



We care

We share

We learn

Week beginning Monday 13th November 2017: ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

****Winners of Class of the Week: Year 4****

Mon 13 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-Bullying Week Begins – special lessons in all classes this week • Parent & Toddler Group • Y6 Swimming • McNicholl School of Dancing classes in school hall, 6pm
Tues 14 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-Bullying Week Assembly 9.15am • NO Y5 Sports for life (runs every fortnight) • Y4 Shared Education Session in CPS – leaving 9.15am sharp. Wear a coat. • Y3 & 4 Hurling with Kevin Hinphey Ulster GAA (afternoon)
Wed 15 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WATER BUS VISITS NEW ROW! Y2-7 climbing on-board for lots to learn! • Y1 & 2 PE (am) PE with Ciaran Sharkey (Ulster GAA) • Violin, Clarinet & Flute lessons continue. Remember your instrument!
Thurs 16 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y5 & 7 Gaelic Football sessions in school (afternoon)
Fri 17 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y3 PE with Ciaran Sharkey (Ulster GAA) in school – afternoon ***BRING IN GEAR*** • Guitar lessons continue. Remember your instrument!
Sat 18 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y7 GL Transfer Test
Tues 21 st Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y7 Hurling Blitz (all day) • Y5 Sports for life – bring gear.

Dates for your diary

Sunday 10 th Dec	Bridge Mass (2) 9am. Annual Parish & School Carol Service, St Patrick's Church 5pm
Monday 18 th Dec	Parent & Toddler Group Christmas Party 9.15-11am
Tuesday 19 th Dec	New Row PS Open Day. Two sessions: 9.30am & 1.30pm
Friday 22 nd Dec	School closes for Christmas at 11am. No breakfast club or school dinner.

- Many thanks to all who came along to **mass** on Friday. It's a lovely way for us to share with the community and take time to go to mass together. Well done also to all those making First Communion this year. The Bridge mass was a lovely start to the next stage of your spiritual journey.
- Fiona Kelly from **Road of Hope Shoebox Appeal** is delighted with the response to our appeal for shoebox items. It really was fantastic – lots of really good items for the team to include in shoeboxes.
- Reminder: **School carol service is on Sun 10th December**. Please keep this date free as all Y3-7 children will be performing. Once again Y3 will lead our nativity. We need you all to be there!
- **ETI Shared Education Monitoring** Visit: Mrs Mary Lowery was delighted with the Shared Education programme running between ourselves and CPS. She commented that during the teaching observed, there was a clear focus on high expectations for learning and no sense of two separate schools. Mrs Lowery also described the partnership as working at a high level of effectiveness. High praise indeed!
- Well done to our pupils who are helping the parish by becoming **altar servers**. They got off to a great start last week. If there are any more volunteers, please contact me asap.
- **Supporting your child's reading at home**: See overleaf for some ideas for how you can support your child's reading – no matter what class they are in school. We hope you find this information useful.

Many thanks for your continued support



Anti-Bullying Week 2017

What is bullying?

When someone says or does something *unintentionally* hurtful and they do it once, that's **RUDE**.

When someone says or does something *intentionally* hurtful and they do it once, that's **MEAN**.

When someone says or does something *intentionally* hurtful and they *keep doing it* even when you tell them to stop or show them that you're upset, that's **BULLYING**.

Please take time to talk to your child about what they understand each of these words to mean. Watch out for a homework activity, too!

Friends of New Row

Following our photo shoot with local photographer Madeline Gribbin, calendars are currently being designed for 2018.

Each month will have a photo of all the pupils in the school whose birthday it is during that month. There will also be a place for dates and advertisements from our sponsors.

Already these are looking lovely and will be a really special present for loved-ones, nearby or further away. Remember this when writing your Christmas shopping list! An ideal gift for the grandparents, godparents, doting aunts and uncles! Info about prices and orders to follow later this week.

Supporting your child's reading at home

1. Set aside a regular time to read to your children every day.

Studies show that regularly reading out loud to children will produce significant gains in reading comprehension, vocabulary, and the decoding of words.

Whether your children are pre-schoolers or preteens, it will increase their desire to read independently.

2. Surround your children with reading material.

Children with a large array of reading materials in their homes score higher on standardized tests. Tempt your kids to read by having a large supply of appealing books and magazines at their reading level.

3. Have a family reading time.

Establish a daily 15 to 30-minute time when everyone in the family reads. Seeing you read will inspire your children to read. Just 15 minutes of daily practice is enough to increase their reading fluency.

4. Encourage a wide variety of reading activities.

Make reading part of your children's lives. Encourage them to read menus, roadside signs, game directions, weather reports, movie time listings, and other practical everyday information. Also, make sure they always have something to read in their spare time when they could be waiting or in the car.

5. Develop the library habit.

Encourage your children to read more by taking them to the library every few weeks to get new books etc.

6. Be knowledgeable about your children's progress.

. Listen to updates about their progress from the teacher at parent interviews. Talk about the progress they are expected to make.

7. Look for reading problems.

Find out if your children can sound out words, know sight words, use context to identify unknown words, and clearly understand what they read.

8. Get help promptly for reading problems.

Reading problems do not magically disappear with time. The earlier children receive help, the more likely they will become good readers.

9. Use a variety of ways to help your children.

To help your children improve their reading, use textbooks, computer programs, books-on-tape, and other materials available in stores. Games are especially good choices because they let children have fun as they work on their skills.

10. Show enthusiasm for your children's reading.

Your reaction has a great influence on how hard they will try to become good readers.

