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

Tuesday, 2nd May, 2017.

Dear Parent,

Please read the following notes carefully:

- Congratulations to our **Year Four** pupils- **Dearbhla Caulfield, Eoghan Connolly, Anna Donnelly, Ronan Donnelly, Tiernan Donnelly, Berneen Gilroy, Emma-Louise Magee, Zara McAnespy, Aodhan McCabe, Eabha McNamee, Christy Meegan, Connall Montague and Sean Montague** - who received the **Sacrament of the Eucharist** on Saturday. We are very proud of them all. I'm sure you will agree that they were all dressed beautifully, showed great reverence throughout and participated fully. Well done, everyone! A special Thank You to **Mrs. McConnell, Mrs. Morrow** for preparing the pupils so well and to **Fr. McGahan** for celebrating the sacrament. Thank you also to **Mrs. Mullin**, our **School Choir**, **Mrs. Sweeney**, past pupil **Emer Devlin** and our **Music Group** who sang and performed so beautifully. Thank you to **Mrs. Carson**, our Secretary and to all our staff who contributed to making the celebration so special. Thank you also to **Eskra Parish** for providing the refreshments afterwards. A sincere thank you to everyone who helped to prepare the hall, serve refreshments or clean up afterwards. Thank you also to the photographer, **Katrina Taggart**.
- 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.
- 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.

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- Pupils are completing their **Annual Standardised Tests** during the month of **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 of May to minimise disruption to testing.
- A '**special visitor**' will be coming to our school on **Thursday** morning. Please ensure that your child is dressed smartly in full school uniform. A reminder that our School Uniform Policy states that pupils should wear **black** shoes on days when they are wearing their full school uniform. The only exception is on days when pupils have been instructed to wear their PE uniform.
- **Sports Day** will take place on **Friday, 2nd June** (weather permitting) during school hours. Further details to follow.
- Our **Annual Fun Night** will take place on **Friday, 2nd June** (weather permitting). Further details to follow shortly.
- Our **Annual Achievements Assembly** (Prize-Giving) will take place on the morning of **Friday, 16th June**. Year 1/2: 9.20am – 10.00am. Year 3/4: 10.00am – 10.45am. Year 5/6/7: 10.45 – 11.45am.
- Please ensure that your child has had suncream applied before coming to school, when appropriate. Pupils are also welcome to bring some suncream to reapply throughout the day.
- A reminder that pupils who arrive at school before 9am are expected to wait in the Assembly Hall where they will be supervised by a member of staff and collected by their class teacher at 9am. The front door of our school will be locked each day from 9.10am, in the interests of child protection and safeguarding. If you need to enter the school after this time, please press the buzzer beside our postbox at the front door and someone will let you in. Our back door is for exiting only and will remain locked from the outside.
- Please find attached a note from **St. Macartan's Ladies**.
- A reminder to please park safely when dropping your child/children off in the morning, collecting your child in the afternoon or when visiting our school. In the interests of child safety, pupils should be escorted by an adult to the pedestrian gate and collected from inside the pedestrian gate in the afternoon.
- The Feis cards have been sent home today with your child today.
- Your child's **Newsletter/Learning Support Sheet** for **May** has been sent home today.
- Please find attached a copy of the **Dates For Your Diary** for **May/June**.

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- **Parents of Pupils In Year Seven:** Please find attached a Parish letter. Please complete and return to school by **Friday, 5th May**.
- **Eskra Community Association** are hosting an audience with **Liz Weir** (Storyteller) on **Monday, 15th May at 7.30pm** in the Community Centre. As the theme of the evening is “**Down Memory Lane**” it would be more suitable for an adult audience.
- **Kevin Campbell** will be delivering a **Farm Safety Talk** to all pupils on **Wednesday, 3rd May**.
- Pupils in **Year 6** and **Year 7** have been invited to a **Football Blitz** at the **Tyrone GAA Centre, Garvaghey** on **Thursday, 4th May**. Pupils will be travelling by bus and will be accompanied by two members of staff. Pupils are asked to wear suitable playing gear and footwear, to bring a water bottle, suncream and a snack and to wear a gumshield. Pupils will return to school before lunch. Year Seven’s swimming session will take place as usual. Please return the permission slip no later than tomorrow.
- A reminder to refrain from sending in foods containing nuts in your child’s lunch box. We have a child in our school with **nut allergies**. Nut allergies can be very serious and children can become seriously ill if they come in contact with food containing nuts. Thank you for your co-operation in regard to this important matter.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Keira McCallan
(Principal)