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

Monday, 22nd January, 2024.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

- On behalf of the Board of Governors and staff I would like to offer my sincere condolences to Canon McGahan on the death of his beloved brother, Eamon. May he Rest In Peace.
- Due to Canon McGahan's bereavement we have changed our **Thanksgiving Mass for Grandparents** on **Tuesday, 23rd January** to a **Prayer Service For Grandparents' Day** 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.

Please click on the link below to complete an electronic form to indicate how many members of your family intend to attend. If you are unable to attend, please complete the form anyway so that we can have an accurate indication of expected numbers. The electronic form has also been sent to your mobile phone for your convenience.

<https://forms.office.com/e/fLhN6ULHfe>

Please complete the form by **5pm** today.

- 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.forestschoolsni.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 Year Seven:**

Swimming for pupils in **Year 6/7** will commence on **Wednesday, 24th January**. Please make sure that your child has appropriate clothing for swimming and a towel with them to school. Pupils are not permitted to use vending machines at Omagh Leisure Complex and there won't be a visit to the shop until the final session.

A **Service of Light**, in preparation for Confirmation, will take place on **Thursday, 7th March** in **St. Patrick's Church, Eskra @ 7pm**.

The **Sacrament Of Confirmation** will take place in **St. Macartan's Church (The Forth) in Augher** on **Sunday, 14th April @ 3pm**, not St. Patrick's, Clogher as previously stated.

Also the **Confirmation Practice** will take place in **St. Macartan's Church (The Forth) in Augher** on **Thursday, 11th April @ 7pm**, not St. Patrick's Church, Eskra as previously stated.

EA Connect will **open** on **30th January, 2024** at **12 noon** and **close** on **22nd 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 **CBS Open Day** will take place on **Saturday, 20th January @ 9.30am**. Please see a flyer on our school website.

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

‘We learn to love and love to learn.’

- 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, 9th January, 2024** and will close at **12noon** on **Friday, 26th 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: