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*We care*

*We share*

*We learn*

**Week beginning Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Milk deliveries begin. Last orders by 9am tomorrow. £4 Sept, £16 Term 1.</li> <li>All Y1 pupils attend from 9am until 1pm (until Thur 29th Sept)</li> <li>Parent &amp; Toddler Group begins again 9.15-11am – everyone welcome!</li> <li>Swimming begins (Y6). £2 pw &amp; £1 (returnable) for lockers. Bring gear, goggles, bag.</li> <li>McNicholl School of Dancing classes resume in school hall, 6.30pm</li> </ul>
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Violin, Clarinet &amp; Flute lessons resume. Remember your instrument!.</li> </ul>
Thur 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Piloxing exercise classes resume in school hall, 7.30pm</li> </ul>
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Guitar lessons resume (now 11am)</li> </ul>
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Tex Recycling Collection begins – ONE WEEK ONLY – leave bags in hall thanks</li> </ul>

**Dates for your diary:**

Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roald Dahl Day – details to follow</li> </ul>
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Set	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hurling &amp; Camogie begins for Y5&amp;7 (during school time). Bring PE gear.</li> </ul>
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Photographer visits NRPS. Tidy uniforms, thanks.</li> </ul>
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff Training Day – No school for pupils</li> </ul>
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y1 pupils attend all day (9am-2pm), Child Protection Week &amp; eSafety Month begin</li> </ul>
10 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parent/Teacher interviews. School will close at 1.15pm.</li> </ul>
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 6 Assembly, 9.30am. All parents &amp; families of Y6 welcome (approx. 30 min)</li> </ul>

**Reminders:**

- IMPORTANT Parents of Y2-7:** Please return *consent forms* for photographs & trips. Also please check the *Data Collection Form*, amend as appropriate, sign and return to class teacher.
- FREE SCHOOL MEALS:** our numbers for children entitled to FSM are lower than last year, which might mean there are children entitled but are not receiving. Forms must be completed annually. Even if you are not sure whether you are eligible, please apply anyway. This helps our budget, too. Forms in office.
- Last orders for Canteen Break:** £6 (pay Marie in the kitchen) Y1 & 2-toast. Y3-7: choices available
- Would you be free occasionally to accompany us on trips, to activities etc.? More info overleaf and a slip to complete at the bottom of this page. It's quick and easy and is a simple way to help.
- We would like to participate again in the **Road of Hope Shoebox Appeal**. This was very successful last year, with 112 boxes donated. More info to follow, so don't throw away those school shoe boxes yet!
- Y5 will be learning the **tin whistle**. Every child needs their own, available from Top 40 or Danny Ottersons. We'll begin on Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Sept, so please have one by then.
- Remember check the bags, website and parent information board every Monday to make sure you're kept up to date with all that's going on.

Mrs Deirdre Graffin

Principal

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**Name of parent**

Please send home information on how I can become a vetted school volunteer.

**Name of child**

**Class**



## Is the big wardrobe clear-out on?

Please keep your bags of clothes, fabrics etc and drop them into the school hall any time that suits. Put shoes and handbags in a separate bag as we get more for them.

**Collection begins Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Sept and ends Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Sept**

**All proceeds go towards annual fees for our school website**



Any unused LEGO in your house?  
Do any relatives with older children have any that is no longer loved?

We can put it to good use in New Row!

### What would we use it for?

- ☺ As a maths resource
- ☺ To explore during play or at an afterschools club
- ☺ To use when making animations or short films
- ☺ To play with during wet break times

Please send it in to the office and we will get it ready to use. All donations appreciated.



### Music tuition provided by EA

Violin – Clarinet – Flute - Guitar

Continues next week for Y5-7

New pupils welcome to start in Sept 2016:

- Y5, 6 or 7: Guitar
- Y4: Violin, clarinet or flute

*If your child is not Y4 but would like to learn one of these instruments, please see me directly.*

Cost: £150 per year (£75 Oct & £75 Feb) for approx. 35 lessons.

Hire of instrument: approx. £40 (no charge for hire if receiving free school meals).

\*Opportunities to perform at school events\*

\*Excellent standard of tuition\*

\*6 pupils completed music exams last year\*

### Castledawson Church Choir

Is your child interested in singing in Castledawson Church Choir on Sundays at 9.30am mass? The parish are always looking for more volunteers and we have some lovely singers in P5-7. There will be a practice on Tuesday at 6.15pm. Parents welcome, too!

### Getting ready for the new school year.

**Thank you** parents for your efforts in getting our pupils ready for their new school year. In particular, thanks for ensuring children are wearing black/dark shoes. It makes a big difference to the overall appearance, as do the plain bottoms. Now just keep checking the labels! Many thanks for your support.

## Canteen Weekly Break

Not too late to order for September. Y1 & 2: toast, Y3-7: choice of...

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri
Toast or Fruit	Baguette or Crackers	Bagel or Fruit	Toast or Wheaten	Baguette or Crackers
Fruit choice: oranges, grapes, apple, melon				

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### Wanted: Parent Helpers

Would you like to help out classes by accompanying them on trips or joining in with school activities? We would love to add more names to our list of parent helpers.

Even if you only have a few hours to spare throughout the year, the school really benefits from the help of volunteers – and the pupils love to see their parents getting involved, too!

Please complete the slip overleaf & return to the office. We would love to have volunteers for all classes.