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

Monday, 16th May, 2016.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Please read the following notes carefully:

- Pupils are completing their Annual Standardised Tests during the month of May. Please let your child's class teacher know as soon as possible if your child is going to be absent from school during the month of May to minimise disruption to testing.
- Our Sports Day will take place on Friday, 27th May (weather permitting) with Years 1-7 competing in the morning. It will take place either on our school pitch or in Eskra Community Centre, depending on the weather. Lunch will be chicken nuggets/sausages and chips with icecream/ice lolly for dessert. Our P.E.co-ordinator, Mr. Keenan will send out further information this week. If you have any questions regarding our Sports Day, please contact him directly. School will close on Friday, 27th May @ 12.30pm so that staff can prepare for our Fun Night. Please ensure that your child is collected promptly.
- A PTA Meeting to organise Fun Night has been arranged for Thursday @
 7.30pm.
- Our Year Seven Leavers' Mass has been arranged for 10am on Wednesday,
 22nd June. Everyone is welcome.
- A pharmacist, Miss. Brenda Hackett, has been invited into our school tomorrow
 to deliver a talk about the appropriate use of medicines to Year 7 pupils as
 part of their Healthy Lifestyles topic and Personal Development and Mutual
 Understanding curriculum. We are looking forward to her talk.
- An additional note will be sent home on **Wednesday** of this week. Please check

'We learn to love and love to learn.'

your child's **Notes Folder** on Wednesday evening.

- Our Annual Fun Night will take place on Friday, 27th May (weather permitting) from 6 – 8pm. Further details to follow next Monday.
- Our **Annual Achievements Assembly** (Prize-Giving) will take place on the morning of **Monday, 13th June**. Year 1/2: 9.20am 10.00am. Year 3/4: 10.00am 10.45am. Year 5/6/7: 10.45 11.45am.
- Parents of pupils in Year 6: Please find attached a flyer regarding the CBS and Loreto Grammar's Transfer 2017 Information Evening which takes place on Wednesday @ 7.00pm.
- Aidan Kelly will be delivering Hurling training to pupils in Year 5/6 each
 Monday from 1.30pm to 2.30pm. Please ensure that your child wears his/her PE
 uniform every Monday and Friday.
- Parents of pupils in Year 7: Please find attached a timetable for Transfer Day in St. Ciaran's College on Thursday, 2nd June, 2016. The important transport arrangements are as follows: Students come to St. Ciaran's on the school bus they will use in September. Buses have been arranged to collect pupils from St. Ciaran's College at approminately 1.45pm and they will be brought directly back to our school. Pupils are asked to bring their pencil case and to wear their full school uniform. Lunch and break time snack will be provided free of charge.

Please note that full homework for all pupils in Year Seven will continue until after the St. Ciaran's College Transfer Day.

Year Seven pupils have been invited to Omagh County Primary's Football Championship 2016 on Thursday, 19th May at Omagh Leisure Complex. Pupils are asked to bring a packed lunch and are required to wear shin guards and trainers or moulded stud boots for 3G. Football boots with metal studs are not permitted. They will travel by bus and will be accompanied by a member of staff. Please complete the permission slip attached and return it to school by Wednesday of this week.

- Developing outdoor learning is currently a priority on our **School Development Plan.** We intend to purchase a garden shed to store resources. If any parent would be interested in designing and building a garden shed for us, please contact me directly before **Wednesday**, **25th May**.
- A reminder to refrain from sending in foods containing nuts in your child's lunch box. We have three children in our school with **nut allergies**. Nut allergies can be very serious and children can become seriously ill if they come in contact with food containing nuts. Thank you for your co-operation in regard to this important matter.

•	Some parents have reported to me recently that there is an outbreak of head lice in
	our school. In order to stop the repeated spread of head lice in our school all
	parents are asked to check their child's scalp carefully and to treat all infected
	family members immediately. Please note that current treatments merely kill the live
	lice and hair must be combed through carefully with a special comb to remove the
	eggs (the nits).

•	Pupils in Year 1/2 are travelling to Omagh on Thursday to visit Asda .	We	wish
	them a most enjoyable trip.		

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Keira McCallan (Principal)

Permission Slip

I do/do not give permission for my child	to
travel by bus to Omagh Leisure Complex on Thursday,	19th May to
participate in Omagh County Primary's Football Champ 2016.	ionship,
Signed:	
Date:	