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**Principal: Mrs. Keira McCallan BA (Hons), PQH**

Monday, 11th February, 2019.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Please read the following note carefully:

- It is with great regret that I must inform you that Master Colton's brother, Joseph, passed away this morning. May he Rest In Peace. We offer Master Colton our deepest sympathies. Further information to follow.
- Our **Anti-Bullying Ambassadors Team** received excellent training through the **Diana Award** on **Friday**. They will be updating their website page this week with further information.
- All pupils in **Year 6** and **Year 7** have been invited to a **Cross Country Event** in **St. Mary's Primary School, Strabane** on **Friday, 15th February**. Pupils will travel by bus and will be accompanied by three members of staff. Pupils are asked to wear appropriate clothing and to bring a packed lunch and a bottle of water. Please complete the permission slip attached and return it to school by **Wednesday** of this week.
- **Cathal Meegan** will be coming into our school to deliver **Gaelic Coaching** from **Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> February** until **Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> June**. The sessions will be as follows:

**Monday:** Year 3/4 (9.30am to 10.15am)  
Year 5/6 (11.00am to 12.00pm)

**12 weeks**

**Thursday:** Year 1/2 (9.15am to 10.00am)  
\*Year 7 (11.00am to 12.00pm)

**14 weeks – Year 1/2**

**12 weeks- Year 7**

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**\*Please note that Year 7 coaching will commence on 14<sup>th</sup> March when our Céilí dancing has ended.**

The cost of the coaching is **£1** per pupil per week. We would appreciate it if all monies for pupils could be forwarded to the school office no later than **Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March.**

- **Mrs. Taggart** hopes to start practising with the **School Choir** this week. Pupils from **Years 3 to 7** are welcome to attend. Practices will take place during school on a **Thursday** afternoon. Please note that members of the School Choir must be committed to performing at events outside of school hours.

The following events are planned:

- ✚ First Confession on 26<sup>th</sup> March.
- ✚ First Holy Communion on 11<sup>th</sup> May.
- ✚ Leavers' Mass- TBC
- ✚ Mr. Colton's Retirement Mass- TBC

In the interest of being fair to all the children, participation in the Choir's End Of Year Trip will depend upon attendance at a minimum of three of the events listed above.

- Due to a high level of interest, **Mrs. Barrett's Arts And Crafts Class** for pupils in **Years 5-7** will begin today after school from **3.10pm to 4.30pm**. We request that each pupil attending gives **£2** towards the cost of materials. Thank you to those parents who have already paid.
- A display of pupils' work completed during **Catholic Schools Week** is now in **St. Patrick's Church, Eskra.**
- A **Confirmation Information Evening** for parents of pupils in **Year 7** has been arranged for **Monday, 4th March @ 7.30pm** in the school Assembly Hall.
- Our school will be closed from **Monday, 18th February to Friday, 22nd February (inclusive)** for **Mid-Term Break**. Pupils are asked to return to school on **Monday, 25th February** at the usual time.
- Following consultation with **Year 6 parents**, I will be delivering voluntary **Transition Sessions** with **Year 6 pupils** on a **Tuesday** and **Wednesday** afternoon from **2.15pm to 3pm**, starting on **Tuesday, 26th February.**
- **Parents Of Pupils in Year One:** Medical forms sent home today must be returned by **Wednesday** of this week.

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Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Keira McCallan  
(Principal)

## **Permission Slip- Years 6 and 7**

I/we allow/do not allow my/our child \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in a **Cross-Country Event** on **Friday, 15th February, 2019** at **St. Mary's Primary School** in **Strabane**, travelling by bus.

Signed:

Date: