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

Monday, 7th January, 2019.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Please read the following notes carefully:

- **Welcome back** everyone. I hope that you all had a relaxing Christmas. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and peaceful New Year. I hope Santa was good to you all.
- A sincere thank you to staff and pupils for all their hard work in preparation for our Christmas Performances. I'm sure you will agree that the standard this year was exceptional. Thank you also to **Mrs. Marisa Beattie, Mrs. Pauline Connolly** and **Mr. Joe McKenna** for their assistance with the scenery and props and to **Techpro Events** for the lighting and sound.
- A sincere **Thank You** to everyone who supported our **Christmas Raffle**. The total amount raised was **£818.57**. Thank you to everyone who donated vouchers- Supervalu, Fintona, The Coach Inn, Éle Carson, Kelly's Inn, Donnie McGale - and to everyone who donated items for the hamper. 1st and 2nd Prize winners are as follows:  
  
**1st prize (£100):** Aideen Donnelly  
**2nd Prize (Christmas Hamper worth £100):** Holly Megan  
  
**Shane McGinley** (Year 5) and **Eoin McCarney** (Year 4) won the prize for selling the most tickets. They sold **£65** worth of tickets each.
- **SkillSchool NI** will continue during school and afterschool from **Friday, 11th January, 2019**.
- **Parents of pupils in Year 7:** Year 7 pupils will be starting their **Swimming Programme** (15 sessions) on **Monday, 21st January, 2019** at **Omagh Leisure Complex**. Pupils will travel by bus and will be accompanied by a member of staff.

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The cost per pupil is £40. School will cover the cost of the bus. Please send the money in a marked money wallet by the end of January. Please complete the **Health History Questionnaire** requested by Omagh Leisure Complex and return it to school by **Friday, 11th January**.

Please find attached a letter regarding a **Kids' Life And Times Survey** that **Year Seven** pupils will complete in class. Pupils from Year 7 have been participating in this survey for at least the last 7 years and have found it to be a fun and interesting activity. Please complete and return the slip **only** if you **don't** want your child to participate.

As outlined in our **Homework Policy**, pupils in **Year Seven** are expected to complete additional homework in preparation for Confirmation. Additional homework will commence next week. Confirmation homework must be handed up each Tuesday and Wednesday morning. It is essential that this homework is completed on time to ensure that pupils don't get behind.

- Pupils in **Year Seven** will be travelling to Belfast to visit the **Titanic Quarter** on **Monday, 28th January, 2019**. The trip will consist of a **Brave New World Tour** and a Workshop entitled- **Get The Message**. Pupils will travel by bus, leaving school promptly at **9am** and they will return at approximately **4.30pm**. Pupils are asked to bring a packed lunch and to wear their full school uniform. Pupils will be accompanied by two members of staff. Pupils are permitted to bring some spending money for the shop, if desired (Maximum of £10). Please note that mobile phones and devices with Internet access are not permitted on school trips. Pupils will be responsible for looking after their own property. The cost of the trip is **£12** per pupil. Please complete the permission slip and return it to school with the money **as soon as possible**. Thanks to those parents who have already paid. Pupils in Year Seven will be learning about the Titanic with Mrs. Barrett so this trip will be linked to their World Around Us topic and should prove to be both educational and fun.
- Your child's **Newsletter/Learning Support Sheet** for **January** will be issued this week.
- **Admission to Year One** is now an on-line process. Please refer to the Education Authority's website for further information- [www.eani.org.uk](http://www.eani.org.uk)  
Please note that the closing date for on-line applications is **31st January, 2019**. If making an application for admission to Year One, could you please forward your child's birth certificate as soon as possible. We will take a copy of it for our records and return it to you.
- **January** is the month of **Honesty**. Pupils will be learning about the importance of telling the truth. They will be completing work based on this theme throughout the month of January.

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- Our **Thinking Skill and Personal Capability** focus for **January** is **Working With Others** at home and at school. Please refer to your child's Monthly Newsletter/Learning Support Sheet for January to see ways that you can help at home.
- Please note that **Milk** for **Term 2** is **£8** per pupil.
- Staff from **Cancer Focus** are visiting our school on **Tuesday, 15th January, 2019**. They will be delivering age-appropriate healthy lifestyle workshops to all pupils throughout the day. Cancer Focus have visited our school previously and the workshops have proven to be enjoyable and educational for all pupils.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Keira McCallan  
(Principal)