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Monday, 10th June, 2019.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Please read the following note carefully:

- This week is **Healthy Eating Week**. Pupils will be completing activities in school relating to eating healthily. Please encourage healthy eating at home, too.
- All classes have now completed their Annual Standardised Tests. Well done to everyone!
- Our **Catholic Value** for the month of June is **Friendship**. Pupils will be learning about the importance of being a good friend this month. Please speak to your child at home about the value of friendship.
- Our **Thinking Skill/Personal Capability** focus for the month of **June** is **Being Creative**. Please refer to your child's Newsletter/Learning Support Sheet for June to see ways that you can help at home.
- If you haven't already done so, please return the reply slip to show that you have received and read our **Child Protection And Safeguarding Policy**, as soon as possible. Thank you to those parents who have already returned the slip.
- Thank you to those parents who have returned their **Parental Questionnaire**. We thank you for your responses. We urge all parents to return the form, as soon as possible, so that the views of all parents can be shared with staff, parents and Governors.
- **Mrs. Carson** and **I** will be travelling to **Edinburgh** from **10th to 12th June** with pupils from **Year 6** and **Year 7**. During this period, please contact our Vice-Principal, **Mrs. Josephine Mulligan**, if you require assistance with anything. Mrs. Doreen Barrett will be teaching the remaining Year 7 pupils from Monday to Wednesday (inclusive) and Mrs. Trudi Morrow will be in the school office on

Monday and Tuesday.

- Our **Gardening Club** for pupils in **Years 5, 6 and 7**, delivered by Mrs. Pauline Connolly, Mrs. Michelle McCarney and a teacher will continue this **Wednesday, 12th June** and for the following two Wednesdays from **3.15pm to 4.15pm**. Pupils are asked to bring their wellies, a snack and a coat to school with them. We hope that this Club will continue next term.

- **Parents of Pupils in Year 7:**

All homework for **Year Seven** pupils has now ended.

Our **Year Seven Leavers' Mass** has been arranged for **7.00pm** on **Wednesday, 26th June** in **St. Patrick's Church Eskra**. Light refreshments will be served in our school after Mass. Please bring family and friends along. Everyone is welcome.

- Our **Annual Achievements Assembly** (Prize-Giving) will take place on **Friday, 14th June**.
Year 1/2: 9.20am – 10.00am.
Year 3/4: 10.00am – 10.45am.
Year 5/6: 10.45am – 11.25am
Year 7: 11.25am – 11.55am
- All pupils in **Years 5-7** have been invited to the rescheduled **Omagh Primary Schools Cross-Country 2019** event in **Omagh Leisure Complex** on **Thursday, 19th June** from **10.30am to 1pm approximately**. Please make sure that you have returned the **Participant Registration Form** and the **Permission Slip**. The original permission slip will suffice.
- **Mrs. Mulligan** will be attending **Sounds-Write** training from **17th to 20th June (inclusive)**. A substitute teacher will be in place to cover the Year 5/6 class.
- In periods of hot weather, please make sure that your child comes to school with sunscreen applied and with extra supplies for reapplication during the school day. Sun hats and caps are permitted during the good weather.
- Homework for all pupils will end on **Thursday, 13th June**.
- **Parents of Pupils in Year 1:** Mrs. Taggart has asked that any **Year 1** parents who wish for their child in **Year 1** to receive a **Summer Pack**, make their request known to her via a short message in the Home School Message Book, no later than **Friday, 14th June**.
- **Year 1 Induction** took place on **Monday, 3rd June**. The children had a most enjoyable morning. A sincere Thank You to our Foundation Stage staff for making the morning so welcoming for all our new pupils and their parents.

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- **West Tyrone Art Section:** The children have enjoyed creating their art pieces in recent weeks and months ready for adjudication. In previous years, we usually sent the art pieces to Omagh, as part of the **Art Section** of the **West Tyrone Feis**. However, we as a staff, have felt in recent years, that the children's efforts for their creativity have not always been justly rewarded. So, collectively, we have decided that, as a trial this year, the art pieces will be adjudicated within the school, inviting an external art specialist into school to adjudicate. Each year group will be awarded 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Entry fees that were paid in January will be used to purchase art-related prizes, paper and ink for the certificates. All children who enter will receive a certificate to celebrate their art achievement.
- **Year 7** pupils will be participating in a **Swimming Gala** in **Omagh Leisure Complex** on **Thursday, 13th June**. The Gala is a competitive event where pupils have the opportunity to compete against pupils from other school with the possibility of winning medals. Pupils will travel in staff cars and will be accompanied by a member of staff. If your child has been selected, please complete the permission slip attached and return it to school by **Wednesday, 12th June**. Pupils are asked to bring appropriate clothing and a packed lunch. They can bring a small amount of spending money, if desired.
- Please send any outstanding permission slips and money for our trip to **Tayto Park** on **Tuesday, 18th June** into school as soon as possible.
- The date for the **Knockmany Cup** hasn't been confirmed yet. Once it is, parents will be informed. Please note that this is the only football tournament where we select our best players. All pupils in Years 6 and 7, who want to participate, have been selected. Pupils were selected following discussions between myself, Cathal Meegan and our Skills School coach, Ryan. The final team and subs selection will be made closer to the event. **Stephen Beattie** will be helping school staff to prepare pupils for the Knockmany Cup on a Friday afternoons during their Golden Time. If your child is participating, please complete the permission slip attached. We thank Stephen for his generous assistance.
- **10 pupils** from **Year 6** and **Year 7** have been invited to attend the **All Ireland Canavan Cup** this **Monday, 17th June**. Our school will be representing **Kerry** in the parade (which we won last year!) If your child has been selected, please complete the permission slip attached and return it to school by **Friday** of this week. Pupils will be travelling in staff cars and will be accompanied by a teacher. Pupils are advised to wear suitable clothing and to bring water and a packed lunch.
- **Milk** for **Term 3** is **£3.50**. Please forward to the school office, as soon as possible.
- Please find attached a flyer from **My Nametags**.
- Can you please send in two hard wearing plastic bags with your child for school books to be sent home in.

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- It is **Father's Day** on **Sunday**. We wish all fathers a wonderful day.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Keira McCallan
(Principal)



Permission Slip- Year 6/7

I do/do not allow my child _____ to participate in the **Canavan Cup** in **St. Ciaran's College** on **Monday, 17th June**, travelling in staff cars.

Signed:

Date:

Permission Slip- Year 7

I do/do not allow my child _____ to participate in the in the Swimming Gala on **Thursday, 13th June**, travelling in staff cars.

Signed:

Date:

Permission Slip

I do/do not allow my child _____ to participate in preparation for the **Knocknany Cup** during his/her Golden Time on a **Friday** afternoon.

Signed:

Date:

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