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

Monday, 5th October, 2020.

Dear Parent,

Please read the following notes carefully:

- Congratulations to **Dáithí McNamee** who has been appointed as our new **Head Boy** and **Seána Cullinan** who has been appointed as our new **Head Girl**. We wish them every happiness and success in their new roles of responsibility and leadership. We thank last year's Head Boy, **Connall Montague** and Head Girl, **Emma Louise Magee** for the wonderful example they have shown to younger pupils and for their commitment to the post.
- As a Catholic school our Catholic values are very important to us. **October** is the month of **Prayer** in our school. Pupils will be learning about the importance of prayer and will be completing work based on this value. Please pray with your child at home. A display of their work is situated in the main school corridor outside the Year 7 classroom.
- Each month our teachers focus on a particular **Thinking Skill/Personal Capability** in their teaching. This month the focus is on **Thinking, Problem-Solving and Decision-Making**. Please refer to your child's Newsletter/Learning Support Sheet for October to see ways that you can help at home.
- **Yesterday** was the **Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi**. Pupils will be completing work based on the life of St. Francis this week.
- **EA** requested last week that school's distribute packs of masks to those pupils travelling on yellow school buses. The wearing of masks by pupils on the school bus is recommended by EA but it isn't compulsory. The school is not requesting that pupils wear masks on the school buses. EA Transport policy is separate from school policy. Any changes to school policy are communicated to parents through the Monday Note.
- A copy of the **School Dinner Menu** for **October** is available to view on our

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school website within Parents, Info, School Dinner Menu.

- Your child's **Newsletter/Learning Support Sheet** for **October** is available to view on our school website.
- **Parents of Pupils in Year Seven:**  
**Year 7** pupils will be participating in another **Forest School Session** in our own school grounds, tomorrow. They will be building dens. Check out the photographs of last week's session on our school website when we made homes for bugs. Pupils are asked to wear their PE uniform and to bring a clean change of clothes, in case they get wet.

**Please also ensure pupils have wellington boots with 2 pairs of socks or stout footwear, a waterproof coat and warm clothes.**

- Our **Annual Parent-Teacher Meetings** will take place as follows:

**Year One:** December

**Year Two:** Monday, 26th October and June (Transition Meeting)

**Year Three:** Monday, 26th October

**Year Four:** Monday, 26th October

**Year Five:** Monday, 26th October

**Year Six:** Monday, 26th October and June (Transition Meeting)

**Year Seven:** Monday, 26th October and January/February (Transfer Meeting)

An electronic form was sent out last week to your mobile phone. Please submit the form, indicating whether you would prefer a face to face meeting or a telephone call by as soon as possible. Thank you to everyone who has completed the form.

Letters cannot be issued until parents have confirmed their preference of either a face-to-face meeting or a telephone call.

Please read our **Procedures For Visitors Information Sheet** on our school website before confirming a face-to-face meeting. All procedures must be adhered to for the health and safety of staff, parents, pupils and the whole community.

- **Monday, 12th October to Friday, 16th October** is **Maths Week** in Ireland. Pupils will be completing some fun activities in school and for homework. Check out the website [www.mathsweek.ie](http://www.mathsweek.ie) for some ideas to try out at home.
- Pupils, staff and parents are invited to dress up on **Thursday, 22nd October** for **Halloween**.
- Our school will be closed from **Monday, 26th October to Friday, 30th October (inclusive)** for the **Halloween** break. Pupils are asked to return to school on **Monday, 2nd November** at the usual time.

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Take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

*Keira McCallan*

Mrs. Keira McCallan  
(Principal)