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Dear Parent/s

I hope this letter finds you well.

Congratulations to the P4 children who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday 18th May. The children were so well prepared and presented on the day and our thanks to their teachers Mrs. Gallagher and Mrs. Smith and their assistants, who put in such hard work to make the day a success. My thanks also to Mrs. Mc Crory and the children in the choir who sang so beautifully on the day.

Fr. Paul has invited all pupils who made their Confirmation or Communion this year to attend a special Mass on Sunday 9th June in St. Patrick's Church. The End of School Year/Leavers Mass takes place on Friday 21st June at 10am and all the pupils P1 to P7 will attend. P7 Parent/s are invited to attend school after the Mass for refreshments and photographs.

We are hosting a special 50th Concert in St. Patrick's Hall Castledearg at 7pm on Thursday 23rd May. All welcome to attend. There are a limited number of tickets for sale at a cost of £7 and £5 concession. All donations will go to school funds and cover the cost of the shows. Mrs. Mc Crory and Rois and all the P4 – P7 cast are busy preparing and looking forward to their big night.

As the summer term draws to a close, it is a busy time for all our pupils. Many of them will look forward to their school trips and details/letters will be posted on Google Classroom.

Nursery Sports takes place on Monday 10th June at school. with separate sports for the morning and afternoon classes – parent/s are welcome to attend on this day. Sport days will take place as follows Tuesday 11th June P1 – P7 in Castledearg GAC. Parent/s can attend sports from 10am – 12pm on both these days. I will send further details via Google Classroom in June. We have planned sports, fun activities and treats for the all the children on the day and they can buy/receive a snack box from the canteen. The pupils can wear their PE uniform to school on their sports day.

Hard luck to the boys gaelic team who lost their league section by one point in the final. The girls gaelic team also lost out narrowly in the final but can be proud of how they played on the day. Our thanks to Castledearg GAC for the use of their excellent pitch and complex and thanks to those who helped on the day.

Well done to our team of 38 athletes who competed in the Finn Valley Championships and to the 7 athletes who qualified and competed on finals day. Congratulations to Joe Igoe P6 who was placed 2nd overall in the turbo javelin competition.

Well done to all the children who took part in the West Tyrone Feis competitions in art, music, poetry and dance. Congratulations to the many prize winners and medal winners. Pictures have been added to the school website.

Mrs. Shelley Nursery and Miss. Breslin /Mrs. Mc Laughlin will be meeting our new Nursery pupils and P1 pupils in June. A reminder that children in their penultimate year for nursery – (underage pupils) will receive notification on the 12th June 2024. The teachers will be in contact before the end of term, I will also post all information etc. on the school website.

The children have been working hard this term and we plan to send school reports home with the pupils on the week beginning 17th June.

There are links available on the school website on how to apply for free school meals and the school uniform allowance – please check your entitlement. S and K Castlederg will stock our school uniform as normal, and parents will be able to order our new PE uniform online from O Neills in June.

A reminder to be considerate when parking at school and avoid blocking our neighbours' driveways or footpaths and please do not double park as it can cause a build up of traffic. Please leave bus bays clear and follow any directions by crossing patrol personnel who are there to keep our pupils safe. Thank you.

The school will be closed for the midterm break/bank holiday on Friday 24th May, Monday 27th May and Tuesday 28th May 2024.

Have a lovely mid-term break looking forward to seeing you all at the many planned events.

Many thanks

Brian Mc Gurk Principal