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Monday, 2nd December, 2024.


Dear Parent/Guardian,


- **December** is the month of **Generosity** 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 this value. Check out our **Values Display** outside the Year 6/7 classroom.
- Our **Thinking Skill and Personal Capability** for the month of **December** is **Being Creative**. Please refer to your child's Learning Support Sheet to see how you can help at home. Check out our **TS&PC Display** outside the Year 6/7 classroom.
- Our **Mindfulness Overview** for **December** is now available to view on our school website.
- Your child's **Learning Support Sheet** for **December** will be available on our website this week. Teachers will notify you by text when they are ready to be viewed.
- Homework for all classes will end this **Thursday, 5th December**. Pupils are asked to practise their songs for the Advent Carol Service next week.
- The last **Afterschools Multisport Sessions** for this term will **end on Thursday, 5th December**. Sessions will be paused during winter to help preserve the pitch and will resume at the start of March. Monies paid for the cancelled session on 28th November will be carried forward.
- Our last **Nature Rangers sessions** for this term will take place this week. Thank you to our staff for giving our children this wonderful opportunity. We will resume sessions on the **week beginning 3rd March, 2025**. Further information will be sent out in February. School staff will be in touch shortly with any parents who weren't able to register for the sessions this term through the new portal.

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- A sincere **Thank You** to everyone who registered for the **Adsa Cashpot for Schools** scheme which ended on Saturday. The money raised will go towards the purchase of a new interactive whiteboard for one of our classrooms.
- The **School Council** are holding a **cake sale** on **Monday, 16th December, 2024** in **Eskra Community Centre** commencing at **9.45 a.m.** All parents are welcome to bake or donate food items and to attend the cake sale. Pupils who wish to purchase items at the cake sale are asked to bring money into school on that day. Proceeds of the sale will go towards school funds.
- Please see below a note regarding the **Knockmany Kids' Running Club:**


Get Active, Have Fun, Build Confidence!

 Starts: Friday, 6th December

 Duration: 8 Weeks

 Time: 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

 Location: Eskra Emmetts Pitch


 Cost: £20 per child (discounts available for families with 2+ children)

Light refreshments will be provided after each session.

Spaces are limited, so sign up now!

 Click to register: <https://forms.office.com/e/YOzZhTP2gs>

 Contact Claire McNamee on: 07899963999

Let's get running! 

- All ticket stubs, monies and unsold tickets for the **Rudolph Raffle** are to be returned to school by **Wednesday, 11th December**, please. The **Rudolph Raffle** will take place in **McElroy's** store on **Friday, 20th December**. Extra books of tickets for both raffles will be available from the parents' display. There will still be a prize for the child who sells the most tickets.

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- Please see a note below from the **Chairperson** of our Eco - Committee, **Caragh McCarroll**:

The **Eco - Committee** would like to appoint a **Parent Representative** to assist us with our ideas and activities. As a Parent Representative, you will be expected to attend one meeting per term (three per school year). These will be held in the evening time and will take place in the school. We are looking for an enthusiastic, well-motivated and positive person with a keen interest in the world around them. The term of office is 2 years (or 1 year if your youngest child is currently in Year Seven.) Your child does not have to be a member of the Eco Committee – just a pupil at our school.

If you are interested in becoming a member, please complete the **Nomination Form** on our school website and return it to school by **Friday, 6th December**. In the case that we have more than one parent interested, we will hold an election on **Tuesday, 10th December, 2024**.

- Our **Advent Carol Service** has been arranged for **Thursday, 12th December @ 7.00pm in St. Patrick's Church, Eskra**. Pupils are asked to wear their Christmas jumper and plain black leggings. Our **Parents' Association** will provide light refreshments in **Eskra Community Centre** afterwards. Everyone is welcome.
- Our **Christmas Dinner** for pupils and staff is planned for **Friday, 13th December**. As usual, school will close at **12.45pm** on that day. The cost per pupil for Christmas dinner is **£2.60**. Pupils and staff are invited to dress up in their Christmas Clobber e.g., Christmas jumper/dress. There will be a prize for the most creative festive fashion. Participation is free.
- Please see a flyer on our school website from the **Speedwell Trust** about a **Christmas Event** taking place at **Parkanaur** on **Saturday, 30th November**.
- **Parents of pupils in Year Four:**
The **Sacrament of the Eucharist (First Holy Communion)** will take place on **Saturday, 17th May, 2025** in **St. Patrick's Church, Eskra** at **12pm**.
- **Parents of pupils in Year 6/7:**
Our **Boys' and Girls' Cross Country Teams** will be travelling to **Irvinestown** on **Wednesday, 4th December** to participate in **Round 2 of Flahavan's Cross Country Event**. We wish them all good luck.
- **Parents of pupils in Years 5, 6 and 7.**
Bready Ulster Scots will be coming into our school on **Wednesday, 4th December** to deliver their **Ceili-Ceilidh Project**. We look forward to learning and performing some traditional dances with them.

Staff from Fintona Credit Union will be coming into school on **Tuesday, 3rd December** to collect any savings books and monies. Please make sure that your

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child has any money that they would like to deposit and their savings book with them to school on Tuesday.

- **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.**

Yours sincerely,

Keira McCallan

Mrs. Keira McCallan (Principal)



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