



We care

We share

We learn

Week beginning Monday 12th September 2016

Mon 12 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eco Council applications and School Council elections this week All Y1 pupils attend from 9am until 1pm (until Thur 29th Sept) All Tex Recycling Collection begins – ONE WEEK ONLY – leave bags in hall thanks Parent & Toddler Group 9.15-11am – everyone welcome! Swimming (Y6). £2 pw & £1 (returnable) for lockers. Bring gear, goggles, and bag.
Tues 13 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roald Dahl Day – activities in all classes and special Roald Dahl Dinner Staff training iPad training (after school)
Wed 14 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hurling & Camogie begins for Y5&7 (during school time). Bring PE gear. No PE for Y1-4 (see overleaf) Violin, Clarinet & Flute lessons. Remember your instrument!
Thur 15 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> St Mary's GS Familiarisation and registration for Y7 pupils 7pm
Fri 16 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guitar lessons First meeting of the new Eco & School Councils
Mon 17 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Tex Recycling Collection ENDS at 9am

Dates for your diary:

Tues 20 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Photographer. Tidy uniforms please. Opportunity for family photos also. Friends of New Row meeting 7pm
Wed 21 st Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y1-3 Ulster GAA Fundamentals PE programme begins Y4 'Fit for life' begins in Meadowbank £2 per child. Wrap up and bring a drink. Celebration mass for Monsignor O'Byrne. 7.30pm (Magherafelt) followed by tea
Fri 23 rd Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GL Assessment (Transfer test) registration closes at 2pm (St Mary's GS & Rainey)
Fri 30 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff Training Day – No school for pupils
Mon 3 rd Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y1 pupils attend all day (9am-2pm), Child Protection Week & eSafety Month begin
10 th - 12 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent/Teacher interviews. School will close at 1.15pm.
Fri 14 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Assembly, 9.30am. All parents & families of Y6 welcome (approx. 30 min)

Reminders:

- Please see overleaf for more information about **PE arrangements**. As and when these change, I will make sure parents are kept informed through the Monday note or by text message. I hope this information is useful and ask if you need any clarification.
- Monsignor O'Byrne has announced his retirement** and the parish has arranged for a mass next Wed 21st Sept at 7.30pm in Magherafelt. Parish schools will be represented during the offertory. If your Y6/7 child would like to take part, let me know no by Fri 16th. A name will be selected at random.
- Thanks to parents who responded to our **request for more helpers**. Sharon will send out instructions soon as to how you can complete our vetting process. This will be a help when organising activities.
- Morning drop off:** Breakfast club from 8.15-8.50am. Children should not be in school before then unless at the breakfast club. Cost £1 per child. If you have childcare issues, please talk to me.
- Thanks also for donations of **Lego** - much appreciated. Any more would be gratefully received, too!
- Una was delighted to welcome more of our pupils to the **church choir**. Thanks and keep it up!
- 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.

PE Arrangements: Term 1

Class(es)	Day	Activity	Uniform
Y1	Wednesday (am) (From 21 st Sept)	Ulster GAA Fundamentals	Do not change for PE
Y2 & 3	Wednesday (am) (From 21 st Sept)	Ulster GAA Fundamentals	Wear PE gear in to school; change back in to uniform after PE lesson. Parents make sure uniform is sent into school in a labelled bag and items labelled also.
Y4	Alternate Wednesdays Starts Wed 21 st Sept	'Fit for life' Meadowbank	£2 per child. Bring PE gear & change in school. Tracksuit & warm jumper/coat. Bring a drink. Canteen break will be sent along. Others bring snack.
Y5 & 7	Wednesday (pm) (From 14 th Sept)	Hurling with Derry GAA	Change in school. T-shirt & track suit bottoms (outside). Pupils change after P.E. before going home
Y6	Monday (pm) (From 5 th Sept)	Swimming	Bring gear, goggles, and bag. £2 pw & £1 (returnable) for lockers



Is the big wardrobe clear-out on?

Please bring in 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 TODAY Monday 12th Sept and ends Monday 19th Sept

All proceeds go towards annual fees for our school website



Music tuition provided by EA

Violin – Clarinet – Flute - Guitar

New pupils welcome to start in Sept 2016:

- Y5, 6 or 7: Guitar
- Y4: Clarinet or flute (no beginner violin lessons this year)

Permission slips will be sent to all parents of Y4-7 and should be returned by Wednesday.

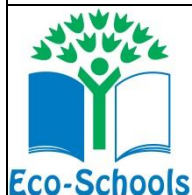
If your child is not Y4 but would like to learn one of these instruments, please see me directly.

Friends of New Row

First meeting of 16/17: Tues 20th Sept 7pm

In the past year we have raised over £8500 and have funded materials such as reading books to aid our reading schemes, sports equipment, refurbished our outdoor play area, purchased a portable P.A. system and also the installation of Wi-Fi for our school so the iPads could function properly. Please help Friends of New Row continue to move forward and support in any way that you can, always keeping in mind that everything is for the benefit of the children.

Mrs Sinead Campbell (Chairperson)



Every pupil has a voice

It is important that the pupils of New Row have a voice in the life of the school. We, as a school community, need to ensure we consult with pupils regularly, purposefully and genuinely. This week we will be selecting our school and eco council members and every child Y4-7 has an opportunity to be considered.

Selection onto School Council: presentation of manifestos to class followed by a class vote (2 members per class Y4-7, 3 additional Y7 members to represent Years 1, 2 and 3).

Selection onto Eco Council: application form completed and returned to Eco Council selection panel.

New for this year will be the introduction of Digital Leaders, supported by our links with iTeach (iPad teacher training company). Details of the makeup of this leadership group will follow shortly.



St Malachy's GAC: Introductory Drama Group Meeting Wed 14th Sept at 7.30pm (Broagh)

For anyone between 18 and 101 years of age from Castledawson. Remember back-stage help is every bit as important. Interested? Contact Paul Gribbin (Mob 07921253293), Sean Cushley (79469559), Barry Devlin (79468170), Babs Devlin or Gerry McCann (Mob 07841876240) or just turn up on Wednesday!