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Monday, 3rd February, 2025.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

- **February** is the month of **Forgiveness**. Pupils will be learning about the importance of forgiving themselves and others. They will be completing work based on this theme throughout the month of **February**. Check out the display of pupils' work outside the Year 6/7 classroom.
- Our **Thinking Skill and Personal Capability** focus for **February** is **Self-Management** at home and at school. Please refer to your child's Learning Support Sheet for **February** to see how you can help at home. Check out our **TS&PC** display in the main school corridor to see what pupils have been learning.
- Our **Mindfulness Overview** for **February** is available now to view on our school website.
- Your child's **Learning Support Sheet** for **February** will be available on our website shortly. Teachers will notify you by text when they are ready to be viewed.
- **Today** is the **Feast Day of St. Blaise** and **Friday, 14th February** is the **Feast Day** of **St. Valentine**. Pupils will be learning about these saints in school this week.
- **Safer Internet Day** is on **Tuesday, 11th February** when school is closed for Mid – Term Break so we will be participating in related activities **tomorrow** instead. The theme this year is **To Good To Be True. Protecting yourself and others from scams online**. Please check out the following website for further information: [www.saferinternet.org.uk](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk)

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- This 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)

- **World Book Day 2025** takes place on **Thursday, 6th March** this year, and we are delighted to celebrate this special and exciting occasion with our school community! All children are asked to dress up as their favourite book characters, bringing stories to life and inspiring a love for reading. Across the school, we will have a variety of engaging activities, including storytelling sessions, book-themed games and opportunities to share and explore favourite books. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the magic of reading and we want all children to participate and enjoy the fun.

- **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 6:**

Miss. Devine and I will be delivering a **Year 6 Transition Information Session for Parents** on **Thursday, 20th February @ 7.00pm**. The aim of this session will be to inform parents of current and proposed arrangements to aid and support pupils' transition from Year 6 into Year 7, to provide appropriate information for parents to help them make an informed decision regarding their child's participation in preparation for and completion of the Transfer Test, to outline support provided by school and how parents can help their child at home. This session will be beneficial to all Year 6 parents.

- **Parents of pupils in Year Six and Year Seven:**

Due to the commencement of our swimming programme on a Friday morning, pupils in **Year 6/7** are asked to wear their **PE uniform every day** until swimming ends.

**Good luck** to pupils from Year 6/7 who have been selected to represent our school at the **Credit Union Quiz** on **Friday, 7th February** in **Fintona Golf Club @ 7pm**.

- **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**.

A **Confirmation Practice** will take place on **Wednesday, 19th March, 2025 @**

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**7pm in St. Patrick's Church, Eskra.**

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

A **Confirmation Information Evening** for parents of pupils in **Year 7** has been arranged for **Thursday, 20th February @ 6.30pm.** All Year 7 parents are welcome to attend.

Good luck to our four **Year Seven** pupils who have been selected to represent our school at the **NI Primary School Road Safety Quiz** in the **Silverbirch Hotel** on **Thursday, 6th February.** A separate note has been sent home with them today. Please complete and return the permission slip no later than **Wednesday, 5th February.**

- Please see a flyer on our website from **ParentLine NI** regarding a **Worry to Wonder workshop** on **Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> February** from **10am to 11.30am** on Zoom. This workshop is specifically for the parents of primary school aged children and aims to help with understanding and acknowledging worry and our role in it along with practical and easy everyday steps to transform worry into wonder.
- Our school will be closed from **Monday, 10th February** to **Friday, 14th February (inclusive)** for **Mid - Term Break.** Pupils are asked to return to school on **Monday, 17th February** at the usual time.

Yours sincerely,

*Keira McCallan*

Mrs. Keira McCallan (Principal)



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