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

Monday, 25th February, 2019.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Please read the following note carefully:

- **Well done** to all the **P6s** and **P7s** who participated in the **St. Mary's Primary School Strabane's Cross Country Event in Strabane on 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2019**. All the boys and girls had to tackle a 1.6km course on a very breezy day. All athletes displayed excellent sportsmanship and team spirit!

St. Patrick's had fantastic results! The following athletes achieved top 10 medals- **Anna Donnelly, Berneen Gilroy, Darragh O'Hagan, Ellen Bradley, Sarah Loughran, Ashton Beattie and Eoin McEvoy**. St. Patrick's Eskra excelled in the **P7** races, running away with **first place** in **BOTH** the **Boys'** and the **Girls'** race. Well done to our gold medal winners, **Matthew McKenna** and **Cora Scullion!** Congratulations should also be given to those boys and girls who ran their first ever cross country race for St. Patrick's P.S., Eskra. Running a full 1.6km without stopping is a huge achievement. Keep up all the good training!

A **special thank you** to **Mrs. Barrett, Mrs. Kelly, Miss. Quinn** and our **parents** who travelled and stood out in breezy conditions to support, help and cheer on our young athletes.

- **Year Seven Members of our School Cross Country Team** have been selected to participate in a **Cross Country Event** at **St. Mary's P.S., Killyclogher** on **Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March**. Pupils are asked to wear appropriate clothing and to bring a packed lunch and water. Pupils will travel in staff cars and will be accompanied by two members of staff. If your Year Seven child is a member of our Cross-Country Team, please complete the permission slip attached and return it to school by **Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> February**.

- All our **Year 7** pupils and some pupils from **Year 6** have been selected to participate in the **Irish FA's 2019 Primary School Futsal Regional Tournament** at **Omagh Leisure Complex** on **Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March**. Pupils will travel by bus and will be accompanied by two members of staff. Pupils are asked to wear appropriate clothing and to bring a packed lunch and water. If your child has been selected, please complete the permission slip attached and return it to school by **Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March**.
- A reminder that **Cathal Meegan** is delivering **Gaelic Coaching** from **today** 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**

**\*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**. Thank you to everyone who has paid already.

- Pupils have been given their poems for the **Feis** today. Please note that the school has not been informed yet of specific dates and times. We will pass this information onto you once we receive it.
- A display of pupils' work completed during **Catholic Schools Week** is 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.
- Some pupils in **Year Seven** will be participating in a **Sentinus Construction Challenge** on **Thursday, 28th February**. We wish them every success at the event. A separate permission slip has been sent home with those pupils today.
- Our school will be **closed** on **Thursday, 2nd May, 2019** as it is being used as a **Polling Station**. Pupils are asked to return to school on **Friday, 3rd May, 2019** at the usual time.

‘We learn to love and love to learn.’

- 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 **tomorrow, 26th February**.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Keira McCallan  
(Principal)

## **Permission Slip- Year 7**

I/we allow/do not allow my/our child\_\_\_\_\_ to participate in a **Cross-Country Event** on **Friday, 1st March, 2019** at **St. Mary's Primary School, Killyclogher** travelling in staff cars.

Signed:

Date:

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

I/we allow/do not allow my/our child\_\_\_\_\_ to participate in a **Futsal Tournament** on **Tuesday, 5th March, 2019** at **Omagh Leisure Complex** travelling by bus.

Signed:

Date: