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**Week beginning Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017: Parent Teacher Interviews**

School closes 1pm all week

Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parent &amp; Toddler Group 9.15-11am – everyone welcome!</li> <li><del>Swimming (Y6). £2 pw &amp; £1 (returnable) for lockers. Bring gear, goggles, bag.</del></li> <li>McNicholl School of Dancing classes in school hall, 6pm</li> </ul>
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assembly &amp; principal's awards</li> <li><del>Y3 &amp; 4 Hurling with Kevin Hinchey Ulster GAA (afternoon)</del></li> </ul>
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y1 &amp; 2 PE (am)</li> <li>Violin, Clarinet &amp; Flute lessons continue. Remember your instrument!</li> </ul>
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>'Flu clinic</li> <li>ASD service – training for all staff from 1pm</li> <li>Piloxing continues in school hall at 7.30pm – all welcome</li> </ul>
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assembly &amp; principal's awards</li> <li>Guitar lessons continue. Remember your instrument!</li> </ul>

**Dates for the diary**

Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Restart a Heart Day (Heartstart sessions for Y5, 6 &amp; 7)</li> </ul>
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Friends of New Row Annual Quiz Night in Moyola Golf Club – more info overleaf</li> </ul>
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Ditch the Dark</i> dress-up day. School closes at 1pm. How bright can you be? Prizes in every class. £2 donation from each pupil for school funds.</li> </ul>
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Reopens for Term 1B.</li> <li>Remember to bring your Road of Hope Shoebox Appeal Gift! Collection today.</li> </ul>

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR YEAR 4 & YEAR 7**

First Penance (Y4)	First Communion (Y4)	Confirmation (Magherafelt parish)	Confirmation (Bellaghy parish)
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March St Patricks Church 7pm	Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> May St Patrick's Church 11am	Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June Magherafelt 3pm	No date yet

**Other info**

- Dates for your diaries: Sacramental dates for this year have been confirmed. See overleaf.
- Important updates on **Child Protection** (including online safety). Please see overleaf for more info.
- Credit union collections began again last Friday. Visit M&T Credit Union on Main St to open an account, then lodge money via school every week. An easy way to encourage your child to save little and often.
- Many thanks for the interest shown in our **Friends of NR School Calendar**. Know anyone who can sponsor an advertisement? More info overleaf.
- Parent Teacher interviews** are this week. There is no facility to supervise children when parents are attending the interview unless they have been booked in to afterschool. For your child's safety, please do not leave them unsupervised on school grounds.

**Messages from the office:**

- Old £1 coins can no longer be accepted by the office or canteen.
- Reminder letters for music tuition have been sent out.
- Any outstanding money for break (£6) or milk (£4) needs to be paid today.

Many thanks for your continued support

### Child Protection and Safeguarding Update

Last week was NRPS Annual Child Protection week. We held a special child protection awareness assembly and all staff updated their training led by the safeguarding team.

#### Child protection & Safeguarding policies

Every year parents should receive a summary of our child protection and safeguarding arrangements. This has been sent home today. A list of the most relevant policies has also been sent home and these can be accessed online. It is very important that parents of Y2 - 7 take time to read this information, complete and return the parent response form. Y1 parents received this info as part of intake arrangements.

### Shared Education with Castledawson PS

#### Keeping safe together

Last week was the first of five planned Online Safety weeks to be held throughout the year. Although we have done this in previous years, we have incorporated *Online Safety* into our shared education partnership with Castledawson PS. Every class in both New Row PS and Castledawson PS spent time discussing their Online Safety Agreement and a copy of this agreement was sent home for parents to sign and return. All classes also completed activities using resources developed jointly by Miss Dillon (NRPS) and Mrs Nelson (CPS). Definitely #bettertogether



### Ditch the Dark Day.....How bright can I be?

In conjunction with our Active Travel partners **Sustrans**, on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017** 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!). Pupils please bring £2 for school funds

### Friends of New Row



Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017 @ 8pm

Moyola Golf Club

£5 per person – max 8 per team

Sure to be a good night!

**EVERYONE WELCOME**

### School Calendar update

Last week's photoshoot with local photographer Madeline Gribbin was a great success – thanks to everyone for sending in props. Didn't get them returned? Call into the old library down the corridor to reclaim asap as this room needs to be cleared for painting.

The calendars will be available for Christmas and will be an ideal gift for grandparents, aunts, uncles & family friends.

**Sponsors:** Thanks to those who have come forward already to offer sponsorship. If you would like to help by sponsoring an ad or work for/know a business who might be interested, please talk to Carmel Diamond (Calendar Coordinator), Madeline Gribbin or Mrs Graffin today!

### Quiz Night Raffle

Could you donate a prize for our raffle? Chocolates, bottle or other gift? All donations appreciated.

### Congratulations Y2: Top Attenders for September!

#### Absences from school: illness

If your child is unable to attend school due to illness, please make sure you let the teacher know on the morning of the first day. You can do this by notifying the office or an adult calling with the class teacher. We must be able to account for all absences, so please *send in a short note on the first day back* if your child is off for more than one day. Teachers will not send home extra work if your child is sick. Let them rest properly and make a full recovery. They can do some extra reading which would be of greater benefit.

**Absences from school: other reasons:** Holidays/trips during school time: interrupt children's learning and cannot be condoned by the school. Any unavoidable absence should be explained by *sending in a short note for our records*. We must record all such absences as 'unauthorised'. These are monitored by the school in conjunction with Education Welfare. No work will be prepared by teachers for these absences.

#### Arriving late to school

Children should arrive from 8.50am onwards (unless at breakfast club). There is no supervision before 8.50am. Class begins with prayers at 9am and the security buzzer at the front door turned on. Any child arriving from 9.10am will be marked as late in the register. Education Welfare requires us to monitor lateness. Make sure your child is in class by 9am! 10 mins late every day = over 3 ½ hours in one month.