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

Monday, 4th January, 2016.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

- Welcome back everyone. I hope that you all had a relaxing Christmas. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and peaceful New Year. I hope Santa was good to you all.
- **Parents of pupils in Year 7:** Year 7 pupils will be starting their **Swimming Programme** on **Thursday, 28th January, 2015** for 15 weeks at Omagh Leisure Centre. Pupils will travel by bus and will be accompanied by a member of staff. The cost per pupil is £40. School will cover the cost of the bus. Please send the money in a marked money wallet by the end of January. Please complete the Health History Questionnaire attached, as requested by Omagh Leisure Centre.
- A sincere Thank You to all pupils and staff for their hard work in preparation for our Christmas Performances. I'm sure you will agree that they were all excellent.
- **January** is the month of **Honesty**. Pupils will be learning about the importance of telling the truth. They will be completing work based on this theme throughout the month of January.
- Our **Thinking Skill and Personal Capability** focus for **January** is **Working With Others** at home and at school. Please refer to your child's Monthly Newsletter/Learning Support Sheet for January to see ways that you can help at home.
- **Parents of Pupils in Year Seven:** Pupils in Year Seven will be travelling to Belfast to visit the **Titanic Quarter** on **Monday, 11th January, 2016**. The trip will consist of a **Brave New World Tour** and a Workshop entitled- **New Beginnings**. Pupils will travel by bus, leaving school promptly at **9am** and they will return at approximately **4pm**. Pupils are asked to bring a packed lunch. The cost of the trip is **£7.50** per pupil. School will cover the cost of the bus. Pupils will

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be accompanied by two members of staff. Pupils are permitted to bring some spending money for the shop, if desired. Please note that mobile phones and devices with Internet access are not permitted on school trips. Pupils will be responsible for looking after their own property. Please complete the permission slip attached and return it to school with the money by **Thursday, 7th January**. Miss. McElroy who is joining us for Teaching Practice in February has chosen The Titanic for her World Around Us Topic so this trip should prove to be very informative and enjoyable for our pupils.

- A reminder to refrain from sending in foods containing nuts in your child's lunch box. We have three children 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.
- **Wednesday** is the **Feast of the Epiphany**. Pupils will be completing work about this very special Feast Day in school. Mass will be celebrated in **St. Patrick's Church, Eskra** on Wednesday evening at **7.30pm**.
- Your child's **Monthly Newsletter/Learning Support Sheet** for **January** will be sent home next Monday.
- A **Dates For Your Diary** for **January/February** will be issued shortly.
- Any outstanding **Year One Admission Forms for September 2016** must be returned to the school office by **12.00 noon** on **Wednesday, 6th January**.
- **Parents of pupils in Year Seven**- Please complete the Request for Confirmation sheet attached and return it to school by **31st January, 2016**.
- **Parents of Pupils in Year Seven:** As outlined in our Homework Policy, pupils in Year Seven are expected to complete additional homework in preparation for Confirmation. Additional weekly homework will commence today. Weekly homework must be handed up each Monday morning. It is essential that this homework is completed on time to ensure that pupils don't get behind.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Keira McCallan
(Principal)

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Permission Slip

I do/do not give permission for my child _____ to travel by bus to the Titanic Quarter, Belfast on Monday, 11th January, 2016.

Signed:

Date: