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Week beginning Monday 3rd October 2016 2016

Mon 3 rd Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y1 pupils attend all day (9am-2pm), Child Protection Week & eSafety Month begin Canteen break due for October: £6 payable to canteen asap Also Milk Money due £4 Parent & Toddlers continues 9.15-11am A/Schools: Drama (Y4&5); Gaelic Football (Y5&6)
Tues 4 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NSPCC Childline Assemblies Y1-4 & Y5-7 A/Schools: Camogie (Y5-7) Y4 Bridge Programme: Initial meeting 7.30pm in Magherafelt (Church) Y7 (Bellaghy Parish) sacramental talk in parish centre, 7.30pm. See overleaf
Wed 5 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y1-2-3 PE in school with Ulster GAA NO Y4 'Fit for life' in Meadowbank Violin & wind music lessons – don't forget your instruments. Tuition fees now due. A/Schools: Multiskills (Y1&2); Multigames (Y3&4); Athletics (Y6&7)
Thur 6 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NSPCC Workshops with Y6 & Y7 A/Schools: Tin Whistle (Y3); Coding club (Y5-7)
Fri 7 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start of Year Mass, St Patrick's Church 9.45am All families and friends welcome Black & White day – supporting our local club before their Final – see overleaf Guitar lessons – don't forget your instruments. Tuition fees now due.
Mon 10 th - Wed 12 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent/Teacher interviews. School will close at 1.15pm. Afterschools club available but must be booked in advance.
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Dates for your diary:

Thur 13 th Oct	• 'Flu Vaccine for all pupils – return signed consent forms		
Fri 14 th Oct	• Year 6 Assembly, 9.30am. All parents & families of Y6 welcome (approx. 30 min)		
First Confession	First Communion	Confirmation (M’Felt)	Confirmation (Bellaghy)
Tues 21 st March 7pm St Patrick’s Church	Sat 20 th May 11am St Patrick’s Church	Sun 21 st May 3pm Church of the Assumption	To be confirmed

Other information:

- Afterschools Activities begin today. There was another great response to our selection of activities. Almost all activities are full. As Y1&2 Multiskills was so heavily oversubscribed, we have arranged that children who were on the waiting list have guaranteed places for the same activity in Term 2
- Parent/Teacher interviews begin next week. If you have not received confirmation of your time, please contact the office immediately. School closes at 1.15pm on Mon-Wed. A/school Club will run as normal to 4pm. As there may be extra demand, children should be booked in no later than 11am. There is no supervision of children when parents are at their meeting so please make arrangements.
- Fitness, Fun & Friendship for Funds day – see overleaf for an update
- Parents of Y4 children: See overleaf for important info from Fr Gates re sacramental preparation
- Start of year mass: Friday 7th October. All parents, family & friends of New Row very welcome. Note the change to 9.45am for our masses to enable the priest to return for 11am mass in M'felt.
- 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.



Back to school means...check the heads regularly!

Every year at this time there is usually an outbreak of headlice. Please check your child's head and thoroughly treat if necessary. Treatments are readily available from the pharmacist and on prescription. It is important that everyone does this so we can prevent further outbreaks.



Fitness, Fun & Friendship for Funds

Raise funds to help buy educational games for every class including to play when it's wet outside at break/lunch



Well done to all our pupils who really enjoyed the extra activity session last week, our sponsored event to raise funds for classroom games. Miss McVey & Danny put each class through their paces with music and dance to keep spirits high!

What next? There is still time to get a few last minute sponsors! Please return all sponsor forms to the office in an envelope no later than Wednesday 5th October.

Remember: In every class, all returned forms will be entered into a draw, as well as a prize for the most sponsorship. This is our first fundraiser of the year and the children have lots of ideas about the things they would like in their classrooms.

Black & White Day Friday 7th October

St Malachy's Senior team are through to the Derry Intermediate Football Final, which will take place on Sunday 9th October when they will play Steelstown for the title at 3.45pm in Owenbeg. To show our support for our local club, St Malachy's GAC, we ask all pupils & staff to wear club colours this Friday. We will have a few special guests, too! We wish St Malachy's and our many past pupils every success in the final and know they will do everything to bring home the silverware. #Dawson



Healthy Lunchboxes

Every school has a plan for the year and ours includes a focus on lunchboxes. Last year we made great progress in making our break time snacks healthier.



Once again we will ask the school council to help us with this. It is important that the children enjoy a healthy and balanced lunch so that they are ready for the afternoon classes – and the rest of the day! In the meantime could I ask for your help in limiting treats in the lunchboxes eg crisps, chocolate bars etc. More ideas and advice to follow throughout the year from our School Council Team.

Parish of Magherafelt & Castledawson Bridge Programme 2016-17

Reminder: There is an initial meeting for all parents of **Year 4** First Confession /Communion children in Church of the Assumption, Magherafelt on **Tues 4th Oct at 7.30pm**. It is important that there is full attendance at this meeting. A letter and form has been sent home with all Y4s today – please have it completed and bring along to the first meeting.

Parish of Bellaghy & Ballyscullion

Reminder: There is a meeting of all our **Year 7** pupils who plan to make their Confirmation in Bellaghy parish on **Tues 4th Oct at 7.30pm** in the parish centre, Bellaghy. Children should accompany their parents and wear their school uniform.

Friends of New Row



Postponed until November
NEW DATE COMING SOON
KEEP GATHERING UP YOUR TEAM!