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

Monday, 1st October, 2018.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Please read the following notes carefully.

- Congratulations to **Ashton Beattie** who has been appointed as our new **Head Boy** and **Sarah McCarroll** who has been appointed as our new **Head Girl**. We wish them every happiness and success in their new roles of responsibility and leadership. We thank last year's Head Boy, **Eoghán McKenna** and Head Girl, **Aoife McKenna** for the wonderful example they have shown to younger pupils and for their commitment to the post. Unfortunately some children in Year Seven are yet to receive their letters. All letters were posted First Class on Thursday so all pupils should've received them. Apologies for any upset this may have caused.
- A huge **Thank You** to all staff for organising our **Continental/Irish Breakfast** on **Friday**, 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, The Spar, Dromore, Vivo, Dromore, Centra, Clogher**. Details of the amount raised, to follow shortly.
- Your child's **Newsletter/Learning Support Sheet** for **October** will be sent home next Monday.
- **Thursday, 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.

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The local **Legion Of Mary** group will be joining us for **Assembly** during the month of **October** to talk to the children about Mary, the Mother of God, praying to Mary and in particular, the Rosary. We look forward to their visits.

- Each month our teachers focus on a particular **Thinking Skill/Personal Capability** in their teaching. This month the focus is on **Thinking, Problem-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.
- 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.
- Pupils in **Year 3/4** were due to travel to **Parkanaur** tomorrow to participate in their **Knowing Me, Knowing You** activities as part of our **Shared Education Programme**. Unfortunately Parkanaur Forest is closed at present due to repair work being carried out following the recent winds. As an alternative, pupils will be travelling to **Pomeroy Forest Park**. The activities will take place as planned. Pupils will be accompanied by two members of staff, will travel by bus and will return before school ends. Pupils are asked to wear their **PE uniform**, a warm coat and wellies and to bring a packed lunch. There is no cost to parents for this trip. Please make sure that you have returned the permission slip by tomorrow.
- Pupils in **Year 1/2** are travelling to **Happy Days** in **Ballygawley** on **Wednesday** to participate in some indoor play as part of our **Shared Education Programme**. Pupils will be accompanied by two members of staff, will travel by bus and will return before school ends. Pupils are asked to wear their **PE uniform** and to bring a packed lunch. There is no cost to parents for this trip. Please make sure that you have returned the permission slip by tomorrow.
- Please find attached an information flyer, from our ICT co-ordinator, **Mrs. Doreen Barrett** about **NewsDesk**.
- **Parents of pupils in Year 1/2:** Please find attached two nutrition leaflets from the **Public Health Agency**.
- Please find attached a copy of a flyer regarding **Eskra's Scarecrow Festival** on **Friday, 26th October, 2018**.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Keira McCallan  
(Principal)

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