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We care



#### Principal: Mrs D Graffin B.Ed. M.Ed. PQH(NI)

We learn

### Week beginning Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017

We share

	****Winners of Class of the Week: Year 2 ****
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Anti-Bullying Week Begins – special lessons in all classes this week
	Parent &Toddler Group
	Y6 Swimming
	<ul> <li>McNicholl School of Dancing classes in school hall, 6pm</li> </ul>
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	• Y7 Hurling Blitz (all day)
	• Y5 Sports for life – bring gear
	• Y4 Shared Education Session in CPS – leaving 9.15am sharp. Wear a coat.
	• Y3 & 4 Hurling with Kevin Hinphey Ulster GAA (afternoon) Remember gear!
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	<ul> <li>Y1 &amp; 2 PE (am) PE with Ciaran Sharkey (Ulster GAA)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Violin, Clarinet &amp; Flute lessons continue. Remember your instrument!</li> </ul>
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Y5 & 7 Gaelic Football sessions in school (afternoon)
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	• Y3 PE with Ciaran Sharkey (Ulster GAA) in school – afternoon *BRING IN GEAR*
	Guitar lessons continue. Remember your instrument!
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	• Monthly mass 9.45am. All parents, family and friends of New Row welcome.
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last date to order your Calendars!
	Dates for your diary
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Bridge Mass (2) 9am. Annual Parish & School Carol Service, St Patrick's Church 5pm
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Children's Christmas Dinner
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Cinema Trip for Y1-7
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Staff Christmas Dinner – SCHOOL CLOSES @ 1PM FOR PUPILS (no afterschools)
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> De	c Parent & Toddler Group Christmas Party 9.15-11am
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> De	
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	School closes for Christmas at 11am. No breakfast club or school dinner.
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb 20	18 Peace Proms in SSE Odyssey Arena (Y6 & 7 pupils performing) Ticket info overleaf
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 What a fabulous day we all had last week when the Water Bus visited New Row! Thanks to NI Water for a very enjoyable and educational experience – hopefully to be repeated!

Christmas dates: please see above for important Christmas dates. This includes Children's Christmas
Dinner and Staff Christmas Dinner (<u>Children go home at 1pm on Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Dec</u> – no afterschools). A full
list of all events will be finalised this week so watch out for this next week.

Many thanks for your continued support

Mrs Deirdre Graffin

Principal

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# Friends of New Row: 2018 Calendar now available to order!

We can't wait for you all to see the beautiful calendars celebrating the talents, interests and experiences of all our New Row PS pupils. These are an ideal present for loved-ones - family, friends and anyone with a connection to New Row. EVERY PUPIL OF NEW ROW PS is in the calendar. £6 each or 3 for £15 <u>WHAT TO DO</u>: Simply pre-order using the slip overleaf! All orders must be returned in a sealed envelope including the correct amount. Return to school office. The orders will then be processed by Friends of New Row. Last date for orders: Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Dec.



#### OPEN DAY 2017 Is your child starting school in September 2018?

Are you a parent of school age children, a current parent or friend of New Row?

# Come along! TUESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2017

Morning session: 9.30-11am Afternoon session 1.30-2.30pm

\*See the outstanding learning taking place every day\* \*Enjoy a tour, guided by School Council members\*

\*Take a walk around and see the different outdoor areas\* If for any reason you are unable to attend, you are welcome to call, talk to the principal and arrange another time

#### Peace Proms 2018: Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February

The CBOI's "Peace Proms" is musical education programme in which children from hundreds of schools throughout the North and South of Ireland participate annually. Our Year 6 & 7 children are performing at the Peace Proms Concert in Belfast, preparing and travelling along with Castledawson PS as part of our Shared Education links. SSE Arena (Odyssey) is hosting the concert on Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018 at 3.00pm (Doors open 2.00pm).

## **READ, RIGHT & RUN a MARATHON!**

Exciting new initiative launched for Y5, 6 & 7 last week: READ 26 books, RIGHT the community with 26 good deeds and RUN 26 miles over 6 months. Ask a Y5, 6 or 7 how they are getting on!

Moyola & Toome Credit Union Ltd Attention all Sam Savers! Annual Christmas Draw 6 x £20 Smyth's Toy Vouchers to be won

To be eligible, you must have saved at least £5 in total between Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Nov & Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Dec. Good luck and thanks for your support.



**Tickets are now available to buy online at <u>www.ssearenabelfast.com</u> Standard £15.50, Family (2 adults & 2 child under 16) £55.00. Participating children do <u>not</u> need a ticket. More details to follow.** 

**Staffing Update**: We congratulate Miss Niamh McVey on her appointment as teacher in St. Patrick's PS Ardboe (subject to ratification). We are sorry to lose a good friend and teacher but are happy for Miss McVey as she moves closer to home and where she has many family connections. We thank Niamh for her time in NR and wish her every blessing in her new post which begins on 1<sup>st</sup> December. Miss Niamh Kennedy will cover Y4 in December. We will mark Miss McVey's contribution to life of NR at the first available opportunity. After Christmas, we will welcome Mrs Emer Scullion who has been appointed as a permanent teacher (subject to ratification). Emer is an experienced teacher with a great interest in Drama. Welcome to NR!

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Many thanks for your support. Calendars will be distributed as soon as they are available. Updates via text www.newrowps.com follow us on twitter @NewRowPS