



We care

We share

We learn

Week beginning Monday 18th June 2018

Mon 18 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y7 Trip to Lisburn Swimming Pool • Last day of Y5 Swimming • Y6 Literacy & Numeracy afterschools 3-4pm • No Y6&7 Hurling & Camogie
Tues 19 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Mary's GS Magherafelt Y7 afternoon from 1.50pm • No Y4 Hurling & Camogie
Wed 20 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LAST NIGHT OF READING BOOKS AT HOME: please return all books & check for any other school books at home – every book counts! • Fundamentals with Eoin Ulster GAA finished for year • Castle cup camogie & hurling • Y5 Environmental workshop at St Pius X College (am) • Violin lessons
Thur 21 st June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared Education Coffee Morning Hosted by Y7 in Christ Church Hall 10-11.30am – a celebration of the work undertaken this year. Everyone welcome!
Fri 22 nd June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assembly & Awards • Aaron Devlin Tournament (boys only) • Guitar, clarinet & flute lessons
Mon 25 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rainey Orientation afternoon (Y7) • Bookathon Sponsored Walk: leaving school at 1pm. All walkers welcome!
Tues 26 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9.30am: Sports awards assembly • 11am: AR awards for Term 3 • 1.30pm: Y7 leavers' assembly. Family and friends of Y7 all welcome. • Return all sponsor forms and money in envelope.
Wed 27 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End of year mass 9.30am (note earlier time) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Y7 free to leave with parents after mass.
Thur 28 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last full day of school
Fri 29 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School officially closes for summer at 11am. No breakfast club or afterschools.

- Congratulations – **fabulous assembly on Friday, Y1!** The whole school, parents & families were so proud of you! Well done to Miss Gribbin for all her work too, assisted by Anne & new student Chloe.
- **Online safety:** Hope you did your online homework last week! That was the final Online Safety week of the year. The programme was designed together with Castledawson PS and covers 5 topics per year group. Remember to stay vigilant and keep talking to your child about online activity over the holidays.
- **Shared education:** please see overleaf for our first joint coffee morning this Thursday – a great opportunity to showcase the children's work!
- **Well done to our Y7s** who did a fantastic job last week cleaning up all the green areas of our school. Thanks to everyone who lent tools or helped in other ways – great plans for next year!
- **Outstanding Payments:** all outstanding bills were to be paid by the end of last week (15th June). For any issue, please talk to Mrs Graffin as soon as possible.
- **Free school meals forms** are in the office. Please collect or one can be sent home on request. A new form needs to be completed each year as it is not renewed automatically.

Many thanks for your continued support

Mrs Deirdre Graffin

Principal

New Row BOOKATHON

Monday 25th June - Leaving School at 1pm

Only one week to go to our New Row **BOOKATHON**! We will walk to the Hillhead and back. Any parent or family member who is free is very welcome to join us and all helping hands would be much appreciated.

Bookathon sponsor forms: All families should have their sponsor forms now so please help by getting as many sponsors as possible. In every class, all returned forms will be entered into a draw, as well as a prize for most sponsorship. This is our last fundraiser of the year and it is a great afternoon for a great cause.



Parking Update

A meeting planned for the end of May was rescheduled for last week and representatives from DENI, CCMS and our Board of Governors considered the proposals for improvement:

1. New pedestrian walkway from school to New Row (parallel to the current school lane, incorporating direct access to church car park).
2. Remodelled main pedestrian entrance (Chichester Ave) to remove steps and include a ramp, meeting DDA regulations
3. Permanent barrier on the lane to restrict vehicle access. Access will only be by code/fob or when buzzed in by office staff

There is also a meeting arranged for later this week with Roads Service staff to discuss traffic congestion. I will continue to keep you informed about progress and when timeframes are agreed.

A drawing of the proposals will be displayed in the new Parent Information noticeboard outside the front doors.



Shared Education



Community

Coffee

Morning



Where?

Christ Church Parish Hall
Station Road
Castledawson

When?

Thursday 21st June 2018
10.00am-11.30am

Come along to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee with P6&P7 pupils from Castledawson PS & New Row PS



PE uniform

The new PE uniform is on display in the foyer. It consists of a cobalt t-shirt with crest and plain navy shorts (which will also have the crest on). It is hoped the shorts will be a useful alternative to bottoms during warmer weather. Children Y4-7 will be expected to wear the PE uniform, including when representing the school at sporting events etc. Y1 will not need a PE uniform. Y2 & 3 parents may purchase if they wish. The cost of both top & shorts is £13.50. We feel it is much more cost effective than the O'Neill's tops other schools use, starting at £22 for the top alone.

Sports Awards

Following our Sports Day, the winners of the individual Infant, Junior & Senior athletes have been confirmed. The Team award has also been decided, based on the performance of individuals and team efforts. These will be presented at a special assembly at 9.30am on Tues 26th June.

Y7 Leavers Awards

There will be a special assembly on Tuesday 26th June at 1.30pm to present our Y7s with their New Row Leavers' Awards. All family and friends of Y7 are very welcome to attend.

Staffing Updates

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the wonderful staff of New Row. We are blessed with very hardworking teachers and support staff who regularly go the extra mile to do their best for our pupils. Next year, Mrs Diamond has been granted a career break by the Board of Governors. We will miss her greatly but know she will be a regular visitor. The replacement Y2 teacher and any changes to the teaching arrangements for 2018/19 will be confirmed with parents at the end of August.