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

Monday, 19th February, 2018.

Dear Parent,

Please read the following notes carefully.

- The **Final** of the **Flahavan's Athletics NI Cross Country League** will be held on **Wednesday, 21st February, 2018** at the **City of Belfast Playing Fields, Park Road Mallusk**. Our **Boys' Cross Country Team** (Year 6/7) and **Cora Scullion** (Year 6) will be participating. We wish them every success. Pupils are asked to be in school for **8.30am** as the bus will be leaving promptly at **8.45am**. Pupils are asked to wear suitable clothing and to bring water and a packed lunch. If your child is participating in this event, please complete the permission slip attached and return it to school tomorrow. If pupils are not going to be home by 3pm, we will notify you on Wednesday. Parents are welcome to attend the event.
- Please find attached a **School Holiday List** for **2018-2019**.
- **Emma Mulgrew** will be delivering one final **PE session** tomorrow with **Year 5/6** pupils, therefore pupils in **Year 5/6** are asked to wear their **PE uniform tomorrow**.
- We are currently advertising two posts within our school:

Temporary Part-Time Foundation Stage Classroom Assistant- 20hrs per wk.
Permanent Part-Time Building Supervisor (without supervision)- 15hrs per wk.

Please check out the **Education Authority's** website for further information.
Please note that the closing date for applications is **Thursday, 22nd February @ 2pm**.

- A display of pupils' work completed during **Catholic Schools Week** is now in **St. Patrick's Church, Eskra**.

'We learn to love and love to learn.'

- **Parents of pupils in Year Seven:**

As part of our Transition arrangements with Post-Primary Schools, two **Sixth Year students** from **St. Ciaran's College Ballygawley**, Grainne McKenna and Alannagh McCarron, will be delivering **Creative Writing Workshops** with pupils in **Year Seven** starting **tomorrow** from **9.20am to 10.20am**. They will be completing three booklets with Year Seven pupils: one on writing about characters, one on narrative voice and one on plot, structure and setting. The aim is for pupils to write an essay by the end of the programme. We look forward to meeting them and working with them.

Tuesday night's written **Literacy** homework will be replaced by **Confirmation** homework until Confirmation. Pupils will still be expected to complete **reading, spelling practice** and **workbook** and **MA** each **Tuesday**. Please note that learning homework for Confirmation is just as important as written homework.

A Confirmation Information Evening for parents of pupils in **Year 7** has been arranged for **Monday, 26th February @ 7.30pm** in the school Assembly Hall.

- We are collecting **The Irish News GAA** tokens with the aim of securing a coaching day, starting today and ending on **10th March**. Please support us by collecting the tokens and sending them into the school office. For further information visit: www.irishnews.com/coachingdays

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Keira McCallan
(Principal)

Permission Slip

I do/do not give permission for my child _____ to travel by bus to **Mallusk** on **Wednesday, 21st February, 2018** to participate in the **Athletics NI Final**.

Signed:

Date: