



*We care*

*We share*

*We learn*

**Week beginning Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School closed: Staff development day</li> <li>• NO Parent &amp; Toddler</li> </ul>
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y1 pupils attend all day (9am-2pm)</li> <li>• Confirmation meeting in Bellaghy Parish Centre @ 7pm for parents &amp; Y7 (wear uniform).</li> <li>• <b>AS:</b> Junior Gymnastics 2-3pm Y2, Gymnastics 3-4pm Y3 (with Anna Devlin)</li> </ul>
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Violin lessons</li> <li>• Y1-2-3 PE with Eoin (Ulster GAA)</li> <li>• <b>AS:</b> Y5 Speedwell Club with CPS 3pm. Collect from CPS at 4.30pm</li> <li>• <b>AS:</b> Lego Club 3-4pm Mrs Murphy Y4, Cross County Running 3-4pm Mrs McElroy Y6 &amp; 7</li> <li>• Choir practice – meeting of singers for Celebration Day 6.30pm in school</li> </ul>
Thur 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Irish lessons begin for all Y6 &amp; 7 children with Suzanna McKenna (Mid Ulster Council)</li> <li>• <b>AS:</b> Music (Tin Whistle) 3-4pm Miss McNicholl/Mrs Graffin Y4 &amp; 5</li> <li>• <b>AS:</b> ICT iPad club 3-4pm Mrs Scullion &amp; Miss Dillon Y6&amp;7</li> </ul>
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mass 9.45am: led by Y7 – everyone very welcome!</li> <li>• Final day for Copper collection. Get your milk bottles full of coins in asap!</li> <li>• Flute/Clarinet lessons</li> <li>• Credit Union Collections begin</li> <li>• <b>AS:</b> Gaelic Football week 1</li> </ul>
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Outdoor Clean Up – Day 2. Anyone free 9-11am?</li> </ul>
W/B 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent meetings – school closes at 1pm all week. A/schools 1-3pm £4, 1-4pm £5</li> </ul>

**Dates for your diary:**

Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Open Day/Community Event with mass at 10am, St Patrick's Church</li> </ul>
Confirmation (Bellaghy Parish) Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 12 noon	
First Communion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sat 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 11am, St. Patrick's Church Castledawson</li> </ul>

- Our Shared Education Y5 Speedwell afterschools' club got off to a great start which we are very pleased about. Lots of fun things planned for the future! Thanks to parents for collecting children promptly at Castledawson PS. The club moves to NRPS after Christmas.
  - October: Milk £4 and Break £5.70. It is very important to speak directly to Marie if your child no longer wants canteen break as it will continue and you will be charged unless she is informed by the parent.
  - Lunch boxes: All children will now bring home their lunchtime wrappers etc. Unfortunately, sometimes children throw away unwanted items with their rubbish so parents are unaware of what they have eaten. We hope that by doing this we can help monitor the children's eating habits and avoid waste.
- Many thanks for your support.

**Mrs Deirdre Graffin** Principal

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*Healthy Break – treat day? Seeing the views of parents*

We understand that it can be difficult to convince children to make their break or lunchboxes healthy every day. Some children, staff and parents have suggested that the children could have a 'treat' day when they can bring in a small treat to eat as part of their break or lunch. This is something that other schools have done to help in promoting healthy lunch boxes. The idea is to teach the children that everything is ok in moderation and by doing so limit the times when pupils bring less healthy choices for break (chocolate bars, crisps etc). It also helps educate children about healthy and unhealthy foods and snacks.

Is this something you think we could try in New Row? Please complete and return the slip overleaf.

## New Row Big Outdoor Clean Up: Thank You!

Well done to everyone who turned out in such great numbers last Saturday. There was a fantastic amount of work undertaken and the children will be delighted when they return to school this morning.

Well done to Miss Gribbin & Miss Walls who did such a good job of organising the day.

Are you free this Saturday 9-11am? We would love to finish off a few jobs! Please let Miss Gribbin/Miss Walls or Marianne Cushley (Friends of New Row) know and we will line up a little job for you!



### *Celebrating the past – building the future*

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October. Mass at 10am followed by a reception and tour of the school.

Please keep the day free and spread the word!

**Short meeting of singers/musicians for an adult choir Wed eve at 6.30pm in the school**

**We are all learning a special song to mark the celebration: *One more step along the world I go***

**Please help your child learn the words – and maybe sing along, too!**

One more step along the world I go;  
One more step along the world I go;  
From the old things to the new,  
Keep me travelling along with you:  
*And it's from the old I travel to the new;*  
*Keep me travelling along with you.*

Round the corners of the world I turn,  
More and more about the world I learn;  
All the new things that I see  
You'll be looking at along with me.  
*And it's from the old I travel to the new;*  
*Keep me travelling along with you.*

As I travel through the bad and good,  
Keep me travelling the way I should.  
Where I see no way to go,  
You'll be telling me the way, I know.  
*And it's from the old I travel to the new;*  
*Keep me travelling along with you.*

### **Parent Representative: Board of Governors**

Many thanks to everyone who showed an interest in standing for Parent Rep on our Board of Governors which is currently being reconstituted. We were delighted with the level of support our parents showed by coming out to vote. Following the count, we can confirm that the parent representative for 2018-2022 is Mrs Ciara Shivers. Ciara is mother to Aoibh (Y6) and Oisin (Y3) and am sure she will be a great asset to the Governors in assisting the principal and staff provide the best possible education for all of the pupils.

*Feedback re governors and leadership from School Development Plan: Parents' Survey May 2018*

The day to day management of the school is the responsibility of the school principal, supported by the vice principal and senior leadership team. It is clear from the comments of our parents that they feel that the management of the school at this level is working very well. The overall management responsibility for the school falls to the Board of Governors. These volunteers come from within the school and wider parish community and reflect the various parts of the school community e.g. representatives from the parent group, teaching staff, school trustees, Education Authority and Dept. of Education. Feedback from the last survey suggested that parents were unsure of the role of the governors. It is not unusual or indeed surprising that some of our parents do not know the roles these governors play. I hope the information provided this week and last helps you in knowing more about the governors and I will share further information with parents once the reconstitution process has been completed.

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### **Healthy break: Treat day. Seeking the views of parents**

I would like to see the introduction of a 'treat' day (same day for everyone in the school) when children can bring a treat. I think this would help in the overall promotion of healthy breaks and lunchboxes

Preferred 'treat' day: (please circle)

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Any additional comments (including any alternative suggestions)

(Signature)