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

Monday, 27th January, 2025.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

- I hope that everyone had a safe weekend and that your properties were not damaged by the storm on Friday.
- Thank you to all our grandparents, children and their families who attended our **Thanksgiving Mass for Grandparents** on **Wednesday** evening. A sincere thanks to Canon McGahan, our staff and pupils who made this such a special event for our grandparents. Thank You also to our **Parents' Association** who kindly provided light refreshments in Eskra Community Hall afterwards.
- Please note the following **Saints Days** which occur this week.  
**31st January – St. John Bosco**  
**1st February - St. Brigid**  
**3rd February – St. Blaise**  
Pupils will be learning about these saints in school.
- Next week is **Children's Mental Health Week**. The theme this year is **Know Yourself, Grow Yourself**. Teachers will be completing age-appropriate activities with pupils based on this important theme during the week. Please check out the following website for further information:  
  
[www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk](http://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk)
- **Parents of pupils in Year Four:**  
The **Sacrament of Penance (First Confession)** will take place on **Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2025** in **St. Patrick's Church, Eskra** at **7pm**.

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 Six and Year Seven:**  
**Year 6/7** pupils will be starting their **Swimming Programme** (8 sessions) on **Friday, 31st January** at **Omagh Leisure Complex**. Pupils will travel by bus and will be accompanied by members of staff. The cost per pupil is **£45**. This amount will cover the cost of the swimming lessons and the cost of the bus. Please send the money in a marked money wallet by **Monday, 3rd March**. Please complete the permission slip attached and the **Health History Questionnaire** (sent home last Monday) requested by Omagh Leisure Complex and return them to school as soon as possible, if you haven't already done so.

Staff from **Loreto Grammar School** will be visiting our **Year 6** and **Year 7** girls on **Thursday @ 1.30pm**. We look forward to welcoming them to our school.

- **Parents of pupils in Year Seven:**  
A **Service of Light**, in preparation for Confirmation, will take place on **Thursday, 13th March, 2025** in **St. Patrick's Church, Eskra @ 7pm**.

Please note that the original date for our **Confirmation Practice** on **Sunday, 16th March, 2025** has been changed to **Wednesday, 19th March, 2025 @ 7pm**.

The **Sacrament of Confirmation** will take place on **Sunday, 23rd March, 2025 @ 3pm** in **St. Patrick's Church, Eskra**.

A **Confirmation Retreat** has been arranged by **Canon McGahan** for **Wednesday, 2nd April, 2025** in **Lough Derg**. Further details to follow shortly.

**EA Connect** will **open** tomorrow at **12 noon** and **close** on **Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2025** at **12 noon** for **Year 8 Post Primary Applications**. Please read carefully the leaflet on our website - **Applying for a Year 8 Post Primary Place**.

- All pupils will be taking part in the **RSPB's Big Schools Bird Watch** next week. Why not join in at home by participating in the **RSPB's Big Garden Bird Watch?** Check out the link below for more information.  
[www.Big Garden Birdwatch \(rspb.org.uk\)](http://www.BigGardenBirdwatch(rspb.org.uk))

Yours sincerely,

*Keira McCallan*

Mrs. Keira McCallan (Principal)

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