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Monday, 28th November, 2016.

Dear Parent,

Please read the following notes carefully.

- An additional note will be sent home on **Wednesday** of this week. Please check your child's Notes Folder on Wednesday evening.
- A huge Thank You to everyone who visited our recent **Book Fair**. The total amount sold was **£552.80**. This means that our school will receive **£271.68** worth of **free** books. A sincere Thank You to Mrs. Carson for co-ordinating this annual event.
- Please find attached a flyer from **Ballygawley Local Committee** for **Cancer Research**. We hope to have a Christmas Tree created by our **Year 5/6/7 Golden Time Art Group** on display at this event.
- Please note that as a consequence of inappropriate use by some pupils and the disruption that this has caused to teaching and learning, **water bottles are no longer permitted in school**. Water will be available for pupils in each classroom throughout the school day. Pupils who take lunch are still permitted to bring re-usable water bottles into school for lunch-time only.
- Thank you to everyone who attended our **Internet Safety Presentation** for parents, delivered by **REIM Training Solutions**. It was a most informative and enjoyable evening.
- Today is **Fr. Connolly's** birthday. We wish him a very happy and relaxing day.
- **Parents of pupils in Year Seven:** Pupils will be travelling by bus to **St. Ciaran's College** on **Tuesday, 6th December** to see **Made In Dagenham**. Pupils are asked to bring a packed lunch as we cannot guarantee that we will return in time

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for dinner. They will be accompanied by a member of staff. Please complete the permission slip attached and return it to school by **Friday, 2nd December**.

Weekend homework for Year Seven has now ended.

From **today** homework for Year Seven pupils will consist of reading, spelling and Christmas play preparations.

Year 7 pupils will be starting their **Swimming Programme** on **Thursday, 26th January, 2017** for 15 weeks at **Omagh Leisure Centre**. The cost per pupil is **£40**. School will cover the cost of the bus. Pupils will travel by bus and will be accompanied by a member of staff. Please complete the permission slip and the Health Questionnaire attached and return them to school by **Friday, 2nd December**. Please send the money in a marked money wallet by the end of January.

Important information regarding admission to **Post-Primary** schools in **September 2017** is now available on the Education Authority's website- www.eani.org.uk

Please read the Education Authority's Transfer Booklets for the Western Region (Omagh schools) and the Southern Region (for information about St. Ciaran's College). These booklets give details of each Post-Primary School's Admissions Criteria. An important list of **Open Days/Evenings** for local Post-Primary Schools has been sent home with your child today. Please note that it is your responsibility to remember these dates. A **Transfer Form** and details of how to complete one will be sent home in **January**.

- Homework for all classes will end on **Thursday, 8th December**.
- Our **Christmas Dinner** for pupils and staff will take place on **Monday, 19th December**. School will close early on that day @ **12.45pm**. Please ensure that your child is collected from school promptly.
- The **Rudolph Run** is on **Saturday 10th December** from **12pm**. Please find attached a flyer and registration form.
- Please note that **toys** are **only** allowed to be brought into school on **Friday** for **Golden Time** or if the class teacher has specifically invited pupils to bring toys in for a particular event or topic (which will be communicated to parents through a letter or text message.)
- Our **Christmas plays** will take place on **Wednesday, 14th December**.
- Your child's **Newsletter/Learning Support Sheet** for December will be sent home next week.

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- Our **Christmas Raffle** will take place at Assembly on **Friday, 16th December**. Extra books of tickets are available from the parents' noticeboard in the school foyer. We are asking each family and each member of staff to **donate** something for the **hamper** or a **voucher**. Thank you to those who have already donated items.
- **Parents of pupils in Year 1/2:** A '**Fitness Fun Day**' has been arranged for Year 1/2 pupils on **Wednesday, 7th December** in **St. John's, Dromore**. Children will take part in Christmas - related activities, developing their fundamental P.E. skills. We hope all the children in Year 1/2 have lots of fun on Friday. Children will return to school in time for lunch. Please complete, sign and return the permission slip attached by **Friday, 2nd December, 2016**.
- **Year One Admission Forms** are now available from the school office. Please note that completed forms must be returned to the school office by **12.00 noon** on **Wednesday, 14th December**.
- Please find attached a flyer regarding a **Community Carol Service**.
- You may have heard your child/children talking about **Jumping Clay**. They are a local company who had a stall at one of our fundraising events and they visited our school last year to deliver a workshop with Year Seven pupils. Both pupils and staff thoroughly enjoyed the workshop. Jumping Clay is a jasmine scented, mess free clay that when you roll into a ball, bounces when thrown or dropped. Unlike traditional clays there is no need to bake it and once dry finished creations can be treasured forever. Our school has organized fundraising workshops, delivered by a representative from Jumping Clay, for all pupils, to be held in the school on **Thursday, 8th December**. Pupils will take home a Christmas decoration that they make during the workshops. The cost per pupil is **£3 each** with a maximum of **£8 per family. £1 per child** will be donated to our school. Please send all monies in by **Friday, 2nd December**.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Keira McCallan
(Principal)

Permission Slip- Year 7

I do/do not give permission for my child _____ to travel by bus to see **Made In Dagenham** in **St. Ciaran's College, Ballygawley** on **Tuesday, 6th December, 2017**.

Signed:

Date:

Permission Slip- Year 7

I do/do not give permission for my child _____ to participate in **swimming lessons** at **Omagh Leisure Centre** for 15 weeks starting on **Thursday, 26th January, 2017**, travelling by bus.

Signed:

Date:

Permission Slip- Year 1/2

I do/do not give permission for my child _____ to travel by bus to participate in a **Fitness Fun Day** in **St. John's Dromore** on **Wednesday, 7th December, 2017**.

Signed:

Date: