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Monday, 17th June, 2019.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Please read the following notes carefully:

- 4 books of raffle tickets **per family** have been sent home today for our **Summer 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 Friday, 28th June, 2019**. 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. We understand that this is both a busy and expensive time of the year, however, like all schools at the moment, we are facing unprecedented financial constraints. We are sincerely grateful for all your support throughout the year towards all fundraising events associated with our school.
- Congratulations to **Ashton Beattie, Ellen Bradley, Sarah Loughran and Cora Scullion** from **Year Seven** on their success at the annual **Swimming Gala** in Omagh on Thursday. **Ellen Bradley** achieved **3rd Place** in the **Freestyle**, **3rd Place** in the **Breaststroke (50m)**, **4th Place** in the **Backstroke (50m)** and **3rd Place** in the **Relay**. **Cora Scullion** achieved **2nd place** in the **Backstroke (50m)**, **5th Place** in the **Freestyle** and **3rd Place** in the **Relay**. **Sarah Loughran** achieved **1st Place** in the **KS2 Breaststroke (25m)**, **2nd Place** in the **Breaststroke (25m)** and **3rd Place** in the **Relay**. **Ashton Beattie** achieved **3rd Place** in the **Relay**. Congratulations to our reserves, **Kerrie McDermott** and **Eoin Mcevoy** on being selected to represent our school also at the event. Well done, everyone!
- A sincere thank to to everyone who attended our **Annual Achievements Assembly** (Prize-Giving) on **Friday**. Thank you also to all our staff whose preparation helped to make it such a success.

- I would like to take this opportunity to wish our wonderful Year Seven pupils – **Ashton Beattie, Luke Boyle, Ellen Bradley, Dylán Connolly, Sarah Loughran, Patrick McCarney, Sarah McCarroll, Kerrie McDermott, Eoin McEvoy, Matthew McKenna and Cora Scullion** - every success and happiness in their new schools. They have been an asset to our school and we will miss them dearly. We look forward to hearing all about their adventures and achievements in the future.
- **Thank You** most sincerely to **Sabrina and Gary Boyle, Tracy and Patrick Bradley, Carmel and Dessie McCarroll, Shiela and Paddy McDermott and Paula and Stephen McEvoy** for their support and co-operation over the years. Please keep in touch.
- **Mrs. Carson** and **I** travelled to **Edinburgh** last week with pupils from **Year 6** and **Year 7** from our school and **Year 6 and Year 7** pupils from **St. Brigid's P.S., Altamuskin**. Everyone has a fantastic time. Thank you to all our pupils for their exemplary behaviour and to **Mrs. Carson** for accompanying us on the trip.
- **Friends of St Patrick's** wish to thank Keira McCallan and the school for their support this year. A huge thank you also to all the parents, and local people who supported our fundraising events, we have raised **£2913.08** in total, which is a great start for our new group. This money will go towards new goalposts for the school and also will start our St Patrick's Accelerated Reading Programme in the next school year. We wish everyone a lovely Summer and look forward to more fundraising and more new members from September.
- 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, 19th June** and next Wednesday 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.
- The **School Nurse** will be visiting pupils in **Year 1** for a routine health check-up on **Wednesday, 19th and Thursday, 20th June**.
- **Parents of pupils in Year 7:**

Information regarding the **Knockmany Cup** is due to be sent to schools today. Once we have received it, I will forward details onto the children who are participating.

Our Annual **Year 7 Trip** will take place tomorrow. We will be travelling by bus to **Tayto Park, Ashbourne, Co Meath**. Pupils will be accompanied by four members of staff. Children will receive a hot lunch at Tayto Park, however, they are advised to take a snack with them for the journey.

There will also be an opportunity to have something hot to eat on the journey home. We will be departing from school **promptly** at **8.30am** and

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returning at approximately **8.30pm**. You will **only** be contacted if we return home **earlier** or **later** than **8.30pm**.

The cost is **£25.00** per pupil (this includes a 45minute guided tour of the zoo with over 300 amazing animals, a hot lunch, unlimited access to the attractions including The Cú Chulainn Coaster and a self-guided visit of the Tayto Factory. On departure each child will receive a packet of Tayto Crisps. This money also includes an evening meal.)

Children can bring some pocket money (no more than £30, please).

Pupils will need to apply sun cream as the weather forecast predicts sunshine. Pupils can wear their own clothes rather than school uniform.

Please note that mobile phones and devices with Internet access are not permitted on the trip.

Our **final swimming session** will take place this **Wednesday @ 11.30am** in **Omagh Leisure Complex**. Pupils are permitted to bring a small amount of spending money for the shop.

Loreto Grammar School's Induction Meeting for pupils transferring in September is taking place on **Thursday, 20th June** from **9.15am to 12.30pm**. Parents are asked to make their own travel arrangements and pupils are asked to wear their full school uniform.

Our **Year 7** pupils will be featured in the **Ulster Herald's Magificent 7s** supplement on **Thursday 20th June**.

Having won the first round of the **Sentinus Primary STEM Challenge** in March, **Dylán Connolly, Kerrie McDermott** and **Eoin McEvoy** will be travelling to Belfast to take part in the **Final** at **Ulster University Jordanstown** on **Monday, 24th June, 2019**. Further information to follow later in the week. We wish them good luck for the competition and an enjoyable day.

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.

- 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.

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- Instead of end of year trips, **Mrs. McConnell** has decided to host a **Fun Day** in school as a treat for pupils in **Year 3/4**. The day will include fun activities, music and refreshments. Mrs. McConnell will confirm the particular day, closer to the time.
- Homework for all pupils has now ended.
- **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 have been 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. Judging will take place on Thursday.
- As part of our transition arrangements in school, pupils in **Years 1 to 4** will be moving to their next class during a **Transition Day on Thursday, 20th June**. This is to help prepare pupils and staff for a smooth transition of classes in September. We hope all pupils and staff have an enjoyable day.
- Can you please send in two hard wearing plastic bags with your child for school books to be sent home in.
- Our school will close on **Friday, 28th June @ 12pm** for the summer holidays. Lunch will not be served on this day. Pupils are asked to return to school on **Monday, 2nd September** at the usual time. I would like to take this opportunity to wish staff, parents and pupils a relaxing and safe summer break and to wish our Year Seven pupils every happiness and success in their new schools. They are a great bunch of kids and we will miss them dearly. We welcome all our new Year One parents and pupils.
- All orders for **First Holy Communion** photographs must be in by tomorrow.
- A reminder that all monies need to be in the school office, as soon as possible. If you have any queries, please contact Mrs. Carson directly.
- Information regarding a **Football Tournament** next **Wednesday** for pupils in **Years 4 and 5** will be sent out on **Wednesday** of this week.
- **Mrs. Taggart's Powerpoint Presentation** from her **Achievements Assembly** on Friday will be available on our school website by the end of this school term.

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Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Keira McCallan
(Principal)



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