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

Monday, 15th January, 2024.

Dear Parent,

- I am delighted to inform you that **Darragh Maguire** will be coming into our school every **Friday** to deliver football coaching sessions to all the pupils. A sincere **Thank You** to **Eskra Emmetts GFC** for organising and funding the sessions.
- **Sunday, 21st January to Saturday, 27th January** is **Catholic Schools Week** and the theme this year is - **Catholic Schools: Communities of Service**. To celebrate **Grandparents' Day** we have organised a special **Thanksgiving Mass for Grandparents** on **Tuesday, 23rd January** in **St. Patrick's Church, Eskra @ 7pm**. The **Parents' Association** have kindly offered to provide light refreshments in **Eskra Community Hall** afterwards. Everyone is welcome.
- Our **Nature Rangers Clubs** continue this week, as follows:  
**Monday (2pm – 3pm):** Year 1/2 with Miss. McNulty and Mrs. Dodenciu  
**Monday (3pm – 4pm):** Year 3/4 with Miss. McNulty and Mrs. McGarvey  
**Thursday (3pm – 4pm):** Years 5, 6 and 7: Miss. Devine and Mrs. Shevlin  
**Friday (2pm – 3pm):** Year 1/2 with Miss. McNulty and Miss. O'Donnell

Please checkout **Forest School Families** on the **Forest School Website** – [www.forestschooolsni.com](http://www.forestschooolsni.com) and on our school website for fun ideas that all the family can get involved in the evenings and at weekends.

- **Parents of Pupils in Year Four:**  
The **Sacrament of Penance** (First Confessions) will take place on **Thursday, 14th March @ 7pm** in **St. Patrick's Church, Eskra**.

The **Sacrament of the Eucharist** (First Holy Communion) will take place on **Saturday, 18th May @ 12pm** in **St. Patrick's Church, Eskra**. Light refreshments will be served afterwards in **Eskra Community Centre**.

- **Parents of Pupils in Years 4, 5, 6 and 7:**  
All pupils in **Years 4 - 7** have been invited to a **Cross Country Event** organised by **St. Mary's Primary School, Strabane** on **Friday, 9th February**. The event will take place at **Holy Cross College, Strabane**. Pupils will travel by bus and will be accompanied by three/four members of staff. Pupils are asked to wear appropriate clothing and to bring a packed lunch and a bottle of water. The cost of the event is **£8 per pupil** (to cover the entry fee and the cost of the bus). Please complete the permission slip attached and return it with the money to school by **Monday, 29th January**.
- **Parents of Pupils In Years 5, 6 and 7:**  
A letter has been sent home with your child today from **Fintona Credit Union** regarding their **Junior Savers Scheme**. Staff from Fintona Credit Union will be coming into school on **Tuesday, 6th February** to collect your child's savings and booklets and will return them that afternoon. This is a great way to teach your child important financial skills for the future.
- **Parents of Pupils in Year Six:**  
Please read carefully **Advice For P6 Parents January 2024** which is available on our school website.
- **Parents of Pupils in Year Seven:**  
A **Service of Light**, in preparation for Confirmation, will take place on **Thursday, 7th March** in **St. Patrick's Church, Eskra @ 7pm**.

A **Confirmation Practice** will take place on **Thursday, 11th April** in **St. Patrick's Church, Eskra @ 7pm**.

The **Sacrament Of Confirmation** will take place on **Sunday, 14th April @ 3pm** in **St. Patrick's Church, Clogher** and will be celebrated by the **Very Reverend Peter O'Reilly**.

**EA Connect** will **open** on **30<sup>th</sup> January, 2024** at **12 noon** and **close** on **22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2024** for **Year 8 Post Primary Applications**. Please read carefully the leaflet on our website **Applying for a Post Primary School Place 2024**.

- **Parents of Pupils in Year Six and Seven:**  
The **St. Ciaran's College Open Night** will take place on **Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> January @ 7pm**.

The **CBS Open Day** will take place on **Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> January @ 9.30am**. Please see a flyer on our school website.

**Loreto Grammar School's Open Night** will take place on **Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> January** from **6.00pm**.

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- The **Education Authority** has published information about the admissions procedure for **Primary One applications (September 2024)** on their website. The portal for making an application went live at **12noon** on **Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2024** and will close at **12noon** on **Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2024**. Please see a flyer on our website with further information.

Yours sincerely,

*Keira McCallan*

Mrs. Keira McCallan (Principal)



## **Permission Slip - Years 4, 5, 6 and 7**

I/we allow/do not allow my/our child \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in a **Cross-Country Event** on **Friday, 9th February, 2024** at **Holy Cross College** in **Strabane**, travelling by bus.

Signed:

Date:

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