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### January / February Newsletter 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome back to all in our school community and hoping that everyone has a successful Spring Term. A total of £590 was raised for the SVDP on our Christmas Jumper/Dress Up Day by pupils and staff. Congratulations £590 will be donated to the local branch of SVDP. £2940 was raised by our Christmas Raffle organised by our Parent Support Group. This money will be spent wisely on equipment for all our pupils in school.

#### Applications for Nursery and P1.

Applications for Nursery and Primary School are now open. You can apply through the EA Website. I have added Nursery School and Primary School Prospectuses and a video and links to the portal on our school website. Applications close on the 24th January 2025. Please contact the school if you need help or advice when applying. Children completing a second year in Nursery School need to reapply.

<https://www.stpatrickspscastleberg.co.uk/applying-for-a-place-at-nursery-or-p1-/>

#### Post Primary Applications

Applications for P7 Parent/s to Post Primary Schools will open online via the EA website in February. Information regarding applications will be posted on Google Classroom and on the school website.

#### Sport/Gaelic Games

Gary from AB coaching is coaching gaelic games on Mondays. Our thanks to Naoimh Eoghain Castleberg GAC for their support in funding this project. I would encourage you to get the children involved with their local clubs.

Both the boys and girls gaelic teams will take part in the Tyrone Cumann na mBunscol indoor heats in February in the Station Centre Omagh.

The P7 classes will start their swimming lessons in Riversdale Leisure Centre Strabane in February and again we would encourage all pupils to take part.

### Sacramental Dates

There will be a special Mass to celebrate Catholic Schools Week on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025 (weather permitting) and all pupils in P5 to P7 will attend. Space is limited due to construction work in the Church.

The P7 children will celebrate their Confirmation on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2025 at 11am in St. Patrick's Church.

The P4 children will make their first Holy Communion on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 11am in St. Patrick's Church.

Well done to all families who have attended for the special children's masses and for liturgies for the children making their Sacraments this year.

### School Uniform and Healthy Breaks

Remember to keep the high standards of school uniform up. And a reminder that pupils should only wear school shoes or trainers to school especially for play time. Also, only stud earrings should be worn at school.

We operate a healthy eating policy at break and play time so please keep treats to a minimum at lunch. Thankyou.

### Feis Entries

Miss. Breslin is organising Feis entries presently – entries for the Art Competition can be made by contacting your child's teacher.

Our congratulations to Mr. Adrian Doherty who has been appointed as our new Vice-Principal on a permanent basis. We wish him every success in his new appointment. Mrs. Shelley is presently our Designated Teacher for Child Protection. If you have any concerns you can speak to Mrs. Shelley or Mr. Mc Gurk Principal by contacting the school.

### Midterm Break

The school will be closed for midterm break from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025 to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025 and will reopen as normal for the remainder of the school term on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Many thanks,

Mr. B. Mc Gurk  
Principal