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**Week beginning Mon 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exam practice for violinists 9am</li> <li>SPECIAL DINNER – BBQ DAY!</li> <li>Y5 Swimming (pm)</li> </ul> <i>A/S 3pm: Y6 Transfer Club</i>
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y5 &amp; 6 visit Portstewart Strand (incl guided activities and games on the beach). Wear school uniform and no pocket money required.</li> </ul> <i>A/S 2pm: Fundamentals (Y1&amp;2) CW</i>
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9.30am: Y4&amp;5 Bike Skills workshops. Bring your bike &amp; wear a helmet!</li> <li>9.45am: St Patrick's College Castle Cup (Boys' Gaelic football)</li> </ul> <i>A/S 3pm: Songtime (Y3&amp;4) DD &amp; DG, Golf (Y5-7) Tony Mulholland</i>
Thur 15 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10am: Sharon Donnelly Girls' Football Championship</li> </ul> <i>A/S 2pm: Soccer (Y3) Danny, Sum Fun (Y2) 3pm: Camogie &amp; Hurling (SD &amp; EB)</i>
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sports Day Option 1 – information sheet will be available from Tues 13<sup>th</sup> June (Pupils should be left directly to the Broagh for 9.30am. Events over by 3pm)</li> </ul> <i>A/S 3pm: Gaelic Football (Y4&amp;5) MMCl – if not sports day</i>
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Loup GAC 5K. Registration from 9am. Race begins 10.30am
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LAST WEEK OF AFTERSCHOOLS</li> <li>Sports Day Option 2</li> <li>Y5 Swimming (pm) &amp; A/S 3pm: Y6 Transfer Club (cancelled if Sports Day)</li> </ul>
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wear your Gaelic Jersey Day - Gaelic Football activities for Y1-7</li> </ul>
Thur 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y7 Trip to the North Coast, including surfing in Portrush</li> </ul>
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y1 Assembly &amp; presentation of Sports Awards 9.30am</li> <li>Y4 Fit for Life fun day 10-1pm</li> </ul>
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Afterschools Activities (finished Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> June). Afterschools club as usual 2-4pm</li> <li>BOOKATHON Sponsored Walk leaving 1pm (provisional date)</li> </ul>
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y7 Leavers' Assembly <b>9.30am</b> – New time</li> </ul>
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>End of Year Mass 10am (no Y1-3 fundamentals)</li> </ul>
Thur 29 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Junior Musicians' Assembly 9.30am Performances from Y3, 4&amp; 5 &amp; singers from Y3&amp;4</li> </ul>
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School closes 11am – no breakfast club or afterschools club</li> </ul>

- School Trips: Y1&2 had a great time at the farm and Y3&4 enjoyed their trip to Carnfunnock. Thanks to all our helpers who came along too. We appreciated your help in making the trip possible.
- Thanks to all who have settled outstanding balances (break & dinner money). As we come to the year end, can I remind you to keep payments up to date including paying dinners on the day/ in advance.
- Free school meals/uniform application forms are in the office. Please pick one up or we can send one home if you would like to check if you are eligible. Reminder: this must be completed every year.
- First Communion Photo orders: Must be in no later than tomorrow morning.
- Sports Day: all children have been organised into coloured teams. Your child will find out which team they are in no later than Tuesday & should wear something in that colour if possible. More info (organisation etc.) about Sports Day will be sent home tomorrow.

Many thanks for your continued support

Mrs Deirdre Graffin

Principal

## School opening and holidays 2017-18

Thur 31 <sup>st</sup> August	School opens for all Y1 & Y7 pupils only 9.15-12 noon
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	School reopens for all other pupils (normal school day except for P1)

September	No School Closures
October	Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> & Tues 31 <sup>st</sup> (Mid-term break)
November	Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> – Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> (Mid-term break)
December	Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> – 11am finish Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> (Christmas holidays)
January	Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> – Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> (Christmas holidays) Children return on Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan
February	Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> : Mid-term break
March	Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> (St Patrick's Day Holiday) Thur 29 <sup>th</sup> – 11am finish
April	Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> (Easter holidays)
May	Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> (May Bank Holiday) Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> & Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> (May Bank Holiday)
June	Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> – 11am finish

- One additional staff training day has still to be allocated. These dates are subject to change.
- Parents are requested not to take children on holiday during term time. Every effort has been made to block holidays to facilitate parents.

### Goodbye, Mrs Donnelly

We said a fond farewell to Mrs Sinead Donnelly last Friday when we marked her official retirement. We send Sinead every best wish for a long and happy retirement and thank her for the many years of dedicated service to New Row. Sinead expressed her appreciation and thanks to the children for the lovely way they helped mark this celebration. Many thanks to all the parents and friends of New Row who came along and took the opportunity to pass on their retirement wishes at the end of mass.



### ETI Report (Education & Training Inspectorate)

Our school underwent an inspection on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Due to well-publicised industrial action in schools across NI, the inspection process was shorter than normal. However, this didn't prevent us from getting very positive feedback, including:

*In discussion with a group of year 6 children, they reported that they enjoy school and feel safe. The children spoke positively and with maturity about their learning and progress, their working relationships with their teachers and the range of enrichment and extra-curricular provision available to them.*

What a great endorsement of all that we do and aim for at New Row! Well done to everyone for their daily efforts. The full inspection report is now available online at [www.eti.gov.uk](http://www.eti.gov.uk)

### Online Safety Update Week 2:

Did the information we shared last week about social media age restrictions surprise you? Do you know if your child has an account?

Our second message: keep screens out of bedrooms at night time. Make sure all phones, tablets etc that your child may have access to are kept out of their rooms. This eliminates the temptation to spend too long online before sleeping or even to use the device during the night if your child wakes up. Try this for the next week – and another tip next Monday.

