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Monday, 3rd June, 2019.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Please read the following note carefully:

- Our **Catholic Value** for the month of June is **Friendship**. Pupils will be learning about the importance of being a good friend this month. Please speak to your child at home about the value of friendship.
- Our **Thinking Skill/Personal Capability** focus for the month of **June** is **Being Creative**. Please refer to your child's Newsletter/Learning Support Sheet for June to see ways that you can help at home.
- Please find attached a copy of our **Child Protection And Safeguarding Policy**. Please read the policy carefully and complete the slip attached to show that you have received and read it. Please return the slip by **Friday, 7th June, 2019**.
- As a school we aim to provide the best care and education possible. We regularly review the work we do in order to improve and we value the opinions of all the stakeholders in our school. In order to ascertain the views of parents we send out questionnaires and surveys. To help us in the process of school self-evaluation we would encourage you to complete the attached **Parent Questionnaire** and return it to school by **Friday, 7th June, 2019**. You will notice that all the statements are general in nature. We value all views and opinions and in the interest of mutual respect individual staff members should not be named. If you answer 'Disagree' to any of the statements, please provide an explanation in the comments box. Please note that although you are not asked to sign the questionnaire responses will be shared with all staff members and Governors. Responses will be used to help us identify strengths and areas for development to inform our new School Development Plan (2019 – 2022) so it is important that we receive a response from each family. Thank you.
- **Mrs. Carson** and **I** will be travelling to **Edinburgh** from **10th to 12th June** with pupils from **Year 6** and **Year 7**. During this period, please contact our Vice-

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Principal, **Mrs. Josephine Mulligan**, if you require assistance with anything. Mrs. Doreen Barrett will be teaching the remaining Year 7 pupils.

- Our **Gardening Club** for pupils in **Years 5, 6 and 7**, delivered by Mrs. Pauline Connolly, Mrs. Michelle McCarney and a teacher will commence this **Wednesday, 5th June** from **3.15pm to 4.15pm**. Pupils are asked to bring their wellies, a snack and a coat to school with them. We hope that this Club will continue next term. A copy of the letter sent out on Friday is attached. Please return the permission slip and return it to school tomorrow.
- **Parents of Pupils in Year 7:**

This week is **Revision Week** in **Year 7** in preparation for the **St. Ciaran's Entrance Test** on **Thursday**. If there is anything that you would like me to revise with your child, please write a note in your child's Home School Messages Book.

All homework for **Year Seven** pupils will finish on **Tuesday, 4th June**.

The **St. Ciaran's Entrance Test** is taking place on **Thursday, 6th June**. The morning will begin at **9am** and will finish at **12.15pm**. The morning will conclude with an **Information Briefing** (30 mins approx.) for pupils and parents @ **11.45am**. Parents are asked to leave their child to St. Ciaran's for 9am and to be available to take them home at **12.15pm**. Students will be provided with refreshments. They are asked to wear their school uniform. There is no need for pupils to bring their schoolbag or equipment.

Our **Year Seven Leavers' Mass** has been arranged for **7.00pm** on **Wednesday, 26th June** in **St. Patrick's Church Eskra**. Light refreshments will be served in our school after Mass. Please bring family and friends along. Everyone is welcome.

All pupils in **Years 5-7** have been invited to the **Omagh Primary Schools Cross-Country 2019** event in **Omagh Leisure Centre** on **Thursday, 6th June** from **10.30am to 1pm approximately**. Pupils will travel by bus and will be accompanied by two members of staff. Unfortunately due to unavoidable school budget pressures we are unable to pay for the bus. Therefore, we request that each pupil participating contributes £4 towards the entry fee and the cost of the bus. Pupils are asked to wear appropriate clothing and to bring water, sunscreen and a packed lunch. Please complete the **Participant Registration Form** and the **Permission Slip** attached and return them to school by Wednesday. Photographs and/or videos may be taken of pupils whilst participating in the competition. If you **do not give permission** for photographs and/or video footage to be taken of your child, please inform me by **9am** on **Wednesday** morning.

- We welcome our new **Year 1 parents** on **Wednesday** afternoon to Mrs. Taggart's **Information Meeting @ 1.00pm**.
- Our **Annual Achievements Assembly** (Prize-Giving) will take place on the

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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 leaflet from **ASPIRE**.
- The application process for assessment of eligibility for **Free School Meals/School Uniform/Physical Education Clothing Allowance 2019 - 2020** has commenced. Please apply, if you are entitled to. Even if you choose to not avail of free school meals or the uniform grant our school receives extra money in our budget for each pupil registered. Our school has a small batch of application forms for potential new applicants. The application form can also be accessed from the EA website www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals
- A reminder that our school has a **clothing bank**. If you are tidying away any unwanted clothing, please consider popping them into our bank. Thank you.
- Your child's **Newsletter/Learning Support Sheet** for **June** will be issued by Wednesday of this week.
- Please find attached a flyer from **Marks And Spencer**.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Keira McCallan
(Principal)



Consultation With Parents
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Child Protection And Safeguarding Policy

I/we _____ have received, read and understood St. Patrick's P.S., Eskra's Child Protection And Safeguarding Policy.

Signed:

Date:

Permission Slip

I do/do not allow my child _____ to travel by bus to participate in the **Omagh Primary Schools Cross-Country 2019** event on **Thursday, 6th June**.

Signed:

Date: