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

Monday, 9th March, 2020.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Please read the following notes carefully:

- I am delighted to inform you that our school has secured funding to create an **Outdoor Play Area** for the younger children. This area is being developed adjacent to the mobile classroom. The first stage of the project is to install a fence to act as a boundary. Work started on the fence today. Please take care when dropping off or collecting your child as there will be a truck on the school grounds and there will be workmen on site. We look forward to developing this area for the children. We will keep you informed of any further developments.
- 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 Monday, 6th 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.
- **Friends of St Patrick's** would like to thank all of the parents who helped out at our ASDA bag pack. We had more than 20 parents helping out and raised over **£820**.
- The date for the **St. Ciaran's Entrance Test** and **Parents' Morning** have been arranged for **Wednesday, 3rd June**. More information to follow.
- Well done to our **Year 6/7 girls** who participated in the **Allianz Cumann Na mBunscol Girls' Indoor Football Heat** in **Omagh** on **Tuesday**. They played with great skill and determination and their behaviour was exemplary. Please see the report attached.

‘We learn to love and love to learn.’

- **Year 7 pupils** and **three Year 6** pupils have been invited to participate in the **2020 Primary School Futsal Regional Tournament** in **Omagh Leisure Complex** organised by the **Irish Football Association** on **Wednesday, 11th March**. This is an indoor game and pupils are asked to come to school dressed in appropriate clothing and to bring a packed lunch and a bottle of water. Pupils will be travelling by bus and will be accompanied by a teacher. Please complete the permission slip attached and return it to school no later than Tuesday.
- **Six** pupils (two teams of 3) in **Year Six** have been selected at random to participate in a **STEM Challenge** (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) in the **Sacred Heart College, Omagh** on **Thursday, 19th March**, travelling in staff cars. Pupils attend this event annually and it has proven to be both educational and enjoyable. Unfortunately only six pupils are allowed to participate. At the event they will work in groups to design and construct something that has a purpose, e.g. a bridge, a windmill, etc. Pupils are asked to wear their full school uniform. They will return to school before lunch. If your child has been selected, please complete the permission slip attached and return it to school by **Thursday** of this week.
- **Year 7** pupils will be participating in a **Ceili Event** celebrating Ceili dancing in **The Strule Arts Centre** on **Thursday, 19th March @ 10am**. Pupils are asked to wear their **PE uniform**. They will travel by bus and will be accompanied by a teacher. Please complete the permission slip attached and return it to school by **Thursday, 12th March**.
- All pupils in **Year 5, Year 6** and **Year 7** have been invited to a **Cross Country Event** organised by **St. Mary's Primary School, Strabane** on **Thursday, 12th March**. The event will take place at **Holy Cross College, Strabane**. 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 a bottle of water.
- A sincere **Thank You** to **Rhoda Hackett** who kindly donated the seeds for the **Year 3/4 Shared Education** planting activity led by **Pauline Connolly**.
- **First Confession** for our **Year Four pupils** will take place on **Thursday, 12th March @ 7.00pm** in **St. Patrick's Church, Eskra**.
- Our school will be having a **Non - Uniform Green Day** on **Friday, 13th March**. Pupils, staff and parents are being encouraged to dress up in **green** to celebrate **St. Patrick's Day**. Pupils are asked to donate **£1** each towards our School Council Funds.
- Our school will be **closed** on **Monday, 16th, Tuesday, 17th and Wednesday, 18th March**. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very **Happy St. Patrick's Day**.

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- Please find attached a letter from **Eskra Emmetts**.
- Please find attached a flyer from **Stephen Beattie** regarding a **Multi-Sports Camp**. Stephen has advised that the most efficient way of booking is via the link at the bottom of the flyer and paying through Pay Pal.
- There won't be a weekly note next week due to the holidays.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Keira McCallan  
(Principal)

### Permission Slip- Year 6/7

I do/do not give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the **2020 Primary School Futsal Regional Tournament** in **Omagh Leisure Complex** on **Wednesday, 11th March**, travelling by bus.

Signed:

Date:

### Permission Slip- Year 7

I do/do not give permission for my Year Seven child \_\_\_\_\_ to travel by bus to **The Strule Arts Centre** on **Thursday, 19th March, 2020** to participate in a **Ceili Event**.

Signed:

Date:

### Permission Slip- Year 6

I do do/not give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in **The STEM Challenge** on **Thursday, 19th March** in **The Sacred Heart College, Omagh**, travelling in staff cars.

Signed:

Date: