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

Monday, 29th April, 2019.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Please read the following note carefully:

- A sincere **Thank You** to everyone who sold tickets for our **Easter Raffle**. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. The total amount raised was an amazing **£602**. This money will be used to purchase essential resources for our pupils.
- A sincere **Thank You** to everyone who supported our **Annual Book Fair**. A special **Thank You** to the **Parents' Association** for donating **£500** to the school to purchase books from the **Book Fair**. The total value of books sold was **£899.83**. Our school receives commission to spend on additional books therefore we are now in a position to spend a further **£479.88** on books for all classes. Staff and pupils are delighted.
- Congratulations to staff and pupils on our excellent **RE Inspection** evaluation on **Tuesday, 16th April**. **Fr. Flanagan** was very impressed by the hospitality he received, the quality of the pupils' work and the informed answers they gave to his questions during discussions. Well done to everyone!
- **First Holy Communion** will take place on **Saturday, 11th May, 2019 @ 12pm** in **St. Patrick's Church, Eskra**.
- If your child is going on the **Year 6/7 trip to Edinburgh**, an itinerary of activities and details regarding an **Information Session for Parents** will be sent home on **Wednesday** of this week.
- **Parents of pupils in Year Six:** Additional letters regarding transition arrangements have been sent home today.
- **Parents of Pupils in Year 7: Year 7 Homework** for the next three weeks will consist of reading, spelling and both written and learning work in preparation for

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Confirmation. Please note that **learning homework is just as important as written homework**. It is essential that learning homework is completed each night as knowledge will be tested daily.

A **Confirmation display** will be in **St. Patrick's Church, Eskra** from **Friday** of this week.

A **Confirmation Retreat** for our **Year 7** pupils has been organised by Fr. McGahan for this **Thursday, 2nd May** in **Clogher Valley Community Centre** in **Augher** from **9.30am to 2.30pm**. This is a very informative and enjoyable day for pupils in preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation. As our school is **closed** on **Thursday**, parents are asked to drop off and collect their child from Clogher Valley Community Centre rather than school. Please complete the reply slip to indicate whether your child will be attending and return it to school tomorrow. Pupils are asked to wear their full school uniform and to bring a packed lunch. Mrs. Barrett has kindly offered to supervise our children at this event.

A **Service of Light** in preparation for **Confirmation** has been arranged for **Thursday, 9th May @ 7pm** in **St. Patrick's Church, Eskra**. Fr. McGahan will administer the **Confirmation Pledge** at this service. Please bring your child's **Baptismal Candle**, if possible. Everyone is welcome to attend.

A **Confirmation Practice** for Year Seven **parents, pupils and sponsors** (if possible) will take place on **Sunday, 12th May @ 7pm** in the **Forth Chapel in Augher**.

- The **School Council** would like to thank everyone who donated £1 on our **Green Day**. **£47** was raised and has been used to buy resources for our new garden shed.
- Pupils from **Year 7** and some pupils from **Year 6** have been invited to a **Football Blitz** on **Thursday, 9th May** at **Garvaghey GAA Centre**. Pupils are asked to wear appropriate clothing and to bring a packed lunch and water. Pupils will be travelling in staff cars and will be accompanied by two members of staff. If your child is attending, please complete the permission slip attached and return it to school no later than **Friday, 3rd May**. If you are able to transport your own child, could you please indicate this on the reply slip.
- Our school will be closed on **Thursday, 2nd May** as it is being used as a **Polling Station**. Pupils are expected to return to school on **Friday, 3rd May**, at the usual time.
- Our **Value** for the month of **May** is **Worship**. Please speak to your child at home about the importance of this value. May is also the month of **Mary**. We ask all families to set up a **May Altar** at home to encourage prayer to Mary, particularly during this special month. Pupils are being encouraged to bring in flowers and religious artefacts to decorate May Altars in school.

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- Our **Thinking Skill and Personal Capability** for the month of **May** is **Self-Management**. Please refer to your child's Newsletter/Learning Support Sheet to see how you can help at home.
- Your child's **Newsletter/Learning Support Sheet** for **May** will be issued next Monday.
- Pupils are completing their **Annual Standardised Tests** between **29th April and 16th May**. Please let your child's class teacher know as soon as possible if your child is going to be absent from school during the month to minimise disruption to testing.
- **Sports Day** will take place on **Friday, 24th May** (weather permitting) during school hours. Further details to follow.
- Our **Annual Achievements Assembly** (Prize-Giving) will take place on the morning of **Friday, 14th June**.  
Year 1/2: 9.20am – 10.00am.  
Year 3/4: 10.00am – 10.45am.  
Year 5/6: 10.45am – 11.25am  
Year 7: 11.25am – 11.55am
- Please find attached a flyer from **Family Support NI**.
- Please find attached a copy of our **School Closures** for **2019 - 2020**. This information is also displayed on our school website.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Keira McCallan  
(Principal)



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## Reply Slip- Year 7

My child \_\_\_\_\_ will/will not be attending the **Confirmation Retreat** in **Clogher Valley Community Centre** in **Augher** on **Thursday, 2nd May, 2019**.

Signed:

Date:

## Permission Slip- Year 6/7

I do do/not give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in a **Football Blitz** on **Thursday, 9th May** at **Garvaghey GAA Centre**, travelling in staff cars.

I am able/unable to transport by child to and from the event.

Signed:

Date: