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We care

We share

We learn

Week beginning Monday 19th March 2018

Mon 19 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School closed (St Patrick's Day holiday)
Tues 20 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y7 Salmon Release with Anahorish PS (am) Y7 Boys' Gaelic Football practice – bring gear
Wed 21 st Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gaelic Day – wear your jersey and join in the fun! Remember 50p for charity Violin lessons
Thur 22 nd Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day to return Y1 healthcare forms to the office Gaelic Football Indoor Football Finals 10am Flute & Clarinet lessons First confession, St Patrick's Church, 7pm
Fri 23 rd Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 3 Assembly 9.30am. All family and friends welcome. Over by 10am. Guitar lessons
Wed 28 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easter non-uniform day Friends of New Row Raffle 1pm
Thurs 29 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holy Thursday mass with New Row PS choir 5pm
Mon 9 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff day – no pupils
Tues 10 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Term 3 begins for all pupils

- **Labels on jumpers:** Now is a good time of the year to check that names are still on jumpers and have not washed off! This makes finding lost jumpers so much easier. Box of lost property under table in foyer.
- **Y1 healthcare forms** have been distributed and need to be returned to the office asap and no later than Thursday 22nd March.
- The **Book Fair** was another great success and hopefully there was something for everyone!
- **Service of light** (Bellaghy): well done to Y7 who participated so well and thanks to all who attended.
- **Green day:** What a fantastic success! We are all super-proud of our singers, dancers and musicians. Thanks to everyone for coming along.
- **Access to school** update – see overleaf.
- **Holy Thursday mass at 5pm.** Twelve P6 & 7 children will get their feet washed during the ceremony and we would like a good number of P4-7 to join with the choir. More info next week so keep the date free!
- **Easter raffle:** See overleaf for more info – always a great chance to win and support our school!

Lots of information overleaf – please take time to read the info/updates. Please contact me with any queries.

Many thanks for your continued support

Mrs Deirdre Graffin Principal

RSE Policy now available online

Every school is required by DENI to have a Relationships and Sexuality Education policy, to be reviewed every 3 years. This is in keeping with the Safeguarding & Child Protection procedures all schools are expected to follow. The Board of Governors approved the existing policy in January 2017 and a paper copy is available on request. To ensure all parents have access to and are consulted on the content, we have made this policy available online on our website in the 'Parents' section. Please take time to read the policy and we welcome any response. This can be done by completing the slip and returning directly to the office, marked for the attention of the principal.

Access arrangements update

- We met with DENI last week to discuss possible solutions to the challenges we have accessing the site. We were very encouraged by how seriously they are taking our concerns. The next step is for land surveys to take place and then plans and options to be designed. I will endeavour to keep you informed at every stage and appreciate your understanding and support in the interim.

Reminders:

- Parking on the yellow lines and pavement at the end of the school lane blocks the vision of those crossing children over the road.
- Please respect the residents of the area when parking and at collection times.
- Only designated collectors (whose details are held on file in the office) can collect children. For safeguarding reasons, we cannot allow children to be collected by other adults.
- Y6 & 7. Signed agreement indicated that there would be someone there to collect them. If you have a difficulty or are running late, please do not hesitate in contacting the school as children should not be left to wait in the car park or at the end of the lane.



Friends of New Row

Easter Draw

BOOK OF 6: £5 or £1 each

Books have been sent home with all families. Additional books are available from the office.

Remember to add the seller's name for a chance to win a prize, too!

Prizes on display in the foyer.

Get your tickets today!

Raffle will be held on **Wednesday 28th March** at 1pm.

The benefits of drinking water are well known.

This is even more important for our children. We welcome bottles of water from home for children to drink from in moderation throughout the day. Please remember that these bottles should not contain diluting orange.

Canteen: Water and milk are offered every day in the canteen, so those taking school dinners should not bring in their own drink. Recently, some children have also been regularly bringing in diluting orange and shop bought drinks such as fruit shoots. This is not necessary and we ask that parents keep these treat drinks for evenings and weekends.



Lenten Charity Collection 2018: Remember to send in your coppers!

We are supporting volunteer work in Nepal, helping schools and villages in need.

Wed 21st March: Gaelic day

Wed 28th March: Easter

Wear your favourite Gaelic jersey & take part in games & activities

Non-uniform day to celebrate the end of Term 2 and Easter holidays

Gaelic Day: Y1-4 Parents are welcome to come along during their child's session to join in the fun! Please complete and return the slip sent home last week. We will be joined by coaches from Ulster GAA, St Malachy's GAC & St Mary's College, Belfast. Times:

Year 2	9.15	Year 1	9.50	Year 3	10.45	Year 4	11.15
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Please use this space if you wish to respond to the RSE Policy available online at newrowps.com (Parents' Section)

Print name

Signed

Date

Return directly to the office, FAO the principal