



We care

We share

We learn

Week beginning Monday 17th September 2018

Mon 17 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent & Toddler Group– spread the word! 9.15-11am – everyone welcome! • Swimming (Y6). £2 pw & £1 (returnable) for lockers. Bring gear, goggles, bag. • Y5 & 7 PE (outside) in afternoon • Y7 Literacy & Numeracy Club 3-4pm • Clothing collection at 9am • McNicholl School of Dancing, school hall 6pm
Tues 18 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Council Assembly
Wed 19 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Afterschool clubs registration morning 8.45am • Violin lessons & ear tests. • Y1-2-3 PE with Eoin (Ulster GAA). • Y4 PE session (this week only).
Thur 20 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit from Water Service to Y4 & Y6
Fri 21 st Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flute/Clarinet & ear tests. • Return outdoor clean-up replies to Miss Gribbin (Y1) • GL Assessment (Y7 Transfer Test) registration closes at 2pm
Mon 24 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Afterschools Clubs begin for term 1 • Outdoor clean-up meeting & walk around 6.30-7pm

Dates for your diary:

Tues 25 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School photographer
Thur 27 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y4 Fit for Life session 1
Fri 28 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff Training – School closes at 1pm
Sat 29 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Outdoor Clean Up 9-12.30pm
Mon 1 st Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School closed: Staff development day
Tues 2 nd Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y1 pupils attend all day (9am-2pm) • Final day for Copper collection
W/B 8 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Teacher meetings – school closes at 1pm all week
Sat 20 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Open Day/Community Event with mass at 10am, St Patrick's Church
First Communion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sat 18th May 2018 at 11am, St. Patrick's Church Castledawson

- Reconstituted Board of Governors: **Parent rep**. Thanks for all the interest. I will notify all parents by text later in the week with arrangements for the ballot.
- Please note the date for **First Communion** has been confirmed as Saturday 18th May at 11am.
- Many thanks for all the **replies to our school celebration letter** (Sat 20th Oct). If there are any slips still to be returned, please get them in on Tuesday. We need your ideas – and your voices for the choir!
- **Outdoor clean up letter** sent home today with all families. We need your help!
- **Flu vaccination**: Return your child's form asap & remember to sign even if your child is not receiving it.
- **Music lessons**: A letter giving consent for ear tests went out last week. If you would still like your child to be considered for flute/clarinet lessons, please return the letter or contact me.
- **Credit Union** collections will begin again at the start of October. Visit M&T Credit Union on Main St to open an account then lodge money via school weekly. An easy way to encourage your child to save.
- **Afterschools Clubs are back!** A letter with options fro Y2-7 will be sent home today.

Many thanks for your support.

Charity Collection for flood victims in India: collect those coppers!

Remember we are supporting the families in need from Sebiyoor parish whose lives have been so affected by the recent floods. Bottles do not have to be returned until 2nd October, so plenty of time to collect that change! More bottles available from Y6 – just ask!

Confirmation of Assembly dates: due to staff training, we have had to change the dates for Y5 & Y7 assemblies. Y2 now confirmed also. See revised dates below. All assemblies begin at 9.30am in the hall & over by 10am. Y4 will perform First Confession/Communion plays for the whole school community.

Fri 9 th Nov	Fri 30 th Nov	Fri 25 th Jan	Fri 12 th Apr	Fri 10 th May	Fri 14 th June
Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 3	Year 2	Year 1

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 class routines. If you need to return with lunch boxes, swimming gear etc. these should be left in the office and they will be sent on to the room from there.

After school Club

Our *one pick-up club* (2-3pm) & homework club 3-4pm continue 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 and trousers/bottoms are plain & not branded. It really makes a difference to the overall appearance. All children are expected to wear jumpers or cardigans. These may be taken off if the children are too warm and put on at the end of the day – not tied around their waist. This is particularly important because as well as keeping your child warm, it also means that every child goes home with their jumper! 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.



New Row Big Outdoor Clean Up: We need your help!

When? Sat 29th Sept from 9-12.30pm

What for?

Painting, weeding, sweeping,
washing equipment, planting and other odd jobs

What is on our wish list?

Paint (fence, metal, wood stain & blackboard)

Storage bunkers

Pots (non-breakable)

Garden equipment suitable for children

Pallets, tyres, cable reels & logs

Please read the letter sent home today and return the slip if you are able to help – even for a few hours.

See Miss Gribbin for any more information

We are also meeting up to plan the day **on Monday 24th Sept at 6.30pm**

How delighted the children will be to see the improvements when they return to school!

Celebration day choir: a good response. Hope to have 2 practices starting on Wed 3rd Oct at 6.30pm.

Watch out for more info.