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We share

We learn

Week beginning Monday 11th September 2017

Mon 11 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent & Toddler Group begins again 9.15-11am – everyone welcome! Swimming (Y6). £2 pw & £1 (returnable) for lockers. Bring gear, goggles, bag. McNicholl School of Dancing classes resume in school hall, 6pm
Tues 12 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assembly & Awards WELCOME BACK DINNER (menu overleaf)
Wed 13 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Y1 pupils attend from 9am until 1pm (until Fri 29th Sept) Violin, Clarinet & Flute lessons continue. Remember your instrument!
Thur 14 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Piloxing with Bernie in hall 7.30pm. £30 for 7 week block. Everybody Welcome
Fri 15 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y7 Trip to Parkanaur with Castledawson PS – instructions on Consent Form Derry Day (Y1-6): Dress in Derry GAA colours to show support for Derry minors in the All-Ireland Final on Sunday 16th Sept Guitar lessons resume. Remember your instrument!
Mon 18 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent & Toddler Group 9.15-11am – everyone welcome! <i>Friends of New Row</i> first meeting of the year 6pm
Tues 19 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Photographer. Tidy Uniforms please. Opportunity for family photos also
Wed 20 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bellaghy Parish sacramental talk 7.30pm in Parish Hall (Y7) - children in uniform accompanied by parents
Fri 22 nd Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GL Assessment (Transfer Test) registration closes at 2pm (St Mary's GS)

Dates for your diary:

Fri 29 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff Training – School closes at 1pm
Mon 2 nd Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y1 pupils attend all day (9am-2pm)
Fri 6 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moyola & Toome Credit Union Savings starts – new members always welcome
W/B 9 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent Teacher meetings – school closes at 1pm all week

- **Consent forms (general) & up to date info.** Thanks to all who have returned. Still some outstanding.
- **Sept Milk (£4) & Break (£6) now overdue.** Please pay office (milk) or Marie in canteen (break) today

Dinner prices	1 dinner	2 dinners	3 dinners	4 Dinners	5 Dinners
	£2.60	£5.20	£7.80	£10.40	£13.00

- **Music lessons** continue this week. Please return the renewal letter asap. A letter giving consent for an ear test has been sent out today to all Y4 & 5 pupils. A limited number of places for violin, flute and clarinet tuition are available. This is an excellent opportunity. Any queries, please talk to me this week.
- Our first **Friends of NR** meeting is next Monday at 6pm. Looking forward to seeing old faces and new!
- Would you be free to lend a hand once every few weeks at our **Parent and Toddler Group**? It runs on Mondays 9.15-11am. If we could get a few names for a rota that would really help. Just let me know.
- **Many thanks** to all parents for their support in getting the school year up and running. A few reminders overleaf will help to make sure things run as smoothly as possible.
- Thanks also for your patience during our **building work**. The contractors are making excellent progress and the safety of your children at all times is our priority. What a difference the work will make!
- Remember to **keep checking the bags**, website and parent board weekly. Many thanks for your continued support

Friday 15th September: Derry Day

To show our support for the Derry Minor Footballers playing in the All Ireland on Sunday 17th, all at New Row will dress in Derry GAA colours this Friday. Many other local schools are also going to do this and it will surely send the message to these young footballers that the schools of the county are behind them. Y7s will not be participating this time due to their trip with Castledawson PS.

Back to School Dinner

Tuesday 12th September

Choice of:

Burger & bap - Chicken Curry & Rice
Chips & selection of salads
followed by chocolate cupcake
Orange juice



Information from St Malachy's GAC

St Malachy's will be hosting an information evening on the new A6 bypass on Wed 20th Sept at 7:30pm.

The main contractors Farrans will do a presentation which will cover

- the scheme of works
- what to expect over the next 3 years
- impacts to the club entrance and exit
- impacts to the roads around Castledawson

Hope to see as many club members, neighbours and friends of St Malachy's in attendance.

Camogie Training for remainder of 2017

Underage training continues for U6's, 8s & 10s on Saturdays from 11 – 12:00pm & Wednesday 6.30 – 7.30. We have a few blitzes coming up over the next few weeks and hope to run our own annual camogie weekend early October.

It's not too late to get your little one started for the remainder of this year, contact either manager below for more information. The club have equipment available for newcomers so they can get started!

Under 6 & 8 - Kathy Bradley- 07970666340

Under 10 - Frances Craig- 07980268802

REMINDERS

The school day

Children should arrive in school no earlier than 8.50am unless they are attending the breakfast club (available from 8.15am). There is no supervision for children arriving before 8.50am. Class starts at 9am.

Making a quick get away...

In the interests of settling children into class and getting the school day up and running, I would ask that all parents try to drop off their child and leave promptly. Although very well intentioned, staying to settle your child can have the adverse effect of making them anxious, as well as disrupting the class morning routines.

After school Club

We continue to run a *one pick-up club* (2-3pm) & homework club 3-4pm daily. (£2 p/hr. Booking required).

Uniforms

Thank you to parents for your efforts in getting our pupils ready for their new school year. In particular, thanks for ensuring children are wearing black/dark shoes with dark soles. It makes a difference to the overall appearance. Remember also that bottoms should be navy with no logos or stripes. Half-zips etc are a good substitute for a coat but are not to be worn as an alternative to a school jumper. And - very importantly – please ensure your child's name is on all items of uniform, especially jumpers and cardigans.

Safety in the school grounds

Please be careful when entering/leaving the school premises. If you are concerned about the safety being compromised in any way, please speak immediately to Kevin (building supervisor) or myself as principal.

Important Dates 2017-18

The calendar on the website shows all school closures and other important dates and will be updated every Monday when dates/events may be added.

Class assemblies 2017-18 – Advance notice for your diary.

Due to building work, these have been scheduled for Term 2 & 3. All will begin at **9.30am** in the hall. They are on Fridays, except for Y6 which is on Tuesday during Catholic Schools' Week (mass on Friday in church).

Tue 30th Jan	Fri 23rd Feb	Fri 23rd March	Fri 27th April	Fri 11th May	Fri 15th June
Year 6	Year 5	Year 3	Year 7	Year 2	Year 1

An updated Parent Information Booklet has been uploaded to the website.