



*We care*

*We share*

*We learn*

**Week beginning Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 2016**

Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parent &amp; Toddler Group 9.15-11am; Y6 swimming LAST DAY.</li> </ul>
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Y6&amp;7 violinists and all Y3-7 tin whistlers bring instruments Tues &amp; Wed</li> <li>Year 5 Irish lessons continue with Mid Ulster Council 11.30am – LAST DAY</li> <li>Christmas guests: Kiddies Castle (1.30pm)</li> <li><b>Last day for St Vincent de Paul gift collection (focus on teenagers)</b></li> <li>NO Gaelic F'ball sessions for Y6 &amp; 7</li> </ul>
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christmas at New Row – Nativity &amp; Musicians' perform 9.30am. Parents welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 3 come dressed for one last time!</li> </ul> </li> <li>NO Y1-3 fundamentals with Ulster GAA – come in school uniform</li> <li>NO Fit for life (Y4)</li> <li>9.30am: Violin, 11.30am: Flute/clarinet lessons</li> </ul>
Thur 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y6&amp;7 pupils interested in indoor Camogie, football &amp; hurling travelling to Meadowbank (am). Footballers <u>must</u> have a gumshield. (Bring helmet if have one).</li> <li>Staff Christmas Dinner – SCHOOL CLOSING @ 1.15PM FOR PUPILS (no afterschools)</li> <li>NO Gaelic F'ball sessions for Y4&amp;5</li> </ul>
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christmas Jumper Day (non-uniform day: £1 for charity)</li> <li>Carol singing in Tesco, 1.30pm (15 Y7 pupils)</li> </ul>

**Dates for your diary:**

Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parent &amp; Toddler Xmas party, NO Y6 swimming</li> </ul>
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Carol singing &amp; music in Castledawson Home, 2pm</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>

**Places for P1 September 2017**

- If you know someone who needs an application form for P1 please contact the office. Closing date for return is Wed 11th Jan 2017 AT 12 NOON. We are also taking details of children hoping to enrol in P1 in Sept 2018
- Congratulations to staff member Maura McGuckin on the birth of her son Cahir last week! We wish Maura and her family God's blessing and good health.
- Friends of New Row AGM was held last week and an update from the chairperson (Sinead Campbell) is overleaf
- We held our Open Day last Thursday. There was an excellent turnout of visitors and our tour guides did a marvellous job of sharing all that is great about NRPS. Thanks to all staff for their huge efforts, too. Need a form for September? Please get a form the office and return ASAP.
- Please remember: Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Dec all children go home at 1.15pm
- Head lice:** Please check your child's hair every week and treat as necessary. There were several cases in the older classes this term, so it is important that all pupils Y1-7 are checked and treated.
- Thanks to all who expressed an interest in a Couch to 5K/improve your 5K time running programme. Mrs McElroy is investigating the feasibility of running such a programme and parents will be informed before the Christmas break

Many thanks for your continued support

## Friends of New Row AGM Update

I am delighted to present my second report as Chair of Friends of New Row (PTA). We once again had a very successful year in terms of money raised, well attended events and support from the parent body.

As previously stated the reasons for this PTA being set up were to raise funds to provide resources and extras for "OUR CHILDREN" in the school. It also encourages closer links between home and school. The various fund raising events have included our annual quiz, a collaboration with St Malachy's to present "St Mungos", Easter raffle and sponsored walk. These events also provide an opportunity for parents, staff and pupils to get together and it also provides support for school trips, outings and other events.

Our PTA has several purposes but a big part of this is to raise the funds which allow us to support our school and our aim is to do this in ways which include as many children and their families as possible. So far purchases have included:

new sound system for use at assemblies and church services, refurbishment of PE store, sports equipment, play area improvements, beginning Y1 outdoor learning area, Derry GAA coaching costs, end of year trophies for every Y7 pupil, schoolbags for every Year 1 pupil and other treats and financial assistance throughout the year.

It is essential that we get the support of all parents, whether as members of the committee, occasional helpers or as supporters to our events. It is always important to remember that the money raised goes straight back into the school for the benefit of our children!

I personally would like to say a special thank you to everyone who has helped me in my role as Chairperson. We have a fantastic team with such a positive attitude and each person brings a unique quality to our committee. Please don't ever think you are not helping enough, every little bit helps and I have always a little statement "ALL INCLUSIVE". Thanks to each and every one of you for all your time, effort and support. A big thank you to Deirdre and the staff of New Row for their continued support of the work of the PTA. Well done everyone and please keep going onwards and upwards.

**Mrs Sinead Campbell** - PTA Chairperson (New Row Primary School)

### Incoming Committee for 2016/17

Chairperson	Sinead Campbell	Vice Chair	Martin McConnell
Treasurer	Pat Hanson	Vice Treasurer	Rachel Hassan
Secretary	Michael Hughes	Vice Secretary	Sheen McGuckin
PR	Orlaith Heaney		

## Carol Service

The school were very proud of our pupils on Sunday for a beautiful service. More photos will be added to the website today. Remember not to post any of your own on Facebook etc!

