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

Monday, 11th November, 2019.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Please read the following notes carefully:

- This 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 and our school website. Perhaps you could talk to your child about the importance of everyone taking a stand together against bullying behaviour. Talk to your child about the true definition of bullying as outlined in our policy:
Bullying is the repeated use of power by one or more people intentionally to harm, hurt or adversely affect the rights and needs of another or others.
Please check the Northern Ireland Anti-Bullying website- www.endbullying.org.uk – for further information.
A copy of our **Anti-Bullying Policy** will be issued tomorrow.
- Our after-school **Gardening Club** has now ended. We intend to offer this wonderful after-school opportunity again in the spring term. A special thank you to **Mrs. Connolly** for leading the club. Mrs. Connolly will be on **Radio Ulster** on **Saturday, 23rd October at 9am** talking about our Gardening Club - please tune in.
- An additional note will be sent out **tomorrow**. Please check your child's **Notes Folder**.
- 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. Unfortunately, St. Ciaran's College was unable to facilitate the test last week. Therefore, we have arranged to take the pupils to the **Technology Education Centre, Omagh** to complete the test simultaneously on

Thursday morning. Pupils will be travelling to Omagh 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. We respectfully request that parent send **£2 per child** into school to cover the cost of a snack.

- 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 to inform you that we purchased **Board Games** for wet playtimes.
- **Parents of Pupils In Year 7:**
The **final** Year Seven Homework Club will take place today- **11th November, 2019. Weekend homework** for Year Seven has now ended.
Homework from **Monday to Wednesday** this week will consist of Transfer related work for those pupils completing the test on Saturday. Please refer to your child's Homework Diary each evening.
I have planned to deliver an extra **Transfer Revision Session** on **Wednesday, 13th November, 2019** from 3.00pm to 5.30pm.
It is important that your child attends this 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.
This week pupils will be completing mock tests so please notify me if your child is going to be absent. If you would like to speak to me regarding your child's progress in relation to the Transfer Test, please contact me this week.
- 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.
- **Parents of pupils in Year 4:** The next **Do This In Memory Mass** will be held on **Sunday, 1st December**. Everyone is welcome.
- Reminder that the next **Friends of St. Patrick's Parents Association** meeting will take place at **8pm** this **Tuesday** night (**12th November**) in the school. New members are welcome.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Keira McCallan
(Principal)

Reply Slip

I consent to my child(ren) travelling by bus to the Technology Education Centre on **Thursday, 14th November** to complete an Accelerated Reader Test.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date: