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

Monday, 5th March, 2018.

Dear Parent,

Please read the following notes carefully.

- **March** is the month of **Self-Discipline**. Pupils will be learning about the importance of self-discipline, particularly in relation to Lent. Please speak to your child about this value at home.
- As you are aware, each month our teachers focus on a particular **Thinking Skill/Personal Capability** in their teaching. This month the focus is on **Managing Information**. Please refer to your child's Newsletter/Learning Support Sheet for March to see ways that you can help at home.
- **First Confession** for our **Year Four pupils** will take place **tomorrow, 6th March @ 7.00pm** in **St. Patrick's Church, Eskra**.
- A photographer from **County Photos** will be coming into our school tomorrow, **6th March** to take photos of pupils and staff. Please complete the slip attached to indicate if you want photographs taken and what selection you want. This slip **must** be returned for photographs to be taken. Please indicate also if you don't want any photographs taken and return the slip tomorrow. Apologies for the short notice- the date was only confirmed on Friday. The school will be getting a class photograph of Year 1, Year 4 and Year 7 and a whole-school photograph taken for our display (Weather permitting). Pupils must wear their **full school uniform**, not their P.E. uniform. Please note that trainers should not be worn.
- A **Service of Light** in preparation for **Confirmation** has been arranged for **Monday, 12th March @ 7pm**. Fr. McGahan will administer the **Confirmation Pledge** at this service. Choir members are asked to be in their seats by **6.45pm**. They are asked to wear their full school uniform. Choir members should be ready to be collected from the Church at 8.00pm. Everyone is welcome.

‘We learn to love and love to learn.’

- A sincere Thank You to our Literacy Co-ordinator, **Mrs. O'Sullivan**, for organising **World Book Day** on **Thursday, 1st March**. It was a most enjoyable and engaging day for the children.
- A sincere thank you to **Martin O'Hare, Maria-Rose O'Hare and Annie O'Hare** from **Eskra TAGB Taekwondo Club** for delivering an anti-bullying, de-escalation of confrontation and self-defence course on **Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> February** in our school for pupils in **Years 3 to 7**. Pupils really enjoyed the sessions. They learned some important personal safety skills.
- Please find attached your child's **Newsletter/Learning Support Sheet** for **March**.
- Please find attached a **Dates For Your Diary** for **March/April**.
- Please note that the old **Bank of England** paper notes are not accepted by the **Education Authority** any more. As a result we will no longer be able to accept these notes into the school office. Other paper £10 notes are unaffected e.g. Ulster Bank and Bank of Ireland.
- The mobile library van visited our school today from **1 - 2pm**. It will continue to visit on a fortnightly basis.
- We are collecting **The Irish News GAA** tokens with the aim of securing a coaching day, starting today and ending on **10th March**. Please support us by collecting the tokens and sending them into the school office. For further information visit: [www.irishnews.com/coachingdays](http://www.irishnews.com/coachingdays)

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Keira McCallan  
(Principal)

**Permission Slip- School Photographs**  
**Tuesday, 6th March, 2018.**

Name/s of pupil/s: \_\_\_\_\_

No photographs

Individual

Family

Class

Signed:

Date: