



We care

We share

We learn

Week beginning Monday 25th September 2017

Mon 25 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent & Toddler Group 9.15-11am – everyone welcome! Swimming (Y6). £2 pw & £1 (returnable) for lockers. Bring gear, goggles, bag. McNicholl School of Dancing classes in school hall, 6pm <i>Friends of New Row</i> meeting 6pm
Tues 26 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y3 & 4 Hurling with Kevin Hinphey Ulster GAA (afternoon)
Wed 27 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y1 & 2 PE with Ciaran Sharkey (Ulster GAA) Violin, Clarinet & Flute lessons continue. Remember your instrument!
Thur 28 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y3 Tesco Trip leaving sharp at 9.10am Y4 Fit for Life in Meadowbank. £2 for bus- see info overleaf Y5 & 7 Gaelic Football (afternoon) <u>**Y6 also bring PE Gear for Cross Country Trials**</u> Piloxing with Bernie in hall 7.30pm. £30 for 7 week block. Everybody Welcome
Fri 29 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assembly & awards Shared Reading Day: Y1-7 pupils share stories with their new reading buddies 11am Guitar lessons continue. Remember your instrument! Staff Training – School closes at 1pm *NO AFTERSCHOOLS CLUB*
Mon 2 nd Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y1 pupils attend all day (9am-2pm)

Dates for your diary:

Wed 4 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Digital Leaders visit Apple Store
Thurs 5 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cross Country Event for Y6 & 7 pupils
Fri 6 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start of year mass led by Y7 – including presentation to Mr McIver
W/B 9 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent Teacher meetings – school closes at 1pm all week
Fri 20 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friends of New Row Annual Quiz Night in Moyola Golf Club
Fri 27 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Ditch the Dark</i> dress-up day. School closes at 1pm. More info overleaf.

- Many thanks for your patience during our renovations. Work is ahead of schedule and the builders are doing everything to minimise the disruption, including starting work early and working weekends.
- This is the last week of **Year 1s** going home at 1pm. From next week, they should be collected from the assembly hall fire escape doors at **2pm**. From next week also, Y1s can also be booked in to afterschools club to 3pm/4pm (£2 per hour).
- Thanks to everyone in helping with PE arrangements. See overleaf for a reminder
- Thanks to those who have offered to help at **Parent and Toddler Group**. Interested? Just let me know.
- Phones in school reminder:** Children should not bring phones into school. If your child needs a phone for after school, speak to Mrs Graffin. We will arrange for it to be left in the office first thing in the morning and collected at 3pm. Phones should not be kept in pockets or schoolbags will be confiscated.
- Year 6 & 7 Peace Proms Concert:** 25th February 2018 – please return the consent forms ASAP!
- A number of local people informed us that some of our pupils have been **climbing trees and walls in the church grounds at the end of the school day**. It is important to remember that your children are not supervised by school at this time. Please make sure this stops before a child is injured on parish ground.
- Remember to **keep checking the bags**, website and parent board weekly.

Many thanks for your continued support

PE Arrangements: Term 1

Class(es)	Day	Activity	Uniform
Y1	Wednesday (am)	PE in hall	Do not change for PE
Y2	Wednesday (am)	PE in hall	Wear PE gear in to school; change back in to uniform after PE lesson. Parents make sure uniform is sent into school in a labelled bag and items labelled also.
Y3 & 4	Tuesday (pm)	Hurling & Camogie with Ulster GAA	Change in school. T-shirt & track bottoms (outside sessions). Pupils change after PE before going home. Hurls and helmets provided by school.
Y4	6 sessions (fortnightly) from Thur 28 th Sept	'Fit for life' Meadowbank	£2 per child. Bring PE gear & change in school. Tracksuit & warm jumper/coat. Bring a drink. Canteen break will be sent along. Others bring snack.
Y5 & 7	Thursday (pm)	Gaelic Football	Change in school. T-shirt & track bottoms (outside sessions). Pupils change after PE before going home
Y6	Monday (pm)	Swimming	Bring gear, goggles, and bag. £2 pw & £1 (returnable) for lockers



Shoebox appeal 2017

Due to difficulties with storage and the building work restrictions, this year we are **not** asking families to prepare a shoebox. However, we **are** asking families to **donate a gift which could be used in a shoebox** prepared by *Road of Hope* to be sent to others less fortunate in Eastern Europe. This is a very worthwhile cause run by a local team. A collection of small toys and gifts will take place on Monday 6th November, when the charity will visit New Row to collect donations. These should only be sent in on this date. More info and ideas to follow.

Every class will be assigned online homework by accessing Education City via the Puffin Academy App which should be downloaded.



EducationCity.com

Recent updates seem to cause problems for some of the activities that have a blue tablet icon beside them. If you are using one of these games you should login to Education City through Google and you should be able to play them all. Otherwise they can be played on PC or laptop.

When we surveyed parents last year, the overwhelming response was that there is access to the internet in the majority of homes.

If your child is unable to complete this at home, we hope by giving pupils 1-2 weeks to complete the tasks, it allows parents to make other arrangements. Speak with staff if concerned.



Ditch the Dark Day

How bright can I be?
Friday 27th October 2017

In conjunction with our Active Travel partners, **Sustrans**, we are again hosting this event to encourage children to keep safe during the darker months by dressing brightly when out and about.

Prize for the brightest outfit in each class
(and brightest staff member, too!)

**Be Bright,
Be Seen**



All pupils please donate £1 for school funds

Friends of New Row

Come on! It's time to get that quiz team ready! As our first 'Friends of New Row' fundraiser of the year, it would be great to get as many as possible to come along. Why not ask a few family members to join you?

This really is a great way to meet up with family and friends while supporting your school.

All money raised will be spent directly on your children



Friday 20th October 2017 @ 8pm Moyola Golf Club
£5 per person – max 8 per team

Sure to be a good night! **EVERYONE WELCOME**