



**ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, ESKRA**



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

Monday, 5th January, 2015.

Dear Parent,

- Welcome back everyone. I hope that you all had a relaxing Christmas. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and peaceful New Year. I hope Santa was good to you all.
- Welcome back **Mrs. McConnell**. Mrs. McConnell will be teaching Year 3/4 for the duration of Mrs. Dolan's Maternity Leave.
- A sincere Thank You to all pupils and staff for their hard work in preparation for our Christmas Performances. I'm sure you will agree that they were all excellent.
- A sincere Thank You to everyone who contributed to the gift for Mr. O'Neill. We used the money to buy vouchers for Farnham Estate in Co. Cavan. Mr. O'Neill was overwhelmed by the generosity shown by parents, pupils and staff. We wish him every happiness and success for the future.
- I am hoping to offer an after-school **Homework Club** to **Year Six** pupils on a Tuesday afternoon from 3.10pm to 4.30pm beginning on **20th January**. If you are interested, please write a short note in your child's Home-School Messages Book, stating who will be collecting your child each week. Please note that this is a voluntary club and although pupils are very welcome to attend it is not compulsory.
- **Year Six** weekend homework will commence on **23rd January**. Again, this is voluntary so please let me know if you are interested in your child completing weekend homework. A short note in his/her Home-School Messages Book will suffice.
- 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

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containing nuts. Thank you for your co-operation in regard to this important matter.

- **Tomorrow** is the **Feast of the Epiphany**. Pupils will be completing work about this very special Feast Day in school. All pupils will be attending Mass tomorrow in **St. Patrick's Church, Eskra** at **10.30am**.
- Your child's **Learning Support Sheet** for **January** will be sent home next Monday.
- A **Dates For Your Diary** for **January/February** will be issued shortly.
- **January** is the month of **Honesty**. Pupils will be learning about the importance of telling the truth. They will be completing work based on this theme throughout the month of January.
- Our **Thinking Skill and Personal Capability** focus for **January** is **Working With Others** at home and at school. Please refer to your child's Learning Support Sheet for January to see ways that you can help at home.
- Mrs. Sweeney's after-school **Music** class will commence on **Thursday, 15th January**. Mrs. Taggart will be sending a note home regarding monies owed for this term shortly.
- As from **1st January, 2015** the price of milk will increase from **18p** per day to **20p** per day. Please find attached a price-list for this term.
- Any outstanding **Year One Admission Forms for September 2015** must be returned to the school office by **12.00 noon** on **Friday, 9th January**.
- The next **Do This In Memory** meeting will be held in **Eskra Community Centre** @ **8pm** on **Tuesday, 6th January**.
- **Parents of pupils in Year 6/7 travelling to Edinburgh in June 2015:** A non-refundable deposit of £50 per pupil is required by the end of January to secure our booking. Please send monies in a marked money wallet.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Keira McCallan  
(Principal)

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