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

Monday, 25th March, 2019.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Please read the following note carefully:

- This is Master Colton's last week as a member of the teaching staff in our school. We wish him a very happy and memorable week and we thank him most sincerely for all the years of service and commitment he has given. A special **Mass of Celebration** to mark **Mr. Colton's retirement** has been arranged for **Wednesday, 3rd April, 2019 @ 7.00pm** in **St. Patrick's Church, Eskra**. Please note that the gift from staff (past and present) and the gift from parents (past and present) will be presented at Mass. Light refreshments will be served in the school afterwards. Everyone is welcome. Please spread the word. Master Colton and Mrs. Barrett will be sending some of their books home on Friday. Please send in a plastic bag for your child to carry these books home.
- **Mrs. Mulligan** will be coming into our school on **Wednesday** to meet the children and to work with Mr. Colton and myself to plan for her transition as a teacher into our school. **Mrs. Barrett** will be teaching **Year 5/6** on **Monday, 1st April and Tuesday, 2nd April** to provide opportunity for Mrs. Mulligan to prepare for her class. Therefore Mrs. Mulligan's first day in class will be **Wednesday, 3rd April** and she will be teaching Year 5/6 from **Monday to Friday (inclusive)** each week. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs. Mulligan and to wish her every happiness and success at our school.
- I would also like to take this opportunity to thank **Mrs. Doreen Barrett** for the dedication and care she has shown towards all pupils in **Year 5/6** in her role as Class Teacher on a Monday. She will continue to work in our school on a **Thursday** and a **Friday** as the Year Seven teacher, along with myself.
- Congratulations to **Dylán Connolly, Eoin McEvoy and Kerrie McDermott (Team A)** and **Patrick McCarney, Cora Scullion and Matthew McKenna (Team B)** who participated in a **STEM Challenge** (Science, Technology,

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Engineering and Mathematics) in the **Sacred Heart College, Omagh** on **Friday, 22nd March**. All pupils participated with great enthusiasm and demonstrated co-operative team work and problem-solving skills. **Team A** secured **1st place** and will be travelling to a **STEM event** in **Stranmillis University, Belfast** in **June**. Further information to follow shortly. Well done, everyone!

- A sincere **Thank You** to **Barry McGarvey** for sourcing some wonderful new jerseys for the children. They are really looking forward to wearing them.
- **Gowan Travel Group** have requested that all remaining monies for the **Year 6/7 Trip to Edinburgh** be paid by **Tuesday, 16th April, 2019**. Thank you for your co-operation.
- Pupils in **Year 3/4** will be travelling to **The Ulster American Folk Park** on **Friday, 29th March** as part of their **Shared Education Programme**. Pupils will travel by bus and will be accompanied by two members of staff. Pupils are asked to wear their full school uniform and to bring a packed lunch. Please complete the permission slip attached and return it to school by **Wednesday, 27th March**.
- 4 books of raffle tickets **per family** have been sent home today for our **Easter Raffle**. Please try to sell as many tickets as you can. All proceeds are in aid of school funds. As you can see, we have some fabulous prizes this year. There will be a prize for the child who sells the most tickets. The raffle will take place at **Assembly on Wednesday, 17th April**. Extra books of tickets will be available from the parents' display. Parents are not required to donate items for the hamper, however, donations are always welcome and appreciated.
- Some pupils from **Years 5, 6 and 7** have been chosen by random selection to participate in the **Carmen Runners' Primary Schools Cross-Country Event** in **Carrickmore** on **Friday, 29th March**. Unfortunately we are limited to a maximum of 5 boys and 5 girls from each class. Those pupils not selected, on this occasion, can act as substitutes if someone else is unable to attend or they can spectate and cheer pupils on. Pupils are asked to come to school dressed appropriately and to bring a packed lunch in case the event runs on (pardon the pun!). They will travel by bus and will be accompanied by 2 members of staff. Please complete the permission slip attached and return it to school by **Wednesday, 27th March**.
- **First Confession** for our **Year Four pupils** will take place tomorrow, **26th March @ 7.00pm** in **St. Patrick's Church, Eskra**. **Mrs. Taggart** has asked for all **Choir** members to be in the chapel for **6.30pm**, dressed in full school uniform.
- **Friends of St. Patrick's Duck Derby** will be held on **Easter Sunday** at the **Bridge Tavern**, after **Eskra Community Art Group's Easter Coffee Morning** in the **Community Centre**. We hope each family will sell as many ducks as they can at £1 a duck and we will send home selling sheets and further instructions within the next week. We hope it will be a fun afternoon for all the family!

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Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Keira McCallan
(Principal)

Permission Slip- Year 5/6/7

I do do/not give permission for my child _____ to participate in the **Carmen Runners' Primary Schools Cross-Country Event** in **Carrickmore** on **Friday, 29th March**, travelling by bus.

Signed:

Date:

Permission Slip- Year 3/4

I do do/not give permission for my child _____ to travel by bus to the **Ulster American Folk Park, Omagh** on **Friday, 29th March, 2019** as part of their **Shared Education Programme**.

Signed:

Date: