy Tomato Pasta Fresh Vegetables in Season Mashed / Oven Roast Potato Ginger Biscuit & Custard	Hot Dog / Veggie Dog with Tomato Ketchup Spaghetti Hoops / Corn on the Cob Chipped / Mashed Potatoes Ice-Cream & Mandarin Oranges
26 February 25 March 22 April 20 May 17 June 9 September	Golden Crumbed Fish Fingers Baked Beans & Garden Peas Chipped / Baked Potato Homemade Flakemeal Biscuit	Beef Ragu Italia Sweetcorn / Diced Carrots / Coleslaw Mashed Potato / Wedges / Rice / Salad Mandarin Orange Sponge & Custard	Chicken Curry & Naan Bread Garden Peas / Baton Carrots Boiled Rice / Mashed Potato Arctic Roll and Peaches	Roast of the Day, Stuffing & Gravy Fresh Vegetables in Season Mashed / Oven Roast Potato Homemade Brownie & Orange Wedges	Chicken Goujons & Sweet Chilli Dip Spaghetti Hoops / Corn on the Cob Chipped / Baby New Potatoes Fruit Muffin & Apple / Orange Juice
4 March 1 April 29 April 27 May 24 June 16 September	Golden Crumbed Fish Fingers Sweetcorn & Peas Chipped / Mashed potato / Coleslaw Ice-Cream, Pears & Chocolate Sauce	Homemade Cottage Pie Broccoli Cauliflower Oven Baked Potato Wedges / Mashed potato Jelly & Fruit	Beef Meatballs Green Beans / Baton Carrots Mashed Potato / Pasta Spirals Sticky Date Pudding & Custard	Roast of the Day, Stuffing & Gravy Fresh Vegetables in Season Mashed / Oven Roast Potato Golden Krispie Square	School "Chippy Day" Chicken or Fish Goujons / Sausages Beans / Mushy Peas Chipped / Baby New Potatoes Ice cream Tub
11 March 8 April 6 May 3 June 26 August 23 September	Baked Pork Sausages & Gravy Baked Beans / Garden Peas Chipped / Mash Potato Lemon Shortbread & Melon Wedge	Chicken Nuggets Sweetcorn / Baton Carrots Oven Roasted Garlic & Paprika Wedges / Mashed potato Fruit Muffin & Apple / Orange Juice	Breaded Fish & Lemon Mayo Garden Peas / Diced Carrots Mashed / Baby Potato Fruit Sponge & Custard	Roast of the Day, Stuffing & Gravy Fresh Vegetables in Season Mashed / Oven Roast Potato Fresh Fruit Salad & Yoghurt	Beef Burger in Bap with Onions Corn on the Cob / Pasta Salad Chipped Potato / Mashed potato Ice Cream & Two Fruits

PS Spring Summer 24 North Locality 1pENC

MILK, WATER, BREAD &
FRESH FRUIT AVAILABLE DAILY

IF YOU NEED ANY INFORMATION ON ALLERGENS OR HAVE SPECIAL
DIETARY REQUIREMENTS, PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR SCHOOL ACCORDINGLY

MENU SUBJECT TO
PRODUCT AVAILABILITY