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

Monday, 17th September, 2018.

Dear Parent,

Please read the following notes carefully:

- I am delighted to inform you that we have secured **After-School Gaelic Coaching** on a **Thursday** from **3.10pm to 4pm** for pupils in **Years 5-7**. This coaching will be provided free of charge and will be delivered by **Mr. Keenan** from the **Ulster Council** who has recently started working with Year 1-4 on a Thursday during school. The duration of this coaching will be dependant on continued funding from DENI. Please complete the permission slip attached if you wish your Year 5-7 child to attend and return it to school tomorrow. Please also indicate who will be collecting your child at 4.00pm.
- The following PE sessions have been arranged for pupils, **so far**, for **Term 1**.

Year 1/2: Thursday- Ulster Council Coaching

Friday- Multi-Sports Coaching provided by SkillSchool NI
After-School Multi-Sports provided by SkillSchool NI

Year 3/4: Thursday- Ulster Council Coaching

Friday- Multi-Sports Coaching provided by SkillSchool NI
After-School Multi-Sports provided by SkillSchool NI

Year 5/6: Thursday- After-School Gaelic Coaching provided by Ulster Council.

Friday- Multi-Sports Coaching provided by SkillSchool NI
Gaelic Coaching to be confirmed.
After-School Multi-Sports provided by SkillSchool NI

Year 7: Thursday- Dance provided by Class Teacher
After-School Gaelic Coaching provided by Ulster Council.

Friday- Gaelic Coaching/Cross-Country Running (SkillSchool NI)
After-School Multi-Sports provided by SkillSchool NI

Therefore all pupils are asked to wear their PE uniform every **Thursday** and **Friday**.

- **Mrs. Taggart** would like to inform parents that she will be sending out reading books with **Year 2** pupils **next week** as class assessments are still on-going.
- A **provisional** date for **First Holy Communion** has been set. **First Holy Communion** has been arranged for **Saturday, 11th May @ 12pm** in **St. Patrick's Church, Eskra.**
(Please note that this date is provisional only as the date for Confirmation is yet to be announced.)
- Details of our **Annual Parent-Teacher Meetings** to follow shortly. If the date and/or time don't suit, please inform the class teacher, rather than swapping with another parent, as changes may affect the timetables of other teachers. **Year Seven** letters have been sent home today as I complete my meetings early due to the TransferTest.
- **Parents of pupils in Year Seven:** Please note that the **Year Seven** after-school **Homework Club** will take place on a Monday afternoon from 3.10pm to 4.30pm. Pupils are asked to bring a small snack with them.

Once the date for **Confirmation** has been announced, I will let you know.

Please note that the closing date for **Transfer Test** registration forms is **Friday, 21st September @ 2pm.**

- Please make sure that all homework is checked and signed each night. Please check your child's Home School Messages Book each evening and sign any notes from the Class Teacher.
- The school office will be open at the following times:

Monday: 8.30am to 4pm
Tuesday: 8.30am to 4pm
Wednesday: **CLOSED**
Thursday: 8.30am to 4pm
Friday: 8.30am to 12.30pm

'We learn to love and love to learn.'

If you need access to the school on a Wednesday, please ring the buzzer at the front door. If a member of staff is unable to come to your attention, please knock on my classroom window and someone will attend to you as soon as possible.

- Our **Beginning Of Year Mass** will take place on **Wednesday, 19th, September @ 11am** in **St. Patrick's Church, Eskra**. Everyone is welcome.
- Extra copies of our Monday Note are available for collection at our Parents' Noticeboard at the main entrance of the school. Should you need extra copies, please feel free to take some. The Monday Note is also available from our school website- www.stpatrickspeskra.co.uk
- Our **Annual Continental/Irish Breakfast** takes place on the morning of **Friday, 28th September** from **8.00 - 9.00am**. Breakfast is priced at **£2** per child and **£3** per adult. Children who have not started school yet eat for free. Please support this event as **all proceeds are in aid of school funds**. Pupils must remain in the dining hall or Mrs. McCallan's classroom until 9.00am to ensure adequate supervision. School staff will not be available to supervise children until 9am. If anyone is available to help out that morning, please contact the school office. We would greatly appreciate any help.
- Pupils from **Years 5-7** participated in a trial for our **Cross-Country Team** on Friday afternoon. Well done to everyone who tried their best. Thank you to Mrs. Tracey Scullion for organising the event. Further information will follow, later this week.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Keira McCallan
(Principal)

Permission Slip

I do/do not give permission for my child _____ to participate in **After-Schools Gaelic Coaching** for pupils in **Years 5-7** from **3.10pm to 4pm** every **Thursday**.

_____ will collect my child @ 4pm.

Signed:

Date: