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Monday, 2nd November, 2020.

Dear Parent,

Please read the following notes carefully:

- Staff were delighted to welcome our pupils back today after the extended break. We hope they enjoyed the rest and that you all had a relaxing and spooky **Halloween**.

Thank you to everyone who completed the evaluation forms sent to your mobile phones regarding remote learning. It is very important that as many parents as possible complete the evaluation as your comments are being used to inform planning for any future periods of unplanned school closure.

Further information regarding the school's remote learning preparations for any future closures or pupil absence due to Covid-19 will follow shortly.

- **November** is the month of **Respect** in our school. Pupils will be completing work based on this value throughout the month. Please speak to your child at home about the importance of showing respect for themselves, others and other people's property and the importance of earning the respect of others. Check out our **Values Display** outside the Year 7 classroom.
- Our **Thinking Skill and Personal Capability** for the month of **November** is **Managing Information**. Please refer to your child's Newsletter/Learning Support Sheet to see how you can help at home. Check out our **TS&PC Display** outside the Year 7 classroom.
- Yesterday was **All Saints' Day** and today is **All Souls' Day**. Pupils will be learning about the significance of these important dates in the liturgical calendar this week. Please talk to your child about what they have been learning and pray with them.

‘We learn to love and love to learn.’

- **Friends of St Patrick's** are running a raffle to raise money for school funds. The prize is an Apple 10.2 inch I-pad 128 GB very generously sponsored by Taranto Ltd. Further details and entries are via our new Friends of St. Patrick's P.S. Eskra Facebook page. £10 per entry payable by PayPal to stpatrickseskrapa@gmail.com. Enter before **30th November**, winner announced on **5th December**. It is a difficult time to fundraise as we all know so please spread the word, and be in with a chance to win a fabulous early Christmas present. A huge thank you to Taranto on behalf of the PA.
- **Thursday is Outdoor Classroom Day.** To mark this special day each teacher will be delivering a lesson outside with her class. I will be moving my Forest School lesson to Thursday instead of Tuesday and Mrs. Barrett will be moving her Forest School lesson to Thursday, instead of Wednesday.

Please ensure that your child comes to school in their PE uniform on Thursday. They will need to bring their wellies, a coat and warm clothing such as a hat and gloves.

Homework on Thursday will consist of an outdoor activity.

- I am hoping to deliver our first **Eco-Committee** meeting this term, on **Tuesday** afternoon. As pupils in the Eco-Committee are from different bubbles, the meeting will be taking place in our outdoor classroom, with bubbles separated. Check out our website for further information.
- **Mrs. Mulryan** also hopes to resume our **Anti-Bullying Ambassador** meetings on **Wednesday** afternoon. As all our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors are in the same bubble, the meeting will take place in our multi-purpose room (formally Mrs. Mulligan's classroom.) Check out our website for further information.
- **Mrs. Barrett** (ICT Co-ordinator) has appointed the **Year Seven** pupils as **Digital Leaders**. This role involves assisting teachers and pupils from other classes with ICT tasks. Due to Covid-19, pupils will be restricted to helping pupils in Year 5/6 as they are in the same bubble and their siblings in Years 1 - 4. Check out our website for further information.
- **Mrs. Mulligan** will be resuming our **School Council Meetings** on **Thursday, 12th November**. These meetings will take place in the outdoor classroom also. Check out our website for further information.
- A **Circular** from the **Department of Education** has been sent to school this morning about the delivery of **PE**. We will update you on this matter later in the week, if necessary.
- Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, Fr. McGahan has instructed that the **Do This In Memory Programme** will not be taking place this year.

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- Your child's **Newsletter/Learning support Sheet** for **November** will be available on our website this week. Teachers will notify you by text when they are ready to be viewed.

Take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

Keira McCallan

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(Principal)