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

Monday, 30th January, 2017.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Please read the following notes carefully:

- Congratulations to **Alexandra Beattie, Oran Bradley, Cara McCarney and Callum Welsh** in **Year 7** who represented our school at the **NI Road Safety Quiz** on **Tuesday, 24th January**. They were great ambassadors for our school through their exemplary behaviour and active participation. Well done!
- Congratulations to our eight **Year Seven** pupils- **Alexandra Beattie, Oran Bradley, Alice Campbell, Rory Kinsella, Eimear McCarroll, Ella McCarroll, Maria-Rose O'Hare and Callum Welsh** who represented our school so well on Friday night at the **Credit Union Quiz** in Fintona. They were enthusiastic, polite and very well-behaved and Team B achieved joint **3rd** place. Each child received a prize of £10 and our school received a cheque for £50 for entering. Well done!
- Congratulations to **Cora Scullion** in **Year 5** who has qualified for the **Final** of the **Northern Ireland Flahavan's Primary School Cross Country League**. We wish Cora every success at the final on **Wednesday, 22nd February, 2017** in Mallusk. Congratulations also to Eoghán McKenna (Year 6) and Matthew McKenna (Year 5) who participated in the Cross Country League also and who represented our school so well. We will continue to support this event next year and hope to enter a school team.
- Parents of pupils in Year Four: There will be a **Do This In Memory Meeting** in **Eskra Community Centre** on **Monday, 6th February @ 7.30pm**.
- This Week is **Catholic Schools Week** and the theme this year is- **Catholic Schools: Learning With Pope Francis To Care For Our Common Home**. Following the success of **Grandparents Day** last year we have decided to invite

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grandparents into school on **Wednesday, 1st February** for **Afternoon Tea** from **1.15pm to 2.00pm**. Friday is the **Feast of St. Blaise**. Fr. McGahan will be coming in to bless throats.

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

Please return all letters regarding upcoming **Transfer Meetings as soon as possible**. Please indicate whether you wish to attend the meeting. If you are undecided about which Post-Primary school to send your child to until after the Open Days/Evenings simply leave that section blank.

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 **Tuesday, 21st February @ 7.30pm** in the school Assembly Hall.

Students from **St. Ciaran's College in Ballygawley** will be starting a **Faith Friends Programme** with pupils in **Year 7** in preparation for Confirmation on Thursday mornings. This will be explained in greater detail at the Confirmation Night. We look forward to working with the students.

- **February** is the month of **Forgiveness**. Pupils will be learning about the importance of forgiving themselves and others. They will be completing work based on this theme throughout the month of February.
- Our **Thinking Skill and Personal Capability** focus for **February** is **Self-Management** at home and at school. Please refer to your child's Newsletter/ Learning Support Sheet for February to see how you can help at home.
- Year **6/7 Boys** have been invited to participate in an **Indoor Football Heat** on **Wednesday, 1st February** at **Omagh Station Centre**. Pupils are asked to bring appropriate clothing and a packed lunch. Pupils will travel by bus and will be accompanied by a member of staff. Please complete the permission slip attached and return it to school tomorrow. Please note that pupils will not be permitted to attend without a signed permission slip. Good luck boys.
- The dates for the **Feis poems/prose** are as follows:
8th April, 2017 – 12th April, 2017
15th and 16th May, 2017.

The dates for the **Instrumental Music** are as follows:
12th and 13th May, 2017.

We will only be given the specific dates for each age group when the cards are issued to us. Parents will be notified then.

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- Our school will be closed from **Monday, 13th February to Friday, 17th February (inclusive)** for **Mid-Term Break**. Pupils are asked to return to school on **Monday, 20th February** at the usual time.
- Our school will be closed on **Thursday, 2nd March, 2017** due to being used as a Polling Station for the local elections.
- Our school will close at **12.15pm** on **Monday, 6th February** so that all teaching staff can avail of an innovative staff development opportunity. Dinner will be provided. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.
- A reminder that the cost of school dinners has risen to **£2.55** from **1st January, 2017** and **£2.60** as from **1st September, 2017**.
- Please find attached a letter from **The Irish News**.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Keira McCallan
(Principal)

Permission Slip

I do/do not give permission for my child _____ to participate in an **Indoor Football Heat** in **The Station Centre** in **Omagh** on **Wednesday, 1st February**, travelling by bus.

Signed:

Date: