



## ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, ESKRA



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Monday, 8th April, 2024.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

- Our **Value** for the month of **April** is **Love**. Your child will be learning about this value at school. He/she will be completing work based on this theme throughout the month of April. Check out the display of pupils' work outside the Year 6/7 classroom.
- 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. Please refer to your child's **Learning Support Sheet** for **April** to see ways that you can help at home. Check out our **TS&PC** display in the main school corridor to see what pupils have been learning.
- Please see our **Mindfulness Overview** for **April** on our school website.
- Your child's **Learning Support Sheet** for **April** will be available on our website shortly. Teachers will notify you by text when they are ready to be viewed.
- The installation of our new mobile had been delayed until mid April. Information regarding access to the school at drop off and collection times and throughout the school day will be provided in advance of the start date. All instructions provided by **Mrs. Barrett** and **Miss. McNulty** relating to access to our temporary **Year 1/2** classroom at the back of Eskra Community Centre remain valid, starting from today.

We will be taking a break from our **Nature Rangers Clubs** for a few weeks until we see the impact that the mobile installation has on accessibility to our school grounds. We will inform you through the Monday Note in advance of sessions starting up again for the summer term.

Please checkout **Forest School Families** on the **Forest School Website** – [www.forestschoolsni.com](http://www.forestschoolsni.com) and on our school website for fun ideas that all the family

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can get involved in the evenings and at weekends.

- A sincere **Thank You** to everyone who sold or bought tickets for our **Easter Raffle**. An amazing **£957** was raised for School Funds! Please check out our website to see all the lucky winners! Éabha Mullan and her family very generously donated the 1st Prize of £100 back to School Funds. Our sincere thanks to the Mullan family.
- Please see a note below from our **Parents' Association:**  
Friends of St. Patrick's wish to thank everyone for their help, donations and support with our annual **Easter Coffee Morning**. We made a fantastic **£1070.20!** These events would not be so successful had we not the great support of so many.
- 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.
- Our PE Co-ordinator, **Mr. McGowan** will continue his **After - School Multisport** sessions on a Wednesday afternoon, starting **Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> April**. These sessions will be free of charge and will run for **12 weeks** until **Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> June**.

Please inform your child's Class Teacher if your child needs to be supervised on a Wednesday afternoon to 3pm or 4.30pm by a member of staff. If your child attends Playtime After – Schools, please inform the staff there of arrangements regarding your child/children in advance of **10<sup>th</sup> April**.

- A member of staff from **Fintona Credit Union** will be calling into school tomorrow to collect savings books and monies from pupils in **Years 5, 6 and 7** as part of their **Junior Savers Scheme**. Please make sure that your child has his/her savings book and any monies with them to school.
- **Parents of Pupils in Year Four:**  
The **Sacrament of the Eucharist** (First Holy Communion) will take place on **Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> May @ 12pm** in **St. Patrick's Church, Eskra**. Light refreshments will be served afterwards in **Eskra Community Centre**.
- **Parents of Pupils in Year Seven:**  
The **Year Seven Confirmation Retreat** to **Lough Derg** is taking place on **Wednesday**.

Please make sure that your child:

- Brings a snack for morning break time and a packed lunch.
- Wears a warm coat given the remote island location.
- Brings a **clean glass jam jar, with labels removed** that can be used as part of their craft activities. There's no need for the lid.

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The **gift shop** will be open so pupils can bring a **maximum of £20** spending money with them.

Pupils will need to be dropped off at **St. Patrick's Church, Clogher** at **8.00am** and collected from **St. Patrick's Church, Clogher** at **3.30pm**. Staff will notify parents if the bus is delayed significantly.

A **Confirmation Practice** will take place in **St. Macartan's Church (The Forth) in Augher** on **Thursday @ 7pm**.

The **Sacrament Of Confirmation** will take place in **St. Macartan's Church (The Forth) in Augher** on **Sunday @ 3pm**.

The **Entrance Test/Induction Day** for **St. Ciaran's College, Ballygawley** will take place on **Wednesday, 5th June**. Further information to follow.

Yours sincerely,

*Keira McCallan*

Mrs. Keira McCallan (Principal)



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