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**Week beginning Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2016:** Last week of Afterschools Activities for Term 1

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| Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parent &amp; Toddler Group 9.15-11am; Y6 swimming continues. Remember £2 &amp; gear</li> <li>Irish dancing 6.30pm</li> </ul> <i>A/Schools: Drama (Y4&amp;5); Gaelic Football (Y5&amp;6)</i>   |
| Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y7 Hurling Blitz in Lavey - bring lunch and consent form &amp; £2 for bus</li> <li>Year 5 Irish lessons continue with Mid Ulster Council 11.30am</li> <li>Gaelic F'ball sessions for Y6 (during school – bring PE gear &amp; track bottoms)</li> </ul> <i>A/Schools: Camogie (Y5-7)</i>   |
| Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Assembly for Monsignor Dolan 9.15am – parents/families welcome (over 9.45am)</b></li> <li>Y1-3 fundamentals with Ulster GAA (Kieran Sharkey)</li> <li>NO Fit for life (Y4)</li> <li>9.30am: Violin, 11.30am: Flute/clarinet lessons, 2pm Y5 Tin Whistle lesson</li> </ul> <i>A/Schools: Multiskills (Y1&amp;2); Multigames (Y3&amp;4); <u>NO Athletics</u> (Y6&amp;7)</i>                          |
| Thur 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gaelic F'ball sessions for Y4&amp;5 (during school – bring PE gear &amp; track bottoms)</li> <li>South Derry Football Skills Competition (4 x P7)</li> <li>Music Workshop in Rainey Endowed (Y7 – 1 of 2) – bring consent form</li> <li>Y4 Bridge Meeting (M'felt) 7.30pm. Parent(s) must attend if missed Thur 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov.</li> </ul> <i>A/Schools: Tin Whistle (Y3); Coding club (Y5-7)</i> |
| Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bridge Mass 2 ( First Sunday of Advent) 9.30am St Patrick's Castledawson</li> </ul>   |

**Dates for your diary:**

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| W/b Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov - No Afterschools Activities: 2-3 club and homework club as normal to 4pm |   |
| Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y4 Fit for Life</li> </ul>   |
| Thur 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y7 Music Workshop in Rainey Endowed (2 of 2)</li> </ul>  |
| Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NO MASS – arrangements for masses in new year to be confirmed shortly</li> </ul>                                 |
| Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Friends of New Row AGM 6.30pm</b> Everyone Welcome</li> </ul>   |
| Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y4 Fit for life</li> <li>Christmas Dinner for children</li> </ul>  |
| Thur 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open Day 9.30-11am &amp; 1.30-2.30pm</li> </ul>  |
| Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Row Nativity Dress rehearsal with Kiddies Castle 10am</li> <li>Carol singing in Meadowlane 1.30pm</li> </ul> |
| Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parish Carol Service @ 5pm (incl Y3 play &amp; carols from Y3-7) Tea in school after</li> </ul>                  |
| Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Xmas musical afternoon with Kiddies Castle 1.30pm.</li> </ul>  |
| Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christmas at New Row – Musicians' performance 9.30am. Parents welcome.</li> </ul>                                |
| Thur 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff Christmas Dinner – SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.15PM FOR ALL PUPILS</li> </ul>                                      |
| Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christmas Jumper Day</li> </ul>  |
| Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parent &amp; Toddler Xmas party, Last day of Y6 swimming</li> </ul>  |
| Thur 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christmas Fun Day with Paul Diamond (am) &amp; disco (pm) – last full school day</li> </ul>                      |
| Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School closes at 11am</li> </ul>   |

**Other information:**

- Anti-bullying leaflet and ICT survey circulated tomorrow. Please take time to read/respond.
  - Lots of Christmas dates confirmed this week – and more to come! Please add to your calendar.
- Many thanks for your continued support

## Places for P1 September 2017 & 2018

We have already received details of a number of children for our P1 class in September. If you know someone who needs a form for P1 please contact the school and we will take the necessary details. Application forms will follow in December. **The closing date for all applications is Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017.**

**Places for September 2018:** If you know of any parent interested in enrolling their child in New Row in September 2018, we would be grateful if they could contact the office so we can take their details. This will help us plan ahead as we are reaching our maximum enrolment number and need to make arrangements.

**Anti-Bullying Week Update:** This is an important week in the year, prompting us to review policies & practices. **What did we do?** Whole school assembly & homework, related activities for all classes (including eSafety focus), Friendship assembly, production of Anti-Bullying leaflet and review of Anti Bullying Policy.



## Open Day 2016

Is your child starting school in September 2017?  
Are you a parent of school age children, a current parent or friend of New Row? Come along!

**Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 2016**

Morning: 9.30-11am Afternoon: 1.30-2.30pm

*\*See outstanding learning taking place every day\**

*\*Enjoy a tour of our facilities, guided by School Council members\**

*\*Take a walk around and see the different outdoor areas\**

If for any reason you are unable to attend, you are welcome to call, talk to the principal and arrange another time

## Start and End of Day Reminders

Following advice from EA health & safety, legal and child protection services, we have been told to remind parents of start/end of day arrangements:

School opens from 8.15am for those attending the breakfast club. No other child should be on the premises until the bell rings at 8.50am. There is no supervision and technically should not even be in the school building.

Children should be in class by 9am. If your child arrives after 9.10am, they will be marked late in the register. We are obliged by education welfare to monitor lateness.

**Use of car park:** Children should be dropped off and picked up from the school grounds – at the top of the chapel steps or at the front door. We are grateful to the parish for allowing parents to use their car park. Remember this is parish ground and is not supervised in any way by the school.

**Afterschools:** Parents are welcome to use the afterschool facility. However, this must be booked in advance so that the child knows if they are to attend and staffing arrangements can be made. *I appreciate your support in helping to ensure we keep your child safe by abiding by the guidelines communicated to us.*

## Bridge Mass Sun 27<sup>th</sup> Nov, 9.30am (Castledawson)

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|                                    | Parent/family member of:       |
| Preparation of Altar               | Kieran Lupari & Ciara McOscar  |
| First reading & Responsorial Psalm | Katie Ann O'Donnell            |
| Second Reading & Alleluia          | Aoibh Shivers                  |
| Prayers of Faithful                | Melissa Morgan & Ciara McOscar |
| Offertory Gifts                    | Anna McBride & Aoife Heasley   |

## Christmas presents for staff

Every year parents are very generous in showing your appreciation. This year we are once again a collection point for **St Vincent de Paul's Family Appeal**. If you would rather contribute to this in lieu of presents for staff, please do. Around 50 families in our parish benefit every year from this appeal. All gifts are collected and a specific hamper made up to suit their ages and needs. We have been asked to focus on gifts for teenagers – toiletries, perfumes/aftershave, small items of inexpensive jewellery etc. We will put a collection box in the foyer from Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Dec until Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Dec.

## Sad farewell to Fr McAnerney

The entire school community was stunned to learn last Tuesday that Fr McAnerney had passed away. He was a great friend to all in New Row and had time for everyone. Year 4's assembly last week on Friendship could have been written especially for – or even by – him. Many thanks to the children who participated in the guards of honour in Magherafelt and Armagh – they were a credit to their families and the school. We will remember dear Fr McAnerney in our prayers.