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

Monday, 30th September, 2019.

Dear Parent,

Please read the following notes carefully:

- A huge **Thank You** to all our staff for organising our **Continental/Irish Breakfast** on **Thursday**, to those who donated food, everyone who helped to tidy up and to everyone who came to the event. A special Thank You to our sponsors; **Margaret and Malachy Meegan, Dunnes Stores, Omagh, Hegarty's Supervalu, Fintona, Eurospar, Fintona, John And Noel Carson and Centra, Clogher**. An amazing **£357** was raised. This money will be used to buy school resources. I hope you all enjoyed the fried potatoes which were grown in our own vegetable garden!
- **Parents of pupils in Years 5, 6 and 7:** If your child has been selected for the Boys' or Girls' Cross Country Team following recent trials, please find attached a letter regarding **Flahavan's Cross-Country League** on **Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2019** at **Ballygawley Public Park**.
- **Friday, 4th October** is the **Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi**. Pupils will be completing work based on the life of St. Francis next week. Please find attached a copy of his **Prayer For Peace**.
- As a Catholic school our Catholic values are very important to us. **October** is the month of **Prayer** in our school. Pupils will be learning about the importance of prayer and will be completing work based on this value. Please pray with your child at home. A display of their work is situated in the main school corridor outside the Year 7 classroom.
- Each month our teachers focus on a particular **Thinking Skill/Personal Capability** in their teaching. This month the focus is on **Thinking, Problem-**

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**Solving and Decision-Making.** Please refer to your child's Newsletter/Learning Support Sheet for October to see ways that you can help at home.

- **Parents of Pupils In Years 1 - 4:** Please see attached a letter regarding our **Shared Education Programme** for this year.
- **Parents of pupils in Year 1/2:** Mrs. Taggart is currently administering base-line assessments with pupils in **Year 1/2**. These tests have to be administered on a one-to-one basis. The outcomes of these assessments will be communicated to parents at Mrs. Taggart's annual Parent-Teacher Meetings. Letters will be sent out shortly regarding dates and times.

Please return any reply slips for the **Year 1/2** visit to the library and/or application forms for a library card, money for the library trip and your child's baby photograph, if you haven't already done so.

Pupils in **Year 1/2** are travelling to **Happy Dayz** in **Ballygawley** on **Thursday, 3rd October** to participate in some indoor and outdoor play as part of our **Shared Education Programme**. Pupils will be accompanied by three adults, will travel by bus and will return to school before 2pm. Pupils are asked to wear their **PE uniform**. Lunch will be provided by Happy Dayz so a packed lunch is not needed. There is no cost to parents for this trip.

- Please find attached an information flyer, from our ICT co-ordinator, **Mrs. Doreen Barrett** about **NewsDesk**.
- Our **After-School Gardening Club** for the children in **Years 5 – 7** will continue on **Wednesday** afternoon from **3.15pm to 4.15pm**. Pupils are asked to bring their wellies, a snack and a coat to school with them.
- As you are aware, **Mrs. Louise McMullan** will be delivering a **Sounds-Write Information Night for Parents** this evening @ **7.30pm** in the school Dinner Hall. Everyone is welcome.  
If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.
- Extra copies of our Monday Note are available for collection at our Parents' Noticeboard at the main entrance of the school. Should you need extra copies, please feel free to take some. The Monday Note is also available from our school website- [www.stpatrickspeskra.co.uk](http://www.stpatrickspeskra.co.uk)
- Details of our **Annual Parent-Teacher Meetings** to follow shortly. If the date and/or time don't suit, please inform the class teacher, rather than swapping with another parent, as changes may affect the timetables of other teachers. **Year Seven** meetings have been arranged and confirmed.

ing pupils this extra support in reading and spelling.

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- A reminder that the school office will be open at the following times:

Monday: 8.30am to 4pm  
Tuesday: 8.30am to 4pm  
Wednesday: **CLOSED**  
Thursday: 8.30am to 4pm  
Friday: 8.30am to 12.30pm

If you need access to the school on a Wednesday, please ring the buzzer at the front door. If a member of staff is unable to come to your attention, please knock on my classroom window and someone will attend to you as soon as possible.

- Please find attached your child's **Newsletter/Learning Support Sheet** for October.
- Please find attached a flyer regarding a **Yoga and Relaxation Workshop**.
- **Parents of pupils in Year 7:** I am delighted to inform you that pupils in **Year 7** will be receiving **Gaelic Coaching** with **Tara O'Hagan**, a University Of Ulster PE student, on a **Monday** afternoon, starting today. Pupils in Year Seven are therefore asked to wear their PE uniform every **Monday** and **Friday**.
- **Monday, 14th October to Friday, 18th October** is **Maths Week** in **Ireland**. Pupils will be completing some fun activities in school and for homework. Check out the website [www.mathsweek.ie](http://www.mathsweek.ie) for some ideas to try out at home.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Keira McCallan  
(Principal)