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

Monday, 9th December, 2024.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

- Congratulations to all our **Year 5/6/7 pupils** who participated in the **Flahavan's Cross Country Event** in **Irvinestown** on **Wednesday**. They once again participated with great skill, determination and enthusiasm. The race report will be issued this week. A sincere Thank You to **Mrs. Tracey Scullion** for preparing the children and for all her support and assistance at the event on Wednesday. Thank you also to **Miss. Devine** and **Mrs. McGarvey** for accompanying the pupils.

- Please note that there will be changes to the dinner menu this week from the copy that is on the website.

**Wednesday:** Sausage and chips and Rice Krispie bun

**Thursday:** Peppered chicken or chicken goujons

**Friday:** Christmas dinner

- Please see a copy of our **Healthy Snack Policy** on our school website under Parents - Policies. Please note that pupils are asked to:

Drink milk or water.

Eat a piece of fruit, some vegetables or a healthy bread based snack such as a bread stick or a cracker.

- **Applications For A Year One Place - September 2025.**  
Please see information on our school website regarding how to apply for a **Year One** place for your child (**September 2025**). Applications will **open** on **Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2025** at **12 noon** and will **close** at **12noon** on **Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2025**.
- Homework for all classes has ended. Pupils are asked to practise their songs for the Advent Carol Service this week.

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- The **School Council** are holding a **cake sale** on **Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> 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.
  - All ticket stubs, monies and unsold tickets for the **Rudolph Raffle** are to be returned to school by **Wednesday**, please. The **Rudolph Raffle** will take place in **McElroy's** store on **Friday, 20th December**.
  - Our **Advent Carol Service** has been arranged for **Thursday @ 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.
  - **Parents of pupils in Year Four:**  
The **Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Confessions)** will take place on **Thursday, 27th March, 2025 @ 7pm** in **St. Patrick's Church, Eskra**.
- 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 boys in Year Six and Year Seven:**  
Please see a flyer with information regarding **CBS Omagh's Open Day** on **Saturday, 18th January** displayed on our school website.
  - **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**.
  - Please note that participation in **Secret Santa** among pupils in school is **not** permitted.
  - School will close on **Friday, 20th December @ 12.00pm** for the Christmas Holidays. Pupils are asked to return to school on **Monday, 6th January, 2025** at the usual time. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a merry **Christmas** and a happy and healthy **New Year**.

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Yours sincerely,

*Keira McCallan*

Mrs. Keira McCallan (Principal)



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