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

Monday, 4th November, 2019.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Please read the following notes carefully:

- I hope you all had a relaxing and spooky **Halloween**.
- As you may be aware **Friends of St. Patrick's Eskra** have funded the implementation of the **Accelerated Reader Programme** for one year in Years 5, 6 & 7. Accelerated Reading is a computer-based programme used to enhance reading comprehension. In preparation for the introduction of Accelerated Reader pupils in Years 5-7 have to complete an on-line test to determine a base-line reading score. The test will take 30 minutes per pupil. We have arranged to take the pupils to **St. Ciaran's College, Ballygawley** to complete the test simultaneously. Pupils will be travelling to St. Ciaran's on Thursday morning by bus and will be accompanied by two members of staff. Please complete the **permission slip attached** and return it to school by **Wednesday** of this week.
- The **School Council** would like to thank all those who donated sweets for our Halloween Sweet Dip. An amazing **£102.94** was raised. We are delighted.
- **November** is the month of **Respect** in our school. Pupils will be completing work based on this value throughout the month. Please speak to your child at home about the importance of showing respect for themselves, others and other people's property and the importance of earning the respect of others. Check out our **Values Display** outside the Year 7 classroom.
- Our **Thinking Skill and Personal Capability** for the month of **November** is **Managing Information**. Please refer to your child's Newsletter/Learning Support Sheet to see how you can help at home. Check out our **TS&PC Display** outside the Year 7 classroom.

- Next week is **Anti-Bullying Week**. The theme this year is **Change Starts With Us**. Pupils will be completing activities in class during this week and there will be a special assembly delivered by our **Anti-Bullying Ambassadors**. Check out our **Values Display** outside the Year 7 classroom.
- **Parents of Pupils In Year 7:**
The **final** Year Seven Homework Club will be on **Monday, 11th November, 2019**. **Weekend homework** for Year Seven will end this **Friday, 10th November, 2019**.
Homework from **Monday to Wednesday** this week and next week will consist of Transfer Test related work and revision. Please refer to your child's Homework Diary each evening.
I have planned to deliver extra **Transfer Revision Sessions** on the following dates:
Tuesday, 5th November, 2019: 3.00pm to 5.30pm.
Wednesday, 13th November, 2019: 3.00pm to 5.30pm.
It is important that your child attends each session, if he/she is completing the **Transfer Test** on **Saturday, 16th November**. Please send a snack in with your child if he/she is attending.
Please note that these sessions are in addition to our **Afterschool Homework Club** on a **Monday** afternoon.
- As stated in our letter on the **2nd September** - 'We would respectfully request that parents pay **£2** per pupil per week towards the cost of sports coaching in the school. If you could forward **£14** per pupil to the school office to cover seven weeks of sports until Halloween, it would be greatly appreciated'. Many thanks to those who have paid. Please contact the schools office if you are unsure if you have paid. We now require **£14** per pupil to cover the cost of seven weeks from now until Christmas.
- Please find attached your child's **Newsletter/Learning support Sheet** for **November**.
- Our **Year 1 and 2** pupils travel to **Aughadarragh Primary School** on **Thursday, 7th November** as part of the **Shared Education** programme. Pupils are required to take a packed lunch and wear warm clothing and wellies.
- Pupils from the **Model School, Monaghan** and **Aughadarragh P.S.** will travel to our school and join our **Year 3 and 4** pupils in the **Shared Education** programme.
- Our **Christmas Dinner** for pupils and staff will take place on **Tuesday, 17th December**. School will close early on that day @ **12.45pm**. Please ensure that your child is collected from school promptly.

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- **Parents of pupils in Year 4:** The next **Do This In Memory Mass** will be held on **Sunday, 1st December**. Everyone is welcome.
- **Friends of St. Patrick's** wish to thank everyone who supported our Car Wash, the day raised an amazing **£978**.
We are having a meeting at **8pm** on **Tuesday, 12th November** in the school. This new venue has been kindly offered to prevent us paying for a meeting room in the Community Centre. For any new parents who wish to become involved please come along.
We are planning a few fundraisers for this term which we will advertise shortly. In collaboration with the school we hope the Accelerated Reader Programme will also be started this term for P 5 - 7 children.
- Final preparations are being made to our **Christmas Cards**. Mrs. Taggart will send a note home this week with further information.
- Unfortunately we can no longer accept paper **£5** and **£10** notes. Please **do not** submit **old £1 coins** or **Euros**.
- Please find attached notes from Eskra Community Association regarding the **Kids Running Club** and **Eskra Ceol Music Classes**.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Keira McCallan
(Principal)

Reply Slip

I consent to my child(ren) travelling by bus to St. Ciaran's College, Ballygawley on Thursday, 7th November.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date:

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