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Monday, 3rd April, 2017.

Dear Parent,

Please read the following notes carefully:

- Our **Value** for the month of **April** is **Love**. Your child will be learning about this value at school.
- Our **TS&PC** focus for the month of **April** is **Thinking, Problem-Solving and Decision-Making**. Your child will be given lots of opportunities to develop these skills this month.
- **Parents of Pupils in Year Seven:**
The **St. Ciaran's Entrance Test** will take place on **Thursday, 25th May**. Further details to follow.
- **Year Seven** pupils will be receiving **Gaelic Training** on a Monday morning, therefore, pupils in **Year 7** are asked to wear their PE uniform each **Monday, Tuesday** and **Friday** until notified otherwise.
- **Easter Draw** - we would very much appreciate if every family could donate something towards our Easter Draw. Items can be left in office/staffroom. Draw will take place in school on Tuesday, 11th April. Sincere thanks to those who have returned their draw tickets/money.
- **Mrs. Shauna McCarney Blair** is carrying out research with Year 4 to 7 pupils. The research consists of pupils choosing which food category they prefer from 4 posters. She will complete this research **tomorrow morning** in school.
- All school photographs **must** be returned to school by **Wednesday** of this week.
- Please find attached your child's **Newsletter/Learning Support Sheet** for **April**.
- **Home to School Transport** - All transport applications must be made on-line through the EA website www.eani.org.uk/transportapp. Parents are encouraged to apply before **the 19th July, 2017** as an offer of transport assistance cannot be guaranteed for the 1st September, 2017 if you make an application after this date. The on-line application service will be available for primary schools from: **2nd May, 2017**

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- Please find attached a note from **Brian Gallagher** following his visit to our school last week. Mr. Colton gave him a copy of his book "Conversations with Nature".
- **West Tyrone Feis** - Entry cards will be sent home after Easter. Dates are as follows:
 Year 1 Girls - Wednesday 10th May at 9.15am
 Year 1 Boys - Thursday 11th May at 11.15am
 Year 2 Girls – Wednesday 10th May at 11.15am
 Year 2 Boys – Tuesday 9th May at 12.45pm
 Year 3 Girls – Thursday 11th May at 10.15am
 Year 3 Boys – Monday 15th May at 10.15am
 Year 4 Girls – Friday 12th May at 10.15am
 Year 4 Boys – Monday 8th May at 2pm
 Year 5 Girls – Friday 12th May at 2pm
 Year 5 Boys - Monday 15th May at 2pm
 Year 6 Girls – Thursday 11th May at 1.45pm
 Year 6 Boys – Monday 15th May at 3pm
 Year 7 Girls – Wednesday 10th May at 1.45pm
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- A reminder that there is a meeting in **St. Patrick's Church, Eskra** tomorrow night, **Tuesday 4th April** at 8pm. A member of the Diocesan Safeguarding Team will give a short talk (Mr. Pat Drury). It is essential that at least one parent attends this meeting if your child is in any of these groups: **Altar Server, Choir/Folk Group, Rise of the Roses, Junior Adoration.**
- **Year 1 and 2 pupils** – please find attached your April Newsletter.
- Please find attached newsletter from **our School Council.**
- **Year 4 – First Holy Communion**
 As you know First Holy Communion will take place on **Saturday, 29th April at 12 noon.** Tea will be served in the Community Centre afterwards. As is customary we would like the help of as many parents as possible to help with the setting up, preparation and serving of tea (in particular our Year 3 parents). We would also like parents to donate traybakes/biscuits for this event. (We have arranged for sandwiches to be provided) Further information closer to the date.
Please see note attached from photographer Katrina Taggart. Reply slip should be returned to school by Wednesday of this week.
- School will close on **Wednesday, 12th April** at **12pm** for the **Easter Holidays.** Pupils are expected to return to school on **Monday, 24th April** at the usual time.
- Please find attached poster from **Eskra Community Association.**

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Stephen Colton

(Acting Principal)

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