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

Monday, 14th January, 2019.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Please read the following notes carefully:

- Please see below a note from **Friends of St Patrick's Primary School**:

Friends of St Patrick's Primary School would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to the community of Eskra and neighbouring parishes for the generous donations received at their recent festive coffee morning and school plays. We are delighted to confirm that a total of **£1,182.01** was raised over the course of the week. This money will support a planned reading scheme which will enhance our children's learning experience.

- **Parents of pupils in Year 7:** Year 7 pupils will be starting their **Swimming Programme** (15 sessions) on **Monday, 21st January, 2019** at **Omagh Leisure Complex**. Pupils will travel by bus and will be accompanied by a member of staff. The cost per pupil is £40. School will cover the cost of the bus. Please send the money in a marked money wallet by the end of January. Please complete the **Health History Questionnaire** requested by Omagh Leisure Complex and return it to school by **as soon as possible**. Thank you to those parents who have already returned the questionnaire.

Pupils in **Year Seven** will be travelling to Belfast to visit the **Titanic Quarter** on **Monday, 28th January, 2019**. The trip will consist of a **Brave New World Tour** and a Workshop entitled- **Get The Message**. Pupils will travel by bus, leaving school promptly at **9am** and they will return at approximately **4.30pm**. Pupils are asked to bring a packed lunch and to wear their full school uniform. Pupils will be accompanied by two members of staff. Pupils are permitted to bring some spending money for the shop, if desired (Maximum of £10). Please note that mobile phones and devices with Internet access are not permitted on school trips. Pupils will be responsible for looking after their own property. The cost of the trip is **£12** per pupil. Please complete the permission slip and return it to school with the

money **as soon as possible**. Thanks to those parents who have already paid. Pupils in Year Seven are learning about the Titanic with Mrs. Barrett so this trip will be linked to their World Around Us topic and should prove to be both educational and fun.

A **Sports Coach** from **Fermanagh and Omagh District Council** will be coming out to our school on a Monday afternoon to deliver free **Multi-Skills** sessions with pupils in **Year 7**, starting on **Monday, 14th January**. Pupils are therefore asked to wear their PE uniform every **Monday** and **Friday**. Please complete the **Participant Registration Form** and return it to school by **Thursday** of this week.

Two booklets on **Applying For A To Post Primary School Place** and **Home To School Transport** have been sent home today.

- **Admission to Year One** is now an on-line process. Please refer to the Education Authority's website for further information- www.eani.org.uk
Please note that the closing date for on-line applications is **31st January, 2019**. If making an application for admission to Year One, could you please forward your child's birth certificate as soon as possible. We will take a copy of it for our records and return it to you.
You may have read in the Monday Herald today that some parents are experiencing difficulty with the on-line process. If you are experiencing difficulty, please contact EA's Admissions Helpdesk on (028) 95985595 or e-mail primaryadmissions@eani.org.uk
- Staff from **Cancer Focus** are visiting our school on **tomorrow**. They will be delivering age-appropriate healthy lifestyle workshops to all pupils throughout the day. Cancer Focus have visited our school previously and the workshops have proven to be enjoyable and educational for all pupils. We look forward to their visit.
- **Sunday, 27th January to Sunday, 3rd February** is **Catholic Schools Week** and the theme this year is- **Catholic Schools: Celebrating the Work of Our Local Catholic Schools**. Further details to follow next week.
- **Parents of Boys in Year 6 and Year 7**: Please find attached a flyer inviting you to an **Open Day** in **Omagh Christian Brothers Grammar School** on **Saturday, 19th January @ 9.45am**.
- **Parents of Girls in Year 6 and Year 7**: Please find attached a flyer inviting you to an **Open Night** in **Loreto Grammar School, Omagh** on **Wednesday, 23rd January @ 5.00pm**.
- **St. Ciaran's Open Night** on **Thursday, 31st January, 2017 @ 7pm**.
- Please find attached a new lunch menu, effective from today.

'We learn to love and love to learn.'

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Keira McCallan
(Principal)

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