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

Monday, 27th February, 2017.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Please read the following notes carefully:

- Parents of Pupils In Year Seven:
There was a mistake on the PowerPoint presentation on Tuesday evening.
Confirmation is in **St. Patrick's Church, Clogher**, not St. Maccartan's Church as stated. Apologies for the error.
- Tomorrow is **Shrove/Pancake Tuesday**. Pupils will be completing work around this day in school, including making and/or eating pancakes. If you would prefer for your child to not eat pancakes in school tomorrow, please notify the class teacher directly.
- It is **Ash Wednesday** on **1st March**. Three important aspects of Lent are **fasting, almsgiving** and **prayer**. Pupils will be completing **Lenten Promises** in school. Please encourage your child to give something they like up or to do something special during Lent.
- Your child's **Newsletter/Learning Support Sheet** for **March** will be issued next Monday.
- A **Dates For Your Diary** for **March/April** will be issued shortly.
- **March** is the month of **Self-Discipline**. Pupils will be learning about the importance of self-discipline, particularly in relation to Lent. Please speak to your child about this value at home.
- As you are aware, each month our teachers focus on a particular **Thinking Skill/Personal Capability** in their teaching. This month the focus is on

‘We learn to love and love to learn.’

Managing Information. Please refer to your child's Newsletter/Learning Support Sheet for March to see ways that you can help at home.

- Please find attached our **School Closures List** for **2017 - 2018**. This list is also available on our school website.
- **Seven Year 6 boys** and **seven Year 7 girls** have been selected to participate in the **2017 Primary School Futsal Regional Tournament** organised by the **Irish FA**. The first eight schools to apply were awarded a place for each venue. The event will be held at **Omagh Leisure Centre**. Pupils will travel by bus and will be accompanied by a teacher. Pupils are asked to wear appropriate clothing and to bring a packed lunch. If your child has been selected, please complete the permission slip sent home and return it to school tomorrow.
- The mobile library van will be visiting our school on **20th March** from **1 - 2pm**. It will continue to visit on a fortnightly basis.
- **Dan The Skipping Man** will be visiting our school on **Tuesday, 7th March** to complete fun skipping activities with all the children. All pupils are asked to wear their **P.E.** uniform on this day. We are asking for **£3 per child** or **£8 per family** to help cover the cost of this super event. Please send money into the school office in a marked wallet by **Friday, 3rd March**. Check out the following website for more information: www.dantheskippingman.com
- Our school will be closed on **Thursday, 2nd March, 2017** due to being used as a Polling Station for the local elections.
- **First Confession** for our **Year Four pupils** will take place on **Tuesday, 7th March @ 7.30pm** in **St. Patrick's Church, Eskra**. Mrs.Mullan has requested that Choir members be in their seats by **7.15pm**. They are asked to wear their full school uniform. Choir members should be ready to be collected from the Church at 8.30pm.
- **World Book Day** takes place on **Thursday, 2nd March**. As our school is closed on this day so we will be completing activities on Friday, 3rd instead. Pupils will be completing a variety of activities in school including:
Year 1/2 pupils will be invited to bring in their favourite book.
Years 3-7 pupils will be asked to bring in a photograph of themselves reading in an unusual place.
- It is **FairTrade Fortnight** beginning **27th February** to **12th March**. Children will be raising awareness of what FairTrade is by participating in a variety of activities within these two weeks. The Eco-Committee has been invited to a **FairTrade Talk** in the **Lakeland Forum in Enniskillen** on **10th March**. Further details to follow.

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- Pupils in **Year 7** are entering the **Fermanagh and Omagh District Council's St. Patrick's Day Competition**. The theme is **Green For '17**. Year 7 pupils have created a model of St. Patrick himself made out of scrap materials for the competition. A sincere thank you to Mrs. Barrett and Mrs. Carson for directing and assisting the pupils. Our model of St. Patrick will be displayed from **10th March to 1st April** in the **Strule Arts Centre, Omagh**. Year 7 have also been invited to the launch on 10th March.
- The closing date for our school to enter the **Irish News Coaching Days Competition** is **4th March**. Please send all tokens into school before this date.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Keira McCallan
(Principal)