



*We care*

*We share*

*We learn*

### Week beginning Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018

Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y3 &amp; 4 trip to zoo!</li> <li>Parent &amp; toddlers</li> <li>Swimming with Y5</li> <li>Camogie &amp; Hurling Y6 &amp; 7</li> <li>Y6 Literacy &amp; Numeracy afterschools 3-4pm (this week only)</li> </ul>
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>South Derry Football Championship</li> <li>Y4 hurling &amp; camogie (in school)</li> <li>St Mary's GS Transfer info &amp; reg eve for Y6 parents 7pm</li> </ul>
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fundamentals with Eoin Ulster GAA 9.15am: Y2; 9.50am: Y1; 10.45am: Y3</li> <li>Violin lessons</li> <li>School closes at 1pm for all pupils</li> </ul>
Thur 24 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff day – school closed for all pupils</li> </ul>
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> May & Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School closed (May bank holiday)</li> </ul>
Thur 31 <sup>st</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Read, Right &amp; Run a marathon final mile in Meadowbank</li> </ul>
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Confirmation for children from Magherafelt parish 3pm</li> </ul>
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BBQ dinner &amp; Hurling &amp; Camogie fun day £1 to support St Malachy's Feile Fund</li> </ul>
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>St Pius X College Y8 (Sept 2018) induction (Children travelling to Feile only)</li> </ul>
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sports Day Option 1 (St Malachy's GAC)</li> </ul>
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y1 Sept 2018 induction afternoon 1pm</li> <li>St Pius X College Y8 (Sept 2018) induction day</li> </ul>

- **First communion:** Well done to all our First Communicants. See photo and more overleaf. A beautiful celebration.
- Thanks again to **Friends of New Row** for organising the reception for our First Communicants back in the school on Saturday. They even ordered the best weather!
- **Summer Uniform/Warmer weather:** Remember children can now wear summer dresses (blue/white gingham available widely) or plain longer navy shorts. As jumpers are often taken off in warmer weather, please check again that your child's name is still on their jumper.
- **Sunscreen** is also a must this time of year and should be applied before your child comes to school. Due to child protection & safeguarding, we are not permitted to apply sunscreen to children.
- **Passport forms:** we are happy to witness passport applications for pupils and parents known to us. For Irish passports, this must be either principal or vice principal. Speak directly to either myself or Mrs McElroy rather than leaving forms in the office to be passed on. We will endeavour to complete these as quickly as possible, but this may be up to 5 days.
- See overleaf for information about **Summer Schemes** for St Pius X College & St Mary's GS.

Many thanks for your continued support

## First

### Communion

Congratulations to all our boys and girls who received First Communion on Saturday. They were a credit to their families and all the staff of New Row who helped prepare the children including Mrs Scullion, Maura and Gemma. Thanks to Fr Branigan for his spiritual direction and support. Thanks also to *Friends of NR*



for all their help in the school afterwards and to Marie & Jacqueline in the kitchen. The reception for the children was just beautiful and helped greatly in marking a very special day.

### Choir & Musicians 2018: Year 5, 6 & 7

We had excellent support from our First Communion choir! The families of NR came out in great numbers to help our Y4s on their very special day. Well done and enjoy your homework pass – use it wisely!

**Wanted: good quality keyboard.** Our piano is past its best and difficult to manoeuvre. EA Music service has recommended that we replace it with a portable keyboard of a good quality. These are expensive when bought new and they advise that we investigate the possibility of buying a second hand one. If you know someone who has one they might want to sell on at a reasonable price, please contact the office.



### St Pius X College Summer Scheme 2018

**Who?** Current Y5-6-7 & Y8 pupils

**When?** 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> July,  
9am-3pm

**How much?** £35 per child

*Forms will be circulated tomorrow (Tuesday) when staff from St Pius X will visit New Row*

**\*\*New for September 2018\*\***

We are introducing a PE uniform:

Royal blue t-shirt with school crest

Navy shorts and Navy (plain) sports socks.

This will be available from Sportique later this term. It is a more cost-effective option than buying commercial football/Gaelic tops. (Year 1 will not change for PE but all other classes are expected to if they are to participate.) The older children will be able to wear this with plain navy bottoms and the school sweatshirt when representing the school at the various events throughout the year.

### St Mary's Grammar School Summer Camp 2018

**Who?** Current Y6 pupils

**When?** 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> July,  
10am-3pm

**How much?** £50 per child

*Forms circulated last week. Also available online (visit St Mary's GS website)*



### Start/end of day reminders: School lane

For your children's safety please make sure you accompany them down our lane. It is very tempting for them to run ahead, but the end of the lane is very dangerous and there have been several near-misses. This is particularly important if children have bicycles or scooters. Children should never be on scooters or bicycles as they travel down the lane. Vehicles are not permitted on the lane at start/end of day and staff are working hard to enforce this.