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

Monday, 12th November, 2018.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Please read the following notes carefully:

- This week is **Anti-Bullying Week**. The theme this year is **RESPECT**. 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. Please find attached our school **Anti-Bullying Policy**. 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. Please complete the reply slip attached to show that you have read and understood the policy and return the slip to school by **Friday, 16th November**. Please retain the policy for your reference.
- **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.

- Please find attached your child's **Newsletter/Learning Support Sheet** for **November**.
- Our **Christmas Dinner** for pupils and staff will take place on **Thursday, 20th 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 first **Do This In Memory Mass** will be held on **Sunday, 2nd December**. Everyone is welcome.
- The **Flu Vaccine** will be administered in our school on **tomorrow, 13th November**.
- **Year 1/2** pupils from **St. Patrick's P.S., Aughadarragh** and **Senior Infants** from **The Model School, Monaghan** will be visiting our school on **tomorrow, 13th November** to participate in fun and educational activities as part of our **Shared Education Programme**. There will be three workshops delivered on the day which all pupils will experience: Tom Sweeney, classroom play and P.E.
- **Year 3/4** pupils from **St. Patrick's P.S., Aughadarragh** and **Second Class** pupils from **The Model School, Monaghan** will be visiting our school on **Wednesday, 14th November** to participate in fun and educational activities as part of our **Shared Education Programme**. There will be three workshops delivered on the day which all pupils will experience: Biodiversity/Scavenger Hunt, Art And Craft and Music.
- **Mrs. Tracey Scullion** has entered our **Cross-Country Team** for their next race in **Dungannon Park** on **Wednesday, 5th December**. Pupils will travel by bus and will be accompanied by two members of staff. Pupils are asked to wear suitable clothing and to bring water and a packed lunch. Please complete the permission slip attached and return it to school by **Monday, 29th November**.
- The next meeting of the **Parents' Association** will take place in the **Community Centre** on **Tuesday, 13th November @ 7.30pm**. New members are most welcome to attend.
- 4 books of raffle tickets **per family** have been sent home today for our **Christmas Raffle**. Please try to sell as many tickets as you can. All proceeds are in aid of school funds. As you can see, we have some fabulous prizes this year. There will be a prize for the child who sells the most tickets. The raffle will take place at **Assembly** on **Thursday, 20th December, 2018**. Extra books of tickets will be available from the parents' display. Parents are not required to donate items for the hamper, however, donations are always welcome and appreciated.

'We learn to love and love to learn.'

- All photograph orders must be forwarded to the school office by **Wednesday**.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Keira McCallan
(Principal)

Consultation With Parents
2018 - 2019

Anti-bullying Policy

I/we _____ have received, read and understood St. Patrick's P.S., Eskra's Anti-Bullying Policy.

Signed:

Date:

Permission Slip

I do/do not give permission for my child _____ to travel by bus to Dungannon Park on Wednesday, 5th December, 2018 to participate in a Cross-Country event.

Signed:

Date: