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

Monday, 16th September, 2024.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

- Our **Beginning Of Year Mass** will take place on **Thursday @ 7pm** in **St. Patrick's Church, Eskra.**
- Our **Advent Carol Service** has been arranged for **Thursday, 12th December @ 7.00pm** in **St. Patrick's Church, Eskra.**
- **Thursday, 26th September** is **European Day of Languages.** Please see a flyer on our website outlining activities planned for that week.
- A leaflet from past pupil, **Abby Meegan**, has been sent home to every family today with information about how to get involved with the **Eskra Trad Group.** Abby wants to encourage all parents to consider sending their child/children even if they do music in school as she is really trying to boost traditional music within the community and hopes to create a lot of opportunities for the young people to showcase their talents this year.
- **Marisa Beattie** is seeking volunteers for the **Youth Club.** Without the assistance of volunteers, the club will be unable to continue. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Marisa on **07774854777.**
- The weather forecast is predicting sunny, warm weather this week. Please make sure that your child has suncream applied before coming to school and that he/she has some with them to reapply throughout the day.
- Please note that food containing **nuts** is **not permitted** in our school due to a number of children having serious nut allergies.
- **Parents of pupils in Year One:**  
Year One pupils will be staying until **2pm** from today. Please make sure that your child has lunch with them if they are not taking school dinners.

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**Our Nature Rangers Club** for pupils in **Year One** commences this **Friday** from **2.00pm to 3.00pm**. Please make sure that you have registered your child before Friday.

- **Parents of pupils in Year Four:**  
The **Sacrament of the Eucharist (First Holy Communion)** will take place on **Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2025** in **St. Patrick's Church, Eskra** at **12pm**.
- **Parents of pupils in Year Seven:**  
The **Sacrament of Confirmation** will take place on **Sunday, 23rd March, 2025** @ **3pm** in **St. Patrick's Church, Eskra**.

Registration for the **SEAG Entrance Assessment** closes on **Friday, 20th September**. Please see a message on our school website with further information. Please note that registration for the assessment is the sole responsibility of parents.

Application Forms for the positions of **Head Boy** and **Head Girl** are due in by **12pm** on **Thursday**. Interviews will take place on **Thursday, 26th September**.

- **Parenting Focus** (formerly Parenting NI) have organised an opportunity for parents/guardians of children attending pre - school and primary settings across the Western Trust.

They are promoting a [Parenting Children's Challenging Behaviour](#) programme commencing **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September, 7 – 8.30pm x 6 weeks via zoom**. During this programme parents will explore the triggers that may impact on their child's behaviour and they will gain practical tips, strategies and advice to promote positive behaviour. There are still some spaces available and parents just need to call our support line on 0808 8010 722 to book a space.

- We have been asked to share information regarding **Northern Ireland Cerebral Palsy Football**. Please see a flyer on our website.
- Please see a note below from our **Parents' Association**.  
**Friends of St. Patrick's** are having their first meeting of the school year on **Tuesday, 24th September** from **8pm - 9pm** in the **Corkhill Room** of the **Community Centre** (enter through Coffee shop entrance and up the stairs). Anyone who is interested at all is more than welcome to drop in, we would love some new people with new ideas. For those who want to join the PA What's App group please text 07734872952.
- We are hoping that all our **Annual Parent - Teacher Meetings** will take place on **Tuesday, 29th October**. These meetings will be **face – to - face**. More information to follow shortly. **Teachers will discuss your child's test scores with you at this meeting**.

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- **Canon McGahon** would like the **Year Six** pupils to consider becoming an **Altar Server**. Please complete the permission slip and return it to school by **Friday, 20th September**.
- Please note that pupils are **not permitted** to opt out of **PE lessons**, unless the teacher has received communication from parents with a legitimate reason for non-participation. PE is a statutory part of the curriculum and, as such, participation is not optional.

Yours sincerely,

*Keira McCallan*

Mrs. Keira McCallan (Principal)



**Permission Slip**  
**St. Patrick's Church, Eskra – Altar Servers**

I wish my Year 6 child ..... to become an Altar Server in the parish of Eskra.

Signed:

Date:

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