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Monday, 10th December, 2018.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Please read the following notes carefully:

- This is the last Monday Note before the Christmas holidays.
- Please find attached a letter regarding **Reconstitution of the Board Of Governors**.
- **Fr. McGahan** will be coming into our school tomorrow afternoon to hear Confessions with pupils in **Years 5 to 7**.
- Huge congratulations to our **Senior Girls' and Senior Boys' Cross Country Teams** on their qualification for the **Primary School Cross Country Ulster Final!**

Our Senior Boys' Team topped the Regional League Table. Out of 19 school across Tyrone and Fermanagh, **St. Patrick's P.S., Eskra Boys' Team won** the prize for the **Best Boys' Cross Country Team**. This is an exceptional result and the boys deserve all of our congratulations. Their prize will be presented to them at the final. Our **Senior Girls' Team** raced their hearts out on Wednesday and came back from 8th in the Regional League Table, to finish **2nd! Cora Scullion** lead the **Girls' Team** taking home **gold** for **St. Patrick's P.S., Eskra** in the **Girls' Race**. The Girls' Team never gave up, even when the conditions were tough and the competition was strong. This remarkable result means that they too have earned their place in January's **Ulster Final**.

Both teams displayed a mature attitude and rugged determination in very tough conditions. They are excellent representatives for our school and we are all very proud of them.

Boys' Team

'We learn to love and love to learn.'

James Scullion
Matthew McKenna
Ashton Beattie
Dara McGarvey
Darragh OHagan
Eoin McAvoy

Girls' Team

Cora Scullion
Ellen Bradley
Sarah Loughran
Anna Donnelly
Sarah McCarroll
Kerrie Mc Dermott

Fun run results are delayed due to Athletics reviewing footage of the finish line.
Results to be confirmed next week.

We would like to thank most sincerely **Mrs. Tracey Scullion, Mr. Stephen McKenna** and school staff **Mr. Colton** and **Miss. Quinn** for their assistance at the event.

- **Parents of Pupils in Year 6/7:** Thank you most sincerely to staff, parents and pupils for attending our practice yesterday.

Rehearsals for this week are as follows:

Tuesday, 11th December from **5.30pm to 7.00pm**. This will be a dress rehearsal so pupils are asked to arrive dressed and to bring any additional items in a plastic bag marked with their name. Please drop your child off at the **school**. They are to be collected from **Eskra Community Centre @ 7pm**.

- **Year 6 and Year 7** pupils will be performing **Oliver** in **Eskra Community Centre** on **Sunday, 16th December @ 7.30pm**. Pupils are asked to arrive at **school** at **5pm**, in costume, as we need to have a practice before the show. A snack will be provided for the children participating in the play. Everyone is invited to attend our performance. It will be a great night's entertainment. Light refreshments will be served. See you there.
- Staff and pupils are travelling to Omagh on **Wednesday, 12th December** to see **Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves** in **St. Joseph's Hall, Omagh**. Pupils will travel by bus, are asked to bring a snack for break and a packed lunch and must wear their full school uniform. Pupils will return to school before home-time. The cost of the trip is **£4** per pupil. Please complete the permission slip and return it to school tomorrow. Please send in the money by **Thursday, 20th December, 2018**.
- **Year 7** pupils have been invited to see **Chitty, Chitty, Bang, Bang** in **St. Oliver**

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Plunkett's Primary School, Beragh on Tuesday, 18th December. There is no cost to pupils. Pupils will travel in staff cars will be accompanied by three members of staff. They are asked to bring a packed lunch and to wear their full school uniform. Please complete the permission slip and return it to school by **Friday, 14th December.**

- **SkillSchool NI** during school and afterschool has now ended until **Friday, 11th January, 2019.**
- **Jumping Clay** are coming to our school on **Monday, 17th December, 2018.** They are a local company who have visited our school in the past to deliver workshops and they have attended our Fun Night. Both pupils and staff thoroughly enjoyed the workshops and demonstrations. Jumping Clay is a jasmine scented, mess free clay that when you roll into a ball, bounces when thrown or dropped. Unlike traditional clays there is no need to bake it and once dry finished creations can be treasured forever. Pupils will take home a Christmas decoration that they make during the workshops. The cost per pupil is **£3 each** with a maximum of **£8 per family.** Please send all monies in by **Friday, 14th December, 2018.** Thank you to those pupils who have already paid.
- Homework for all classes has now ended.
- Please find attached your child's **Newsletter/Learning Support Sheet for December.**
- **Admission to Year One** is now an on-line process. More information to follow after Christmas.
- A reminder that our **Christmas Draw** will take place on **Thursday, 20th December.** Could all ticket stubs and monies be returned as soon as possible, please. Thank you most sincerely to those parents who have already returned their stubs and money.
- Our new parents' association **Friends of St. Patrick's** are holding their first fundraiser, a **Christmas Coffee Morning** on **Sunday, 16th December** after **Mass** in **Eskra Community Centre.** Please spread the word. We would ask parents to please donate tray bakes, shortbread or home baking and drop into the community centre before Mass. Any help on the day would be very much appreciated. They are fundraising in the hope of introducing a new reading scheme into the school for the children.
- Our **Christmas Dinner** for pupils and staff will take place on **Thursday, 20th December.** School will close early on that day @ **12.45pm.** Please ensure that your child is collected from school promptly. Pupils and staff are invited to wear their Christmas Jumper. We would appreciate a donation of **£1** each towards school funds.

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- Our **Christmas plays** will take place on **Wednesday**. Please find attached a flyer with further information.
- Please find attached a **Calendar** from the **Health & Safety Executive**.
- School will close on **Friday, 21st December @ 12.00pm** for the Christmas Holidays. Pupils are asked to return to school on **Thursday, 3rd January, 2019** at the usual time. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a peaceful and Happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Keira McCallan
(Principal)

Permission Slip- All Pupils

I do/do not give my child _____ permission to attend **Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves** on **Wednesday, 12th December, 2018**, travelling by bus.

Signed:

Date:

Permission Slip- Year 7

I do/do not give my child _____ permission to attend **Chitty, Chitty, Bang, Bang** on **Tuesday, 18th December, 2018**, travelling in staff cars.

Signed:

Date: