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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

We were very sad to hear of the death of Father Tom Mc Ateer. Father Tom was a familiar face in the school often popping in to say hello to the children and offering to help. May he rest in peace.

## Arrangements for the guard of honour- 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021

As a mark of respect the Primary Six/ Seven will form a guard of honour, outside the school on Tuesday at 11 am. If you do not wish for your child to participate in this event please email Mrs Magee. The children who are taking part in the guard of honour are asked to wear full school uniform on Tuesday.

Fr Mc Ateer's remains will return to the St Colman's Church this evening at 6pm. Mass will be celebrated at 7.30pm. Fr Tom's remains will repose in the chapel until 10pm.

## **Staff Changes**

Mrs Devine has taken up a full time Nursery position, we wish her every success in her new post. Mrs L. Magee has taken up the position of assistant in the Primary Six/ Seven classroom. Ms J Kelly will be assisting in the Primary Two/ Three classroom. Ms L. Brown will be teaching the 'Engage' programme every Monday.

### **Additional PE Session**

We have secured a place on the Down GAA coaching programme. Lessons for P2- 7 children will begin this Friday (17<sup>th</sup> September) and will continue each Friday until the end of the school year.

#### School Holiday List

School holiday dates have been posted on the school app and on the school website – www.stpatricksdrumgreenagh.com

#### Recording absences

If your child is unable to attend school, please notify the school on the first morning of the absence, by telephone or email. A form for recording absence is available to download from the website-parents' area, school forms.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Mrs N. Magee Principal