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Monday, 6th June, 2022.

Dear Parent,

- We would like to welcome back **Mrs. Barrett** from her Maternity Leave. Mrs. Barrett will be preparing for her new role as **Year One Class Teacher** in September during the month of June, therefore, Miss. Devine will remain in Year 3/4 until the end of June. The **Year One Induction Morning** is taking place on **Thursday**. We are looking forward to meeting our new Year One pupils.
- Please see our **Mindfulness Overview** for **June** on our school website.
- Your child's **Newsletter/Learning Support Sheet** for **June** will be distributed by each Class Teacher this week.
- Please see below correspondence from **EA** regarding **Free School Meals/School Uniform/Physical Education Uniform Allowance 2022-23:**

Current Eligible Families and New Applicants

Parents/guardians who are currently in receipt of support for the 2021/22 school year will receive a letter highlighting the need to apply for the 2022/23 school year and the process to do so. All parents/guardians (including new applicants) will be able to apply online from today via the EA website. It is important for all applicants to read and understand what supporting documentation is required for their application. Information on this can be found on the EA website.

Special Diet

Parents/Guardians whose child has a Statement of Special Educational Needs and requires a special diet should contact the **Meals and Uniform Section** for a paper application form if they wish to apply under the special diet criterion.

Free School Meals / Uniform Allowance Helpdesk

The Free Schools Meals and Uniform Allowance Helpdesk is operated by staff across the EA Free School Meals/Uniform Allowance service.

It is available to assist parents and guardians who may have any queries.

The **Helpdesk** operates **Monday – Friday** from **9am to 4.30pm** and can be contacted via email: mealsanduniform@eani.org.uk.

The telephone number which should be used for all enquiries is **028 9041 8044**

Further information including eligibility criteria for the 2022 - 23 school year and a list of Frequently Asked Questions to assist with any parental queries can be accessed by visiting our website.

- In periods of hot weather, please make sure that your child comes to school with sun - cream applied and with extra supplies for reapplication during the school day. Sun hats and caps are recommended during the good weather also.
- Homework for all classes will end on **Thursday**.
- Please note that there **won't** be any After - schools Multi - sports on Thursday. The **final** session for this academic year will take place on **Thursday, 16th June**.
- A sincere **Thank You** to **Kathleen and Shauna McGirr** who have been completing art activities with the children over the past four weeks based around Mary and the Rosary. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed the activities.
- Staff from **Sentinus** will be coming into school on **Thursday** to deliver a **Bring IT On** workshop with pupils in **Year Six**. The workshop will include information about IT related careers.
- Your child's **Annual Pupil Profile** (Report) will be sent home on **Thursday, 23rd June**. Please contact the school if you do not receive your child's report.
- Our **Sports Day** will take place for **all children** on **Friday** at the following times. (Please note that these times are approximate).

Year 1/2: 9.30am to 10.15am

Year 3/4: 10.15am to 11.15am

Years 5-7: 11.15am to 12.30pm.

Pupils are asked to wear appropriate clothing into school on Friday.

There was a mistake in last week's note - Sports Day will be held on **our newly refurbished pitch**, not Eskra Emmetts' Pitch. Parents are welcome to attend.

Lunch on Friday will be chips and sausages or chicken nuggets.

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- Our **Achievements Assemblies** are planned for **Thursday** during school hours for pupils in **Years 1 – 6**. Staff have decided to hold the assemblies for pupils and staff only. Each teacher will share photographs of their Achievement Assembly on our school website. The **Year Seven Achievement Assembly** will take place after the **Leavers' Mass** on the evening of **16th June**.
- **Parents of Pupils in Year Seven:**
The **St. Ciaran's Entrance Exam** and **Induction Day** will take place on **Thursday at St. Ciaran's College, Ballygawley**. Good luck to everyone attending.

Our **Leavers' Mass** will take place in **St. Patrick's Church, Eskra** on **Thursday, 16th June @ 7pm**. Pupils are not required to wear their school uniform – perhaps they could wear their Confirmation outfits. A socially distanced **barbecue** for Year Seven pupils and family members attending the Leavers' Mass has been arranged. Please make your way over to the school following the Mass. If you have any special dietary requirements, please inform the school in advance. Please complete the reply slip attached to indicate the number of people from your family who will be attending.

Cycling Proficiency will take place for **Year Seven** pupils on **Wednesday, 15th June and Thursday, 16th June**. Mrs. Barrett will be delivering the programme during school hours.

Please make sure that your child brings his/her bicycle to school each day and that it is in proper working order. Pupils are asked to bring a helmet too. Bicycles can be stored in school overnight, if preferred.

Year Seven have decided to go to **Portrush** for their **End of School Trip**. Further information to follow shortly.

Yours sincerely,

Keira McCallan

Mrs. Keira McCallan (Principal)



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Reply Slip - Year 7

Our family **will** be attending the **barbecue** on **Thursday, 16th June**.

Our family **will not** be attending the **barbecue** on **Thursday, 16th June**.

Please indicate the number of family members attending:

Adults

Children (Including Year Seven pupil)

Signed:

Date: